



To All Those Whom It May Concern,

Levite Alms is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt and New York State tax-exempt not-for-profit corporation located in the East New York neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York for public and societal benefit. Levite Alms is a Private Foundation therefore; a donor is eligible for a tax-deduction. Levite Alms has been dedicated to the unfortunate for the past five years. We have been providing food and clothing for the homeless in the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of New York City. Now, Levite Alms is making an effort to target the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn by emphasizing our energy on the youths. The youths will include all age ranges under 18 years old. In this neighborhood which, Levite Alms is located, we have noticed a lack of programs that can effectively cultivate the minds, hearts, and souls of the youths. Although physical activities maybe abundant within the community, most youths aren't knowledgeable of nutritional facts and benefits for the human body; tech skills, such as, computer programming, digital imaging, music production, gaming and mobile app development aren't afforded.

According to research, youth violence is widespread in the United States. It is the third leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years old. Each year, youth homicides and assault-related injuries result in an estimated \$16 billion in combined medical and work loss costs. Violence can also affect the health of communities. It can increase health care costs, decrease property values, and disrupt social services. In recent years, mentoring has proliferated as an intervention strategy for addressing the needs that young people have for adult support and guidance throughout their development. This will promote the optimal growth and development of children.

Levite Alms' Hope Program: Chess Club is a part of our program where we will be providing the game of Chess from **12pm – 3pm** on **Sundays** at **Linden Park**. No skills required. We are implementing this game as our initiative to increase critical, strategic, logical, and creative thinking; in addition discipline. We encourage mature adults; and/or youths, with participation of parent(s)/guardian(s), of all skill levels from the age of 7 years old up to 17 years old. The goal is not to be competitive to win; it's about winning by learning to use your mind.

If you would like to know more about Levite Alms and its programs, please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

– Wendell Francis (Co-Director)

*Disclaimer: All participants must never leave any personal belongings or persons unattended. The program will be cancelled and held on the following Sunday if, there's inclement weather; or if, there's a change in location.*