

Having Our Say

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SAYSO SATURDAY 15TH QUINCEANERA!

Become a Member!

If you are interested in joining **SaySo**, let us know! E-mail or write us with the following information: your name, birth date, and address (including e-mail), region and the kind of out-of-home placement you are or have been in.

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March 2, 2013, SaySo organized a successful 15th Anniversary at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC. SaySo Saturday is an annual birthday party and our own family reunion. This year we had an all-time record breaking crowd of **194 Birthday Guests**, and we celebrated having five members of the Board of Directors attending college. We all enjoyed our food, of course catered by *Moe's Southwest Grill*, followed by having our pictures taken to remember our special day. Our highlight of the day was our keynote speaker, George Duvall (a nationally-known motivational speaker and comedian). Mr. Duvall is also an alumnus of foster care.

For more details & information on SAYSO Saturday Visit:

http://www.saysoinc.org/events/sayso_saturday_update_page



iSaySo Video!

iSaySo Video is all about you and what you have to say. The Webpage includes poetry, stories, raps and also testimonies from SaySo members, alumni and supporters.

Furthermore feel free to check out the iSaySo video at:

http://www.saysoinc.org/do_you_know/isayso/

You can also submit your original work to

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10th Annual SaySo's Legislative Page Week.

SaySo held its 10th annual Legislative Page Week March 24-28, 2013.

This year we had (3) pages in the NC House, and (3) pages in the NC Senate. We had a welcome dinner on Sunday evening where Titianna G., Alumni DSS Liaison shared her positive experiences/memories serving as a SaySo Page. On Monday, March 25th during our Page Week Orientation, we had a very special guest, Mr. Kevin Kelley; with the NC Division of Social Services join us for an engaging and informative discussion. We also had Matt Anderson, with the Children's Home Society of NC come and give us a legislative update. The Pages met many elected officials in the House of Representatives and the Senate during the week. Thank you to all our supporters and our extraordinary host parents for making this event a huge success!



"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

"MOTIVATION is what gets you STARTED. HABIT is what keeps you GOING."

Upcoming Events!

SaySo Survivor: May 3-5 2013: Camp Chestnut Ridge (Efland, NC)

Link Up: April 20, 2013 (Henderson NC)

LINK UP!

Go Register now for LINK Up! LINK Up will be filled with great information and fun activities for both youths and adults. Morning workshops will be followed by lunch and afternoon O-LINK-Pic Games. Participants will receive all conference supplies, door prizes, terrific workshop information, lunch, and refreshments. Youth participants will also receive an end of day gift! Adult participants will share ideas with each other, receive programming suggestions for this age group, and learn ways to connect older foster youths with younger teens.

For more details and to register for LINK Up Visit:

http://www.saysoinc.org/events/link_up_youth_conference_page/

Spring is the time of PLANS and PROJECTS!



Daniel Memorial Conference

The Daniel Conference will be in Orlando, Florida. It's the largest conference for youth in care. Ask your Links Coordinator about the **Daniel Memorial Conference** in August 27-30, 2013.

For more information visit: <http://danielkids.org/page.aspx?pid=430>

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