



seeding minds

A wonderful group of students, parents, teachers and community partners gathered Saturday, September 9 at the Southwest Arts Center for rolling out's Seeding Minds program. The excited youth enjoyed a day packed with fun, kicked off with a rousing presentation by representatives from the Atlanta Braves Grand Slam initiative, the Heavy Hitters and player/author Brian Jordan. The Cartoon Network's Johnny Bravo and Mr. McGruff with the Fulton County Police Department also came by to let the youth know the importance of going to school, studying hard and staying safe. Different age groups then had the opportunity to listen to storyteller Sister Yomi share African folktales, meet author Adrienne Lance Lucas, publisher Kenya James Miss Black Georgia, do creative writing with poet Kenneth Zakee and make puppets inspired by the Center for Puppetry Arts production of "Charlotte's Web." Community partners such as the Atlanta-Fulton County library's Teen Center, the United Way and the North Georgia Girl Scouts made sure that there was lots of information on hand for parents and teachers to take with them. The youth also enjoyed activities sponsored by Amerigroup Community Care, playing chess with *Be Someone's* Orrin Hudson and meeting firemen from Local #23 who stopped by with their fire engine. The success of the day was reflected in the excitement and enthusiasm showed by the youth and the positive interactions between all the participants. Join us for our December event, as we continue to plant seeds of greatness in our community. —cheryl a. johnson **ro**

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Community partners: Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library, Shrine of the Black Madonna, United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Moving in the Spirit, North Georgia Girl Scouts, Be Someone and the Fulton County Arts Council. Supporters: Reebok, Blockbuster, Center for Puppetry Arts, Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta, Walgreen's, Disney-ABC Television Group, Party City and D.T.L.R.

- 1: Johnny Bravo and participant in a dance-off
- 2: Amerigroup representatives
- 3: Atlanta Braves Heavy Hitters
- 4: Authors Brian Jordan and Adrienne Lance Lucas
- 5: Students during an impromptu chess challenge
- 6: Summer-Ray showing her arts and craft design

- 7: Make-up artist and face painter Kym during a session
- 8: Sister Yomi engaging the eager and bright-eyed
- 9: Mr. McGruff
- 10: D.H. Stanton Elementary students
- 11: Fulton County Fire Team
- 12: Finale and special prize giveaway session