

## How Can I Support Richmond CDF Freedom School?

- Make a tax-deductible donation:
  - **\$2,700** will fully sponsor a student for the entire six-week program
  - **\$1,660** will cover two weeks of PPE for all staff and students
  - **\$450** will fully sponsor a student for one week
  - **\$385** will provide all books and supplies for one student
  - **\$300** will cover all field trips for one student
  - **\$125** will provide breakfast for one student throughout the program
  - **\$90** will fully sponsor a student for a day
  - **\$50** will pay for one field trip for a student
  - **\$48** will cover all books and supplies for one student for a week
  - **\$30** will provide all lunches for a student for a week
- Encourage families to apply (grades K-6th)
- Refer possible Servant Leader Interns and Junior Servant leader Interns
- Share grant opportunities we can apply for
- If we are allowed to host volunteers, volunteer during the summer program (Harambee guest, extra supervision, afternoon enrichment activities, etc.)

**For more information or an application:**

RichmondCDFfreedomsschool@gmail.com

### Send your tax-deductible donations to:

Easter Hill United Methodist Church

**Memo line: Freedom School**

3911 Cutting Boulevard

Richmond, California 94804

**Online:**

<https://easterhill.org/giving>

**Choose SPECIAL OFFERING and enter Freedom School**

**Easter Hill is a tax-exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the IRS tax code. All contributions are tax-deductible.**

Easter Hill's Tax ID #94-1729113



**A sponsored site of the Children's Defense Fund**

**RICHMOND CDF  
FREEDOM SCHOOL**  
SUMMER 2021

**EMPOWER  
CONNECT  
EDUCATE  
INSPIRE**

**SPONSORED BY EASTER HILL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## A Rich History

The CDF Freedom Schools® program has its origins in the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project of 1964, which brought college students from around the country to Mississippi to secure justice and voting rights for Black citizens. These early Freedom Schools aimed at keeping Black children and youth safe and giving them rich educational experiences including instruction in reading, writing, humanities, mathematics, and science along with subjects that were not offered in public schools. All instruction was tailored to encourage students to become independent thinkers, problem solvers, and agents of change in their own communities. Since 1995, the CDF Freedom Schools program has served more than 150,000 children (K-12) and more than 17,000 young adults and child advocates have been trained on the delivery of the CDF Freedom Schools model, which has expanded to 182 program sites nationwide.

### From the Executive Director

*I am honored to be entrusted with bringing Richmond CDF Freedom School 2021 to life on behalf of Easter Hill UMC. I am a product of this city and this church. I was a diamond in the rough polished to brilliance by this community and I want to do the same for our children now.*

*We have experienced collective trauma due to Covid-19 but we are resilient and can heal if we do the work. A literacy-focused summer program with culturally relevant pedagogy, teachers, and materials that reflect the diversity of the students, with an intentional focus on children who have suffered the most during the school closures is a great start. Thank you in advance for your support of our collective healing. As Ella Baker said, "we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes."*

*-Shakira Williams Reynolds*



**EMPOWER.**  
**CONNECT.**  
**EDUCATE.**  
**INSPIRE.**



### 2021 Richmond CDF Freedom School Program Components

- Free, six-week summer literacy and cultural enrichment program from 8:30-3:30 daily
- June 15-July 23, 2021, in-person at King Elementary in Richmond, Ca.
- Serving K-6 students, in small groups of ten
- Preference will be given to African American students, Richmond Elementary school students, and those receiving free or reduced lunch
- A research-based, multicultural Integrated Reading Curriculum that supports students and families through five essential components:
  - High-quality academic enrichment
  - Parent and family development
  - Civic engagement and social action
  - Intergenerational servant leadership development
  - Nutrition, health, and mental health
- Students will receive two meals and snack daily
- Students are given a book each week to build their home libraries
- Daily enrichment activities and weekly field trips
- Weekly, virtual parent meetings
- At the program's end, all Freedom Schools scholars across the country unite for a National Day of Social Action.

### Program Impact

- Freedom School is proven to curb summer learning loss, enhance children's motivation to read, make them feel good about learning, and increase cultural knowledge and pride.
- Scholars reported through the national assessment, that Freedom Schools helped them:
  - Accurately assess their strengths and limitations, with a well-grounded sense of confidence, optimism, and a "growth mindset".
  - Successfully regulate their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.
  - Take the perspective of and empathize with others.
  - Communicate clearly, listen well, cooperate with others, resist inappropriate social pressure, negotiate conflict constructively, and seek and offer help when needed.
  - Make constructive choices about personal behaviors and social interactions.
- Scholars participate in book discussions and social action projects that address fairness, voting rights, and education access.
- The overall program theme is: I Can Make A Difference! The six weekly sub-themes (I Can Make a Difference in My: (1) Self, (2) Family, (3) Community, (4) Country, (5) World, and (6) with Hope, Education, and Action) walk the scholars from examining their current power and worth to seeing themselves as world citizens by the program's end.