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Mission Statement

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"The purpose of OMI is to instill resiliency skills through education and developing life skills to "at-risk" youth in hopes that they will become productive members of society.

To provide opportunities that will focus on the entire mind, body, soul and spirit."

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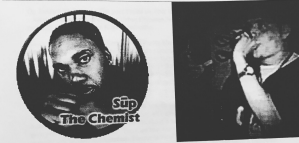
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OMI: 20 Years Strong!

Below is a collage of pictures from OMI from the last twenty years! What an amazing adventure we've been on and we can't wait to see what the future holds! Click here to see what others are saying about how "TeamWork makes the DreamWork"

Spotlight Our Youth!

We are also pleased to highlight 2020 Citizens of the Year Sophia & Amelia Clarke from Northern VA for their innovation, teamwork, achievement and community service during National Youth Week June 13- 19, 2020. We could not be more proud of their efforts and initiative to make masks for first responders to aid in response to COVID-19. "Teamwork makes the dream work". The girls are seeing what joy their masks have brought to so many during such challenging times.

Note From President:

You don't hear the word faithful as a buzz word nowadays, but the only way to reach major accomplishments either personal or professional is to be faithful to yourself or your team. The word faithful means loyal, constant, and steadfast. In order to achieve 20 years of service to your youth and community, our team is FAITHFUL and I want to take the time to say THANK YOU, Gracias, Merci, E se and Sukran. This mission of saving the lives of our youth wouldn't be possible without you. TeamWork makes the DreamWork.

Meet Kevin: OMI Treasurer

Q. What got you involved in OMI and how long have you been a part of the community?

A.The message really resonated with me. I was reflecting on how the youth are our future, and whatever they're dealing with - no matter how much we can relate to it - we have an obligation to create a pathway to help them navigate it the best that they can. OMI was reorganizing and I had the right experience. I thought it was a great opportunity to plug into an area where I had never really personally dealt with and do some good along the way.

Q. I assume that was a very powerful experience for you?

A. Absolutely! I've always had a heart for the young people - and when they have the ability to recognize the significance of someone sacrificing their time, money, knowledge, presence, or wisdom, to try and create a place for them to successfully navigate their youth - it becomes more than an organization you just donate to, or bring your friends too. When you're keeping kids alive, on a more granular level, it doesn't get more real than that.

Q. Have you felt that being involved in OMI has affected or improved your personal or professional life?

A. From a professional standpoint I think it resonated with what I do. I own a forex education company called FollowMyTrades.com. We teach people how to trade the currency market just like you do the trade market. So we rolled out an online course last year, and we piloted it with dads and called it a Forex for dads It was based on giving fathers the option to learn forex, so they could learn how to reduce debt, or replace work so they could regain more time to being a dad.

Q. What advice would you give yourself during your teenage years?

A.That's an excellent question! I think what I would say to my teenage self is don't depend on anybody else to navigate your journey. Take personal responsibility for everything that you do and don't do in your youth. Once you take responsibility, you make better choices because then you have to own up to it. I would also say to myself be more exploratory! Because once you get out into the world money is definitely an aspect to consider. Really be true to your journey and explore your paths.

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OMI Volunteer Sarah Hoff!

Q. What got you involved in OMI?

A.The biggest thing for me is diversity and me wanting to help others. Volunteering and having a voice is so important in today's world. Church played a big role in my life and pushing me to volunteer the way I do today.

Q. What are some of your best qualities?

A.For me, I'm very much into embracing failures and turning them into strength. I don't see failure as a bad thing. You have to readjust your vision as time goes on. Another may be hard work and dedication particularly with NYWUSA.

Q. Who inspires you most to keep going?

A.Thats easy, my mom. My mom has a servants' heart, and I definitely have gotten that from her. She never stops pushing to help others. Regardless of her situation, she will help others and make sure their situation is improved, and I think that's definitely a part that keeps me going.

Q. What is your favorite aspect of being a part of NYWUSA?

A.I would say the goal to help our young people and transform them into positive role models. A big thing for me is eventually going global and having NYWUSA expand internationally, so we can reach even more people! That's how we make the biggest change.

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