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GoodWorks

2024 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Reduce preventable deaths among underserved youth in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area by providing child-friendly, evidence-based first aid workshops to schools and local youth organizations.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

GoodWorks is an organization that simplifies life-saving concepts such as bleeding control, opioid overdose response, harm reduction, and CPR. GoodWorks conducts workshops, forms strategic partnerships, and engages with various communities. GoodWorks' vision is to improve health literacy for Black, Indigenous and people of color communities and underserved youth, fostering shared responsibility for safety and proactive measures to reduce preventable tragedies. GoodWorks hopes to become a regular presence in schools and programs to provide youth with streamlined, crucial life-saving training. By equipping students with the necessary skills to act effectively in emergencies, they can ultimately become smarter bystanders.

PERSONAL BIO

Isaac Esene is the founder and executive director of GoodWorks, an organization that simplifies life-saving concepts such as bleeding control, opioid overdose response, harm reduction, and CPR. Born in Washington, DC and raised in nearby Prince George's County, Maryland, he served as a dedicated medic in the United States Air Force, where he responded to health crises and disasters in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Recognized as D.C. Air National Guardsman of the Year for his exceptional service, Isaac played a crucial role in establishing collaborative training initiatives that ensure ethical protester interactions and prioritize health and safety precautions. After helping set up a refugee camp during a military deployment, Isaac sharpened his leadership and diplomacy skills, collaborating with various federal agencies, international NGOs, and local partners. Motivated by this experience and the personal tragedy of losing a childhood friend to gun violence, Isaac founded GoodWorks in 2022. In response to public safety challenges in the D.C. area — including gun violence, opioid overdoses, and health inequality — GoodWorks equips underserved youth with basic life-saving skills by leveraging a diverse team of trained instructors and volunteers, ranging from first responders and healthcare workers to pre-professional students.

Impact Location

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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