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## **Northeast High School Students Inspired to Make a Difference**

### **Urban Family Council Holds Leadership Workshop**



Philadelphia, PA- May 5, 2008- An exceptional group of nineteen students from Northeast High School (some pictured on left) gathered in Urban Family Council's (UFC) multi-media training room for a leadership workshop presented by UFC educators. These students took part in a team building activity as well as group discussions on culture and character. Students were asked important questions about being a leader for their community and were given advice on how to become positive role models for their peers.

UFC president, Christopher A. Pender Sr., visited this same group of students once a month, beginning in February, 2008, at their school, to teach an interactive leadership program. They had been selected because of their potential to become great leaders in school and in the community.

Leading the workshop was UFC educator, Brady Goodwin Jr., former member of the two-time Grammy Award nominated Christian rap group, "The Cross Movement." Brady brings an in-depth understanding of urban culture, and a unique approach toward reaching those in it. The students were inspired by "Mr. Brady" and the way he "keeps it real", they said.

"The workshop has influenced me to look and pay attention to what's going on in my community, and to make a difference by just trying to be different," said one 9<sup>th</sup> grader. "I learned that even though I am one person, I can make a difference," said another in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. On a scale of 1-10, these students rated this program with nines and tens, and would recommend it to their peers.

UFC was able to reach out to over 15,000 Philadelphia Public School District students in the past two years. Workshops and events at the UFC facility will most likely be the capstone to many of the programs run in several high schools. UFC is excited to start using the newly renovated space at 4950 Parkside Avenue to host a number of activities for youth and families, and that energy is contagious to all who participate in the programs.

Urban Family Council exists to build healthy families by providing education about, and advocating for, life, marriage, and family. UFC is an independent, donor-supported, non-profit community organization that provides educational services to children, adolescents and their families in public and private schools, community organizations, and churches. For more information about programs and workshops call (215) 879-2485, or visit [www.urbanfamilycouncil.org](http://www.urbanfamilycouncil.org).

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