

VALDAMIR JOSEPH

Inner Strength

1996 Global Fellow

PERSONAL BIO

Valdimir Joseph founded Inner Strength, an organization based in Atlanta, GA. After being left homeless at age 13, Valdimir put himself through college and started Inner Strength to tutor, mentor and provide hiking and camping experiences for at-risk young men in inner-city Atlanta. Valdimir and Inner Strength helped improve school attendance, increase graduation rates, and reduce youth-related crime. Experiencing positive interaction with one another and with Val along with many team-building activities (mountain climbing, white water rafting, and spelunking) propelled many of Inner Strength's first participants to completely change their lives. In April of 2003 Val passed away, but his vision for a better opportunity for young men in America continues as the organization builds an even stronger Inner Strength program for the future of our nation's kids.

Issue area

Poverty Alleviation Economic Development

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit