



Let's Tie the Knot is an innovative nonprofit organization headed Stanley Gordon with men under the age of 30. Let's Tie the Knot was developed by African American men committed to bring change to Cleveland. Growing up in the inner city of Cleveland times were rough being exposed to violence, drug dealing, and poverty. You could either play sports or be a product of the environment. There were many clubs and activities for youth to be involved with such as the Boys and Girls Club, Upward Bound, NYSP, and Muni League Football. Programs like these kept the founders off the streets. Recently, the leadership of LTTK has discovered there are not many of those programs still available to kids and impacting our community.

The mission of Let's Tie the Knot is to educate youth to be leader of our future. LTTK's goal is to spread positivity among our youth. The focus of Let's Tie the Knot is teaching kids ages 8 through 18 financial literacy, rational thinking, entrepreneurial skills, and etiquette. The Let's Tie the Knot's vision is to cultivate, educate, and stimulate the minds of those who grew up in adverse situations and deprived communities.

Let's Tie the Knot was created in 2017, with activities funded by its founders. The initial projects including giving 200 bookbags and 100 free turkeys to families in the Lee Harvard community. To serve low income youth, LTTK leadership has held fundraisers, put in their own money and other resources. It is the belief of LTTK that impactful change in the lives of our youth will occur if men give financially and their time. To date, the men of LTTK have donated over \$10,000 and 2,000 volunteer hours. Modeling this positive behavior LTTK believes demonstrates to youth that adults give back. LTTK programs have served over 500 youth to date.

The classes are held in a creative space 'Dream Creative Complex'. The complex is a creative incubator with recording studios, photography studios, editing stations for future graphic designers, photographers, videographers and engineers. The complex includes live stream equipment as well. The state-of-the-art equipment engages youth. Ultimately, Let's Tie the Knot wants to show young men how to become gentleman and how to thrive as a productive citizen.

LTTK plans to give away \$ 1,000 scholarships every year, offer free haircuts, give away \$1000 annually towards young entrepreneurs, free food every Saturday and provide transportation to keep the youth off the streets. Plans are in place to do this in 2019 with committed volunteers.

“Stop looking out the window and look in the mirror” (S. Gordon)

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