



## North Tulsa Community Center Reopens to Mentor Troubled Youth

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, July 19, 2023 – Reed Community Foundation (RCF), a local mentoring program, will celebrate the reopening of the Ben Hill Community Center in the North Tulsa Greenwood District on July 29.

Abandoned for over a decade and in danger of demolition, the Ben Hill Community Center now supports RCF's outreach to at-risk Tulsa kids with mentoring, tutoring, and athletic training.

"Kids need a safe place. They need to feel loved. A lot of these kids don't have that," said Coach Keith Reed, founder of RCF. "This community center used to bring people together, all different races. We're doing that again."

RCF partners with Feed the Children to provide hot meals for the kids in their after-school and summer programs.

"Some kids come in hungry, some haven't eaten all day. They're tired and scared to go to sleep, because Mom and Dad aren't home," Reed said.

Some kids come from troubled homes, or boys' and girls' homes. Others have been suspended from school or face juvenile detention.

"We have a lot of kids that get into trouble, that are in trouble," said Reed. "Boxing helps kids channel that energy. Teaches them respect."

The mentoring program also teaches everyday skills, from changing a tire and washing dishes to shopping for groceries.

"We want to show them a different way," said Reed. "So they don't have to go down the road they were going. We give them that safe place."

Williams provided a \$500,000 grant for the Ben Hill Community Center and Williams STEM Lab, focused on STEM education. Williams employees volunteer with RCF students building kites and playing math BINGO, with plans for mentoring and STEM career guidance in the future.

Reed has been called a "father to the fatherless." Students know the door is always open if they need to talk.

For more information on the Reed Community Foundation and how to support the Ben Hill project, visit [www.reedcf.org](http://www.reedcf.org).

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**About Reed Community Foundation (RCF)**

Established in 2014, RCF provides mentoring, tutoring, and athletic training for Tulsa kids. Founded by “Coach” Keith Reed, the program instills self-discipline, self-esteem and confidence in at-risk youth.

They change lives and build future leaders in the Tulsa community.

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