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What is Kings Knight Chess Club?

The Kings Knight Chess Club (KKCC), was formed in 1998. In 2000, the club received it's 501 (c) (3) non-profit status. We offer children the opportunity to increase their mental abilities while having fun, by learning, playing and competing in the game of chess. Our goal is to educate and motivate youths through the game of chess. We promote thinking as a competitive activity by creating an environment in which cognitive skills are rewarded. Our continuous dedication has reached and impacted children in parts of Hudson and Essex counties. The King Knight Chess Club has successfully endeavored to establish scholastic chess programs to include public, charter, and private schools, recreation centers, daycare facilities, churches, public housing, senior centers, universities and the department of corrections.

The Kings Knight Chess Club has instructors who are certified by the United States Chess Federation. We understand that a large population of at-risk youth in the greater Hudson

and Essex County area are placed in special education classes and have daily experiences related to violence, substance abuse, crime, as well as



Bobby Stewart,
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showing evidence of learning disabilities that is too often fed by the lack of home based educational support systems. Our intervention of providing a learning environment organized around the game of chess has a positive effect on students attitudes towards learning. The game of chess is used to help youth who struggle with the daily task of decision making to make the right moves in their lives. Our organization is unique because of the dedication to developing young people to become independent thinkers by helping them realize that there is a solution to every

problem. The youth learn how to focus their attention and energy, think critically, plan and recover.

The Kings Knight organization operates on a philosophy that "Chess Can Change Lives" and a commitment to teach youth to become conscious of the decisions that they make. The organization has already impacted 2,000 youths throughout New Jersey and inmates/ juveniles at Correctional and Detention Centers. It uses chess as a tool to improve concentration and develop logical thinking skills and imagination, and to inspire creative problem solving while building a foundation of self motivation. In addition to the game of chess, we offer after school and summer programs that features a film workshop for community youths.

The Kings Knight Chess Club believes that in addition to the aforementioned benefits chess fosters critical and creative thinking while teaching one to think logically and efficiently and to plan their next move, regardless to the fact that the



JCHA/ Kings Knight Summer Camp 2007

Jersey City Housing Authority (JCHA) and King Knight Chess Club expanded their partnership of three years this summer by providing youths of all seven housing complexes with summer camp fun. The summer camp consisted of several programs: Chess, Martial Arts and Black History. In addition to these programs in the Curries Wood complex teenagers were offered a film workshop which resulted in the production of a short film titled "Think B4 You Move".