



*"Walk to Change Family Relationships
& Raise Smarter, Stronger, Safer Children."*

When: Saturday, June 25th @ 9:00 AM **Where:** 230 Ashmun Street, New Haven, CT 06511
For more info: 203-786-5970 **Online Registration:** WWW.NHFAMILYALLIANCE.ORG
Fundraising Goal: \$40,000.00

Dear Neighbor,

The New Haven Family Alliance (NHFA) is in its 25th year of operation. The NHFA envisions a New Haven in which all members of our communities- elders, adults, teenagers, and children alike- feel nurtured, secure, beautiful, smart, strong, capable and proud. A New Haven where there are opportunities to live prosperous, healthy and spiritual lives. A New Haven community in which all children love and believe in themselves, are surrounded by loving parents and caring adults, hold the highest aspirations, and are ably prepared to soar - to reach their fullest potential and are able to compete in the global labor market and become leaders in their community, the nation, and the world!

One boy's story that shows the impact of NHFA work in our community: Johnny a 13 year old African American 8th grader had been his mother's only child for 13 years. His mother was 6 months pregnant at the time we met him. After Johnny misbehaved at school, his mother took away his cell phone as punishment. Johnny lost his temper, kicked holes into the walls and grabbed a knife and threatened to harm his mother and her unborn child. He was arrested for breach of peace and threatening and referred to the NHFA Juvenile Review Board as an alternative to the Juvenile Court process.

Johnny's case was heard by a community accountability panel which recommended that he use journaling to express his feelings, enter into a house rules contract to improve his behavior and join the JRB basketball team. Johnny worked with his JRB case manager to learn to cope with anger, make responsible decisions and develop communication skills and build a better relationship with his mother. He improved his behavior and grades in school. His relationship with his mother and with his peers improved as well. As a result of Johnny's engagement with the JRB he was able to graduate from middle school and now attends the school of his choice, Sound School, a high school that teaches students to navigate and build large and small boats.

Help us continue to support children, youth, families and communities. Join us on Saturday, June 25th for our "We Walk For 25 More" and Family Fun Day Event. Visit our website at www.nhfamilyalliance.org for more details.

Sincerely,

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