



“Lifting Voices has inspired me to be the real me

the one who is creative, caring and loving.

The adult mind,  
the mature mind.  
The WRITER!”

### **Lifting Voices Overview**

Lifting Voices is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that teaches critical thinking through writing workshops to under-served young people. Lifting Voices reaches approximately 200 young people per year.

Beginning in summer 2011, Lifting Voices will conduct special outreach to youth who live in social service settings, which include foster care, transitional housing, and group homes. The program will enhance thinking skills and provide workplace readiness training.

### **Summer 2011 Program Overview**

- Theme: “Building a Sustainable Community”
- Logistics:
  - 15 youth living in social-service settings
  - meet five days per week for six weeks
  - near the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> and S Streets NW.
- Process:
  - Youth participate in daily mentoring and discussion activities,
  - conduct weekly site visits to stakeholders,
  - and develop their own neighborhood sustainability plan.
- Culminating Event:
  - Youth deliver their neighborhood sustainability plan
  - to Council Member Michael Brown
  - with community and media invited.

### **Sponsoring Partners**



### **Site Visit Locations**

Office of Council Member Michael A. Brown

Washington Area Bicyclist Association

U.S. Green Building Council

### **Program Coalition**



CASA DC, Hope and a Home, DC Family Youth Initiative



**give people the power of words—give their words to people in power**

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