

VIP Mentoring E-Update

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VIP MENTORING



Javarron looks through a book during the October, 27 “First Book” event at Borders Book Store. Each youngster was able to select a book of their choice and keep the book to enjoy at home. After the book selection the group was treated to a lunch at the Hard Rock Café.

Reading on Saturday Morning?

That’s what spelled excitement for 32 young people on the morning of October 27th, 2007. VIP Mentoring teamed up with **First Book** and the Downtown Detroit **Borders Book Store** for the gift book program. First Book is a national organization dedicated to “giving children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books.” This event was made possible by donations from Borders and Walden Book stores across the country. VIP Mentoring was awarded \$1000 in book certificates and the opportunity to chose all the children who participated in the program.

VIP Mentoring was selected by First Book as a result of the outstanding commitment of over 130 VIP volunteers who have mentored over 200 young people this past year and because VIP’s work in the community is focused on creating sustainable, meaningful mentoring relationships for children in the tri-county area. VIP focuses on the city of Detroit, where many children face difficult circumstances that seriously compromise their opportunities to succeed.



Bomani Gray (First Book Representative) and Jerry Dash VIP CEO/President, speak with Eric as he displays his “First Book”.

After selecting books, the gift recipients were treated to lunch at the Detroit Hard Rock Café where they shared their new prized possessions with each other and admired memorabilia from the likes of Smoky Robinson and the Temptations. The day ended with a compliment from the hard working server, Larry, who said enthusiastically, “this is the best group of young people I have ever served in my 20 years of restaurant work.” At VIP, we are pleased to see others acknowledge what we already know...



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