


Planting Seeds for a Positive Future!

Community Engagement...





Joe Dulin and his wife Yvonne are NAAPID

- 1995 The Million Man March - Historic!
 - Message given to every man/woman/Child in attendance to Go back to our Communities and get involved and make a difference
 - Issue/Concerns: A lack of black parents involved in their child's education
 - Joe's Vision - Increase African American Parent Involvement
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Quotes: Harvesting seeds Planted...

"I loved his smile, that big laugh and that twinkle in his eye," said Cheryl Elliott, president of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. "He was a force. A force for good."

"The educational system sometimes doesn't adapt to the kid who's the round peg trying to fit into the square hole," he said. "Some young people could be awfully stubborn, but Joe could get their attention."
Ann Arbor Mayor, John Hieftje

"Generations of students flourished under his tough love," "He was the moral compass of this school district."
Liz Margolis

"Mr. Dulin was the very first person to tell me my life was not over," "(He) believed in second chances."
Former Clemente student Amydoral James

A Little Tidbit About Myself


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- **A native Detroiter**
 - **Son of an artist, activist, gardener, bookkeeper, homemaker, Encourager and 30 year business owners of one of most successful Black Greeting card manufacturers in the country! Broom Designs, Inc.**
 - **Two older sisters (twins) and one younger brother**
 - **Education: Catholic, Public, Jesuit school and HBCU Morehouse College; a beautiful wife of 27 years, 2 sons DelRio and Edward III**
 - **Career: Detroit Public Schools, Non-Profit Focus Hope and Project SEED, Inc, Cranbrook Horizon Upward Bound Ann Arbor Public schools**
 - **Board member: MI-RAMP, and WACC**



What is the Importance of Planting Seeds?

The Seed of life symbol is the blueprint of the universe, containing the wisdom of growth, development and creativity....

The Seed Principle: Sowing the Life of Your Dreams - Successful living, like successful gardening, is about good choices. It's about sowing the right seeds in the right soil. In His parable of the sower, Jesus used a farming analogy to explain the process of human growth and attaining of goals.



Nurturing:



If we plant something in the proper conditions, water, feed and grow it, we can reap something bigger and greater.

Similarly, we will and should do for our children.



Family:




Having positive family relationships takes time, especially if your family relationships aren't perfect to begin with. Caring for them. Doing little acts of kindness.



Health:




Having good health doesn't come from exercising and eating healthily for one single day. It's something that you build over time. Choosing healthy over unhealthy food each day. Choosing to be active. Many seeds planted over a long period, every day.



Friendships:




Having best friends you can rely on doesn't happen overnight. It starts by being there for others first. Giving without expecting to receive. Being responsive. Making the effort to maintain your friendships.





Thinking about the Future:

1. What goals have you been meaning to pursue, but are putting off? In Love? Health? Carer? Business? Family? Friendships? Pick two areas.
 2. What is the first seed you can plant to get it going?
 3. How about the next 3 seeds? What can you do to keep this momentum going?
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What change(s) would you like to see?

Your household?

Your Community?

Your School District?

Globally?





What are you going to do about it?

Change happens when we are persistent and determined to see a difference in what WAS and what SHALL BE in the best interest of self, another person and your community.





“Bridging the Gap”

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