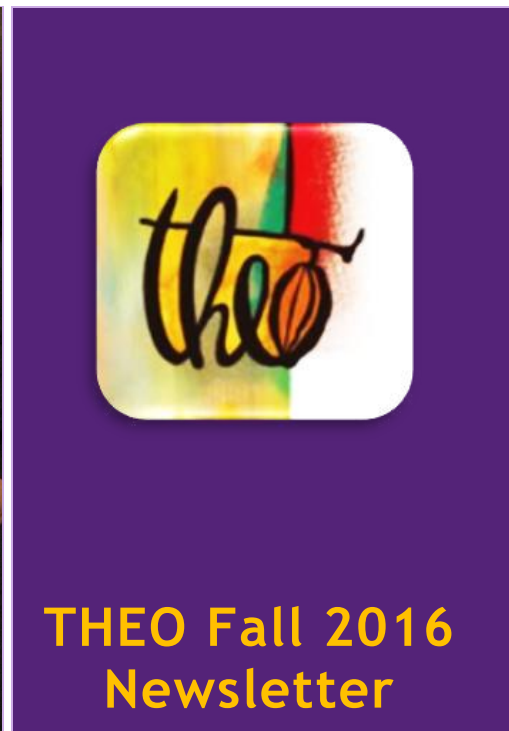




Guiding and Nurturing Teenagers For Twenty-Five Years



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# THEO Celebrates 25 Years of Excellence

by Pascal DuBois

On August 1, 1990 a Brooklyn based organization began with a simple yet life affirming goal, educate teenagers about the epidemic of HIV/AIDS. Over twenty-five years that organization, Teens Helping Each Other (THEO) has exceeded expectations by educating, guiding, nurturing, and saving the lives of over 50,000 teenagers across the globe.

Thursday, July 21, 2016 THEO hosted their past, present, and future heirs to celebrate the legacy of changing lives one presentation, one condom demonstration, one skit at a time.

In the past quarter of a century, a multitude of organizations aping THEO's mission have come and gone, yet it's because of the talent, commitment, and joy of learning and leading of its members that has made THEO the exemplary bulwark against HIV/AIDS, STDs, and teenage pregnancy.

Congratulations! THEO on twenty-five years of changing teenage lives.



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**THE U.S. CONGRESS COMMENDS THEO**



Reginald Balone of Representative Yvette Clarke's office presents THEO a citation for it 25 years of outstanding community service.



**Meet the new class of THEO Leaders, the class of 2016**

**From back left to right:** Brian, Wislande, Oluwademilade, Kavon

**From middle left to right:** Trevina, Rachael

**From front left to right:** Renata, Lauryn, Tyreck, Sierra, Carl

**Class of 2016 Continues The Brilliant Legacy of THEO**

The story is familiar, teenagers who don't know each other, who are from different cultures, neighborhoods, and families unite on a hot summer morning at a hospital to become leaders and agents of change. That story is THEO. Teenagers for 25 years have endured the teach backs, HIV/STD tests, and of course, crossover to continue the legacy of THEO. The Class of 2016, took the mantle of Peer Leader with vigor and will make past and present Peer Leaders proud that they're apart of the THEO family. Congratulations, Class of 2016 and welcome to THEO! "And Together, we're THEO...Teens Helping Each Other!"

**Alumni Association Updates**

The members of THEO have been instilled with an unrelenting commitment to help their community. That commitment has formed to create an Alumni Association to aid past and current Peers with mentorships, networking opportunities, among other things. Below are positions and responsibilities for the association, please, if you're able to participate contact Chelsea-Rae at: [chelsearae.dunham@gmail.com](mailto:chelsearae.dunham@gmail.com).

**President...Vice President...Secretary...Treasurer...Events Chair...**

**Communications Chair...Young Alumni Chair**

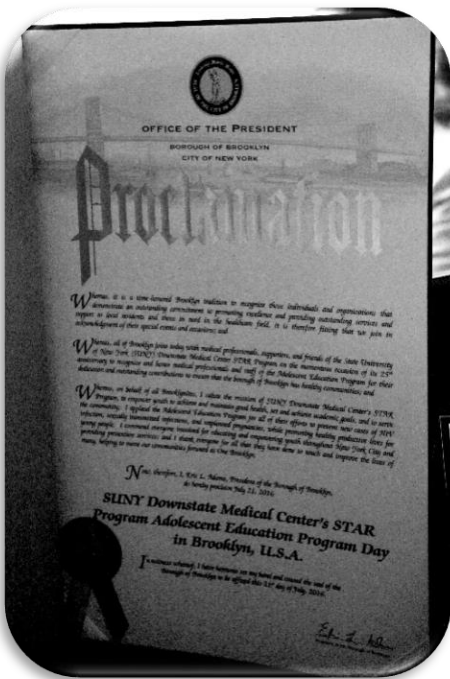
Please note that details on each position will be given after contacting Chelsea-Rae: [chelsearae.dunham@gmail.com](mailto:chelsearae.dunham@gmail.com)

**THEO Alum becomes a Doctor**

Ivrose Joseph, MD, an THEO graduated from SUNY Downstate's College of Medicine in June. In 2005, she joined the THEO Program as a Peer Educator and excelled as a leader. Dr. Joseph, subsequently graduated from Science Skills High School, Smith College and John Hopkins University. Dr. Joseph has continued to work with the program and act as a role model for the current peers. She is the second THEO graduate to earn a medical degree from SUNY Downstate.



**Good luck. Dr. Joseph On Your New Journey!**



**More Accolades for THEO**

In addition, to being commended by Rep. Clarke, THEO received a Proclamation from the Brooklyn Borough Presidents Office for outstanding service to Brooklyn residents.

**FUN FACT**

THEO has been on T.V. several times including on Nickelodeon. Also, THEO has met celebrities which include Jay-Z a.k.a Mr. Carter, and Yasiin Bey formerly Mos Def.



