

SOAR PROJECT
Summer Of Achieving Readiness



*Soaring Beyond
Foundation*

Our Mission

Our mission at Soaring Beyond Foundation is to reduce the stigma and shame associated with having an incarcerated parent or loved one. We will partner with the community to advocate for individuals who have been affected by the judicial system by mentoring, providing resources, and giving referrals.

SBF serves our community by providing assistance to families who are impacted by an incarcerated parent or family member. Our children suffer the most therefore Soaring Beyond Foundation will kick off our SOAR Project this summer. Basic needs can become more of a challenge than usual especially in the summertime. Youths face barriers including a lack of access to meal sites, insufficient program awareness, and limited resources when schools are closed. SBF will provide nutritious meals to youths every Saturday beginning June 6th until June 27th at local community centers in the South Memphis region. Hygiene packages will also be provided because we understand that proper hygiene is the first line of defense against the spread of germs and disease for students.

SBF also recognizes that when a teacher hands out a list of basic school supplies, it's a real problem for at least 26.9% of Memphians who live below the poverty level. Having an incarcerated parent places a single parent home in a greater financial struggle. SBF will sponsor

a backpack drive filled with school supplies for SCSK students K-12TH beginning July 20th. This event will be held at the local community centers and distributed on a first come first serve basis. Basic needs like pencils, erasers, and notebook paper help students engage in lessons, as they gain knowledge they can bring back to their community to improve overall welfare. We work with the guidance counselors in the school systems as well as the directors of the community centers to determine where and how to allocate resources. Mentoring our kids gives us an advantage to learn their needs and what area they struggle with. Communication is vital with parents as well as teachers to determine if our mentoring and provisions have made changes in a child's behavior. Our foundation documents each accomplishment that we have reached in every community we serve. SBF is proud to engage in our community and give back to families in need. (Time and locations of events to be announced later this Spring.)

