



## **2008 YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY**

### **Program Overview**

The Board of Directors of Focus On Future Leaders, Inc. is offering leadership training sessions for the youth of tomorrow ages 12-17. These sessions are geared toward preparing these students for leadership roles within their schools and community. Last year was our first year and was a great success as ten participants graduated this academy. This year's individual sessions are scheduled to begin in April, 2008 and will be held on four consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon unless otherwise noted. The sessions will be facilitated by area business leaders proficient in the topics being presented. A graduation ceremony will be held and certificates presented to the students completing the entire series of classes.

### **Leadership Sessions**

- ***The Definition of Leadership from the Youth Perspective***  
This session will help define leadership and concentrate on the commitment and integrity commanded of youth leaders in their schools and their community.
- ***Communication Skills***  
Oral and written communication skills are critical in effective leadership. This session will provide an insight into key concepts of effective communication. The assignment for this class will be for each member to write a short essay about a subject of their choice to be delivered during class and critiqued by class members and facilitator.
- ***Diversity Training / Valuing Differences***  
The purpose of this session is to stress the importance of team building and diversity in every working situation; and, increase their awareness of differences that are potential barriers to increased productivity and personal growth and development. This will be accomplished through various exercises and demonstrations
- ***Financial Management***  
This session will help students understand the importance of knowing how to handle their finances today and in the future.

### **Summary**

It is our goal to expand into a different geographic area of the City of Charlotte each year as we concentrate on preparing our youth for future success and greatness. We aspire to not only create and enhance leadership skills for our African American adults but also to demonstrate to our African-American youth that it is never too early to begin grooming yourself and planning for your future. We want to serve as role models and inspiration for our youth as they enhance their leadership skills, become active in their schools and neighborhoods, and make plans for their future.