

# SPECIAL COMMENTS

## *From Friends and Family*

The Links Book Club has been such a blessing to my daughter, Jai. Her love for reading and writing has soared. I am especially grateful for the mentoring she has received. The quality of the individuals and the program has played a major role in developing my little girl into a strong, confident, and self-assured young lady. She has acquired a special grace and style to her character as a result of being a member of this wonderful club.

- Jackie Anderson

The Links Book Club has made an exceptional difference in my sisters' eagerness to read. The two girls who I, at one point in time, could not even get to open a book cannot stop talking about them. The Links Book Club opened their eyes to a variety of African American authors and showed them a piece of their culture. They were provided with not only exceptional black authors but brilliant, beautiful young girls that they were able to relate to as well.

- Lanique Howard

My daughter, Mekaela, has always loved to read, so the Links Book Club was just right for her. She was always excited to go to the Book Club meetings and she would always have stories to tell afterwards about how much she enjoyed the Book Club and all the exciting things they did. The Book Club is something that Mekaela will never forget.

- Carmen Drake



# About EOYDC.....

Founded in 1973, the East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC) is a community-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency dedicated to developing our children and youth into healthy, self-supporting and aware citizens and adults. Since 1978 the Center's **FREE** comprehensive programs have been coordinated to meet our clients' emotional, physical, intellectual, and economic needs. The Center is open Monday through Friday and is located in the Elmhurst District of East Oakland. While our primary focus are the residents of the East Oakland community, all youth and their families are welcome to participate in the services offered at the EOYDC.

EOYDC offers programs in the following areas:

### Art

- Photography
- Ceramics
- Painting
- Dance Class
- Music Class

### Project J.O.Y. (Job Opportunities for Youth)

- Job Training
- G.E.D. Prep Class
- Homework Center
- Pathway-to-College Program
- Summer Cultural Enrichment Program

### Physical Development

- Track
- 10 & Under Basketball League
- Black College League
- Invitational Tournaments
- Adult Fitness
- Rowing
- Karate Class
- Mountaineering Courses



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**READING  
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# Reading Links To Living



Reading Roundtable Discussion



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Holiday Book Club Celebration

## A Beautiful Partnership About The Links, Inc.

This international organization is comprised of over 10,000 professional women of color in 274 chapters located in 42 states and three countries. The members are accomplished, dedicated individuals, who are active in their communities. They are role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work toward the realization of making the name “Links” not only a chain of friendship, but also a chain of purposeful service.



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The centers’ multi-functional facility is located in East Oakland’s Elmhurst District, which of course makes this the primary service area. While we are continuously trying to identify important opportunities to be “A Part of the Solution” for the youth living in this vital community, we welcome all of the Bay Areas’ youth and families to participate in the services and/or programs offered at the EOYDC. We offer an unforgettable, positive, and safe experience for the youth of Oakland.



Special Guest Author ,Toni Broussard