

# JAKU NEWS BULLETIN



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## WORD FROM THE PREZ

Take a second look at the picture above. We look good with the Mayor don't we? That's Jaku out in the community early last month promoting our services at the Ottawa Community Resource Fair. You will see Jaku out and about even more this year - telling it from the mountain tops and reaching out to the rest of the City to help us grow and be able to support even more families through our new Mentorship and Youth Outreach Programs. Earlier this year, the Province took notice and awarded Jaku Konbit with very specific funding for black youth. With all of our programs that support Afro Caribbean children and youth, it was easy for us to shine among our competitors. Stay tuned and watch for how you can get involved.

## BRAINSTORMING WITH MENTORS



We need our young people and they need us. On Sat. May 26, young people from all walks got together to provide input into the planning of the new Mentoring Program. Topics ranged from naming the program, coming up with definitions, designing logos, taglines and suggesting activities for both one-to-one and group mentoring. This Youth Advisory Committee will meet four times a year and provide input for Program direction.

## YOUTH OUTREACH



Jaku is very proud to introduce our newest employee, a clinician who will be heading our new Youth Outreach Program. Meet Jamila Ahmed our Clinical Youth Outreach Worker. Jamila will be available to support Afro-Caribbean children and families with enhanced needs and who may require additional help from specialized social services. This is big step for our Organization as we normally support low to medium at-risk families. This is our first venture into offering services to higher level at-risk families. Jamila will be heading up support groups and offering one-on-one counselling to youth and their parents. The Jaku family extends a warm welcome to Jamila.

## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The time has come for our second round of employment for Black youth. The first round was in March for Youth Camp Counsellors. This time round, we have hired for the Summer Camp. We have hired Esther Nabatanzi, Summer Camp Manager plus several Youth Camp Counsellors. We are proud to be able to offer these employment opportunities for our teens and young adults.

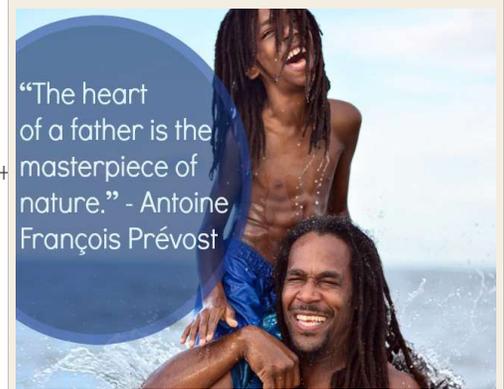


## OUR DEAR DADS

Join us Sun. June 17 on Father's Day as Jaku celebrates and elevates fathers, grandfathers and father figures. We will be at the Bronson Centre from 3:30pm-5:30pm eating good food, enjoying the entertainment and special guests. Let's honour the good fathers, role models and community leaders who play a vibrant role in their families.

## AFRICAN HISTORY CLASSES

There's so much about our collective African diasporan history that we never learn in school. But now is your chance. You do not want to miss out on this professor's African history classes. Meet Dr. Clyde Ledbetter Jr. He could be teaching you and your family as early as July. He is so captivating and engaging, you need to join us at our all-ages classical African history classes on Saturday mornings. Visit Jaku's website for more details.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Register your children NOW for next month's annual "Greatness Is Within Me" Summer Camp. Applications are now available online.

