

# *Michael Shane Plowden, Jr. Loving Legacy Foundation*

*Love. Give. Remember.*

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## *Buddy's Love: Operation 1000*

### *Smiles*

#### First Annual Toy Drive

The 2014 Holiday season was full of activity for the Michael Shane Plowden Jr, Loving Legacy Foundation. For our first community service activity, we endeavored to

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collect toys for children who were in need. We set a lofty goal of collecting 1000 items. Although it was a challenge, we focused on making this dream a reality. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful supporters, we not only met our goal—we surpassed it!

Amazingly, we collected a total of 1180 items.

families whose lives were touched by your generosity. Over and over again, we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love that we have received. Buddy's loving spirit continues to serve as an example of a life well lived. We are so pleased that he has inspired so many and that his light continues to shine!

## *Highlights*

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TARA EGGLESTON is an Assistant Division Chief for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks and Recreation. She has been involved in Aquatics for 20 years and oversees program development, marketing, and training for the Department.



Eggleston is a graduate of Howard University and also holds a Master's Degree in Sports Business from New York University. She has also earned several pool operating and water safety certifications and trains candidates on both the customer and instructor levels.







## *Michael Shane Plowden, Jr, Loving Legacy Foundation's Launch Event*

### A fantastic celebration with family and supporters

Last October, we had our official kick-off celebration for our newly established foundation! This phenomenal event was well-attended and occurred near the time of Michael Jr's birthday. Although a difficult time for our family, it was wonderful to be able to celebrate Buddy. We had a

butterfly release in his honor which was both touching and fun. This event provided a platform to discuss upcoming program ideas and helped us get prepared to serve. Thank you to all who attended!



*Did you know?*

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*We have successfully achieved 501-c-3 status. This status was granted in Jan 2015, but is retroactive to our official start date (11 Sep 2014).*



*We are offering swimming scholarships to children in our community. You can support a child with a donation of only \$60! Contact us for more information.*



*We are currently working with a local organization to provide karate lessons to children in our community.*

## *Water Safety Events*

### **Educating Our Community, Safeguarding Our Children**

We are hosting several water safety events in our community in April and May 2015. Tara Eggleston, who is profiled in this newsletter, will be working to coordinate these events and ensuring

our success. Our goal is to provide education to both adults and children regarding water and pool safety.

As summer approaches, we want to do all that we

can to guarantee all children maintain a safe environment while engaging in fun activities. If you would like additional information, please visit our website.

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