



OFFICIAL CLOSING — Announcement to Our Stakeholders

August 14th, 2025

Dear Friends of JosiahKids,

I write to you today with a tender heart and deep reverence for the remarkable journey we've shared. As the Founders of JosiahKids, we have reached one of the most difficult decisions of our lives: after much reflection, prayer, and wrestling, we have concluded that it is time to begin the process of dissolving the nonprofit organization we have all so passionately loved and nurtured. With heartfelt gratitude, I write to let you know that JosiahKids Inc. will formally conclude its programming in April 2026. As we prepare for a graceful farewell, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable generosity that has sustained us over these past seven years. Simply put: JosiahKids would not exist without you.

This moment carries both the ache of farewell and the fullness of gratitude. We look back with deep appreciation—for the students we've served, the families we've empowered, and the friends like you who believed in us every step of the way.

This decision was not made lightly. I am so passionate about this work. And though that passion remains untouched, I've found that the structure required to sustain a traditional 501(c)(3) nonprofit—while noble in its intent—has gradually pulled me further away from the heart of the work.

In the current model, nearly 80% of my time is spent managing administrative responsibilities: keeping up with financial audits, fundraising initiatives, researching and tracking grants, providing board and committee oversight, chasing liability insurance, managing our website and social media accounts, staying compliant with state and federal requirements, conducting operational meetings, recruiting volunteers and new board members—the list goes on. While each task is valuable—in its own right—together they leave little room for what I love most: investing in the lives of our youth.

The best way I can describe this feeling is DAVID wearing King Saul's armor. While the armor was meant to protect, it proved too heavy and cumbersome—restricting his movement and making it impossible to fight in the way he was uniquely designed to. That's how leading under the weight of this structure currently feels as we approach our eighth year. Serving the next generation is my true calling, but the demands of this framework have become an armor I can no longer wear with ease or effectiveness.

This is by no means the end—it is a redirection. I remain committed to the same mission, but I'm seeking a new way of doing this work. A way that restores the agility and creativity needed to uplift the next generation. I want to reclaim the simplicity, the potency, and the power to show up and move—freely and wholeheartedly—for young people.

The story of JosiahKids is one of impact, resilience, and community—and nothing can erase the beautiful legacy we've cultivated together. From nurturing young minds in leadership and faith to creating safe spaces for creativity and service, JosiahKids has truly been a vessel of light.

From the very beginning, *you* believed. Many of you quickly committed to giving monthly—even diligently amplifying your giving through employer matching programs. You encouraged us publicly, cheered us on quietly, sent checks by mail, and dropped them off in person, prayed for us, attended our events, taught classes, spoke to our students, wrote kind notes, and never stopped showing up. Your love was never passive—it showed up actively, time and time again.

Because of you:

- Our bills were paid, month after month.
- Students received tuition support when they couldn't afford it.
- The Buford Harvest became a reality each year—a cherished celebration of impact.
- We could ensure police presence to keep everyone safe.
- We invested in growth and development opportunities for rising leaders.
- Our students had meals, resources, and a warm environment to learn and grow.

Your giving did more than cover costs—it became a vessel of dignity, education, and joy. You gave us stability so we could offer opportunity. That is the purest essence of love—and you have shown it consistently.

JosiahKids was founded to develop virtuous, service-minded leaders through education in faith, leadership, community service, and the arts. That mission is fulfilled in every

child who walked through our doors, every story that unfolded, and every future that was changed.

As we continue to process what this means, we are filled with peace—and pride in what we've accomplished together. Though the organization will transition, the spirit of JosiahKids lives on in every life you helped shape. It lives in classrooms, in conversations, at family dinners, and in community acts of service. You gave more than money. You gave legacy.

As we lovingly release this beautiful chapter, I want to share that our Board of Directors officially passed the resolution to dissolve the organization late last week. Together we have committed to meeting monthly— to walk through this transition with utmost integrity. We will follow a thorough, step-by-step process in full compliance with IRS and state guidelines toward an honorable dissolution. All remaining donations will be handled exactly as the IRS requires, honoring the credibility and trust you have invested in us. Donation receipts will be issued at the end of the year, and those wishing to discontinue their giving will be given the opportunity to do so at that time. To finish well, a final stewardship report will be provided to all of our stakeholders and mission investors once this process is finalized in April.

As the new school year begins, we'll be inviting students and instructors to share ideas on how we might celebrate the legacy of JosiahKids in the months ahead. It will be a season of reflection, celebration, and heartfelt gratitude.

From the depths of our hearts, we want to say thank you for believing in this work. You are not just steady, loving *generous givers*—you have been the quiet architects behind JosiahKids' impact. Faithful friends who have stood beside us. You've helped us build something SO beautiful—and now, our lives are forever interwoven with yours. You are part of us, our family, and our JosiahKids story.

May God's richest blessings overwhelm and overtake you at every turn!

With love and deep gratitude,

Newton & Marlene Maina
Founders, JosiahKids Inc.