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Many local companies and individuals have stepped forward during the years to become community partners with Positive Growth, Inc. (PGI). Each community partner has witnessed the exceptional work and success performed at our "Home" and the difference our program has made in the lives of our youth. The support they provide to PGI is as varied as their backgrounds and companies. Will you join us?

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### PROGRAM SERVICES



#### **Mentoring Program**

The mentoring program provides youth with positive role models that assist in developing positive behavior patterns. The mentors share their time and help youth to effectively deal with the everyday challenges of school, society and the community.

#### **Counseling Services**

Mental Health/Substance Abuse through our counseling center.

#### **Independent Living Program**

The Independent Living Program provides young men the opportunity to learn the necessary skills to prepare them for independence with the ability to remain interdependent within the community.

- Budgeting and Financial Planning
- Housing Options and Location
- Health Care
- Interpersonal Social and Life Skills
- Community Resources
- Legal Issues
- Transportation

#### **Spiritual Enrichment**

Residents are encouraged to continue a relationship with a "Higher Power" of their choice. Bible Study is offered as an option and daily meditation time is encouraged.

#### **Athletics/Recreation**

Our program provides opportunities for participation in Little League, Middle and High School Athletics and Extracurricular Activities. Emphases are placed on sportsmanship rather than competition.

#### **Cultural Awareness**

We expose our residents to a wide variety of cultural enrichment activities such as regular educational and leisure trips in the Atlanta and the surrounding areas, trips to amusement parks, performances at the Alliance Theatre, sporting events, etc. This serves to provide our young men an opportunity to interact in the community.

#### **Education**

Tutorial services are offered by certified teachers. A computer literacy class is conducted each week and residents are taught employment preparation skills.

#### **Emergency Care**

Positive Growth provides emergency, short-term care for children ages six to 18 who have been removed from their homes by the Department of Family and Children Services, Social Services Case Workers or Local Law Enforcement Agencies due to abuse and/or neglect.



# POSITIVE GROWTH BOYS HOME

*Shaping the Minds of Our Youth*





## WHO WE ARE



Positive Growth, Inc. (PGI), accredited by the National Council on Accreditation (COA), is a non-profit organization, founded in 1994 to provide consultation to residential treatment facilities in the Metro Atlanta area.

In 1997, PGI expanded its services to become a DHR-licensed Group Home to better serve troubled and homeless males ages six to 21 through a structured, nurturing environment they could call home. This decision was fueled by a sincere passion to help our youth succeed.

The PGI Boys Home is a medium size campus located in the heart of Clarkston, Georgia, just 15 minutes from downtown Atlanta. The young men are referred to us through our partnership with the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS), Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Low and Moderate Income Families.

***“Lost at age 13; both parents out of my life, a brother incarcerated and a grandmother attempting to do her best to raise me. I was next in line for failure, as fate would have it; I was removed from my grandmother’s care and placed at PGI; a safe place that provided me with structure, guidance, nurturing and the opportunity to grow in a positive way. Today that lost little boy is now a productive young man who is a full time college student and employee of Positive Growth Inc. I now help to shape the minds of other young men. Thanks, PGI.”***

J. Johnson

## WHO WE SERVE



We serve young men from diverse backgrounds. We work on behalf of minors who have child welfare status and who are unable to live at home, have had multiple placements in other child-care facilities, first time placement, emergency placement, encountered trouble with the law or have been adjudicated for non-personal crimes, and/or have been removed from their homes as a result of abuse, neglect, abandonment or are in need of supervision.

The average stay for a youth in our care depends on the needs of the individual, family and stakeholder(s). The young men attend public school and during the evening work with certified teachers that assist with schoolwork. For every three youth, PGI provides an advisor who encourages appropriate behavior individually and rewards daily progress.

## WHAT WE OFFER



We offer youth (boys) a safe, home-like environment, grounded in compassion and nurturing, where they may work through the issues of emotional and/or psychological distress, behavioral disorders, delinquency, dysfunctional family relations and poor educational achievement and advancement in a structured, routine based environment. As part of our social services, we offer an environment and culture that fosters and encourages the youth in our care to make their own choices and take responsibility for their behavior.

We are dedicated to helping our youth reach their greatest potential. Our emphasis is on providing quality care and love. Our youth have an opportunity to experience a stable foundation on which to build a wholesome and healthy life.

The overall aim of Positive Growth Boys Home is reunification and to help our young men become effective managers of their lives, prevent the escalation and continuation of delinquent behavior, and reduce recidivism.

***“From the beginning, our goal was to do more than just house these young men. We wanted to provide stability and accountability, teach academic and social skills, offer tutoring and encourage achievement.”***

Joseph T. Arnold, Founder and CEO, Positive Growth, Inc.

## MISSION



Positive Growth’s mission is to provide a structured, home-like environment for troubled and/or homeless adolescent males ages six to 21 through spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional guidance.

## VISION



Positive Growth’s vision is to bring positive, measurable changes in the aspirations, behaviors and educational performances of program participants.

## BELIEFS



Positive Growth delivers services in the belief that our youth can:

- Channel behavior in positive directions
- Be accountable and responsible for their own actions
- Develop a positive self-image
- Rehabilitate
- Contributes to society
- Have a right to live in a clean, safe, disciplined and attractive living environment

## GOALS



- Our approach is structured so that the young men will come away from our program with the following abilities:
- The ability to make productive life choices based upon sound logic and acting, or reacting, in a way that is appropriate to the situation
  - The ability to formulate long and short term goals and the skills to develop a plan to achieve those goals
  - The ability to foster healthy, productive relationships on all levels; be they with peers, authority figures, family members, etc.
  - The ability to behave appropriately with regard to their age, social development and respective of the situations and environments wherein they currently or will potentially traverse.

## OBJECTIVES



Besides providing a safe, clean and nurturing environment, the objectives of Positive Growth, Inc. are to:

- Enhance the general well being and self-esteem of children and youth
- Encourage positive, responsible decision making
- Help youth access social supports and community resources
- Assist youth and families in positive resolution of family conflicts
- Enhance social skills and life skills development
- Enhance youth’s school performance