

Bright Futures

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ANNUAL REPORT
Coming in January 2017...see a detailed report on all the things that Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today has accomplished in 2016, plans for the future and those who support us in every way.

What has BTBT been doing?

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today has been building! The organization has now been in existence for 5 years and we are growing.

Building our Client and Contact list has been a continued initiative. We have also been making sure that our #1 priority is assisting Clients with their goals.

Over the past year, BTBT Contacts have assisted our Clients with:

- * Donations to other non-profit organizations
- * Tips on starting a non-profit/small business
- * Resume and cover letter assistance
- * College Tours and Admission assistance
- * Job Searches

Administrative Tasks are also a big part of Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today. We have been working hard to make sure that we continue to have our 501(c)(3) and Virginia Solicitation Approval so that we can maximize the benefit to our Clients, Contacts and Supporters.

Although we have not been seen, we are still working towards the mission, vision and goals of the founders of Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today. More than ever, people are seeking Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today out, Contacts are meeting face to face with Clients, and Clients are seeing the benefits of contacting this organization.

See page 2 on how to become a Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today client, contact, business contact or volunteer.

A Key to Achieving Goals—Plan, Plan, Plan

Over the years, one thing has become clear...one must Plan in order to achieve success and accomplish their goals. Planning makes the goal real. Planning makes the the success reachable. Planning let you know where you are and what you can realistically do in present time to achieve in the future. Planning lets you know what else needs to be done. Have you ever been asked, "what is the big picture?", "where do you want to be in 10 years?" These questions may seem cliché , but they are absolutely relevant. When you know the big picture or where you want to be in 5, 10 or 20 years, you can put things into perspective Planning also helps one prepare for the unexpected, so that the unexpected does hit you like a lighting bolt!

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today assists Clients in planning. Planning for education, financial goals, and professional endeavors. Whether it is budgeting to figure out how much one can pay for a class, planning which classes to take in order to graduate, or developing a strategic plan for a small business. We understand that a vision needs to be put into a plan and then into action.

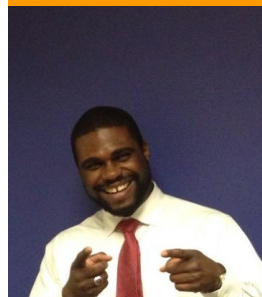
3rd Annual Raffle

On November 1, 2016, Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today's 3rd annual raffle fundraiser will kick off! The past two years have been a great success and we look forward to this year being even bigger. In 2014, we had a 50/50 raffle and there was 1 winner. In 2015, we expanded the raffle prizes and had 3 winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place). This year we will again have 3 winners. Keep updated by checking our website www.brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org and our Facebook page.

2015 1st place Winner



2014 Winner



Over \$500.00 in prizes awarded

How to become a part of the Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today Organization?

BTBT Client

BTBT Clients are the people BTBT serves. BTBT provides services and programs such as the Higher Education Admission Assistance Program, resume reviews, job searching and more.

To become a client go to brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org and click on the client profile link. Send the Client Profile to P.O. Box 62, Bumpass, VA 23024

BTBT Contact

BTBT Contacts are people who assist BTBT Clients. Some ways include mentoring, reviewing documents, tutoring, and more.

To become a Contact go to brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org and click on the client profile link. Send the Client Profile to P.O. Box 62, Bumpass, VA 23024

BTBT Volunteer

BTBT Volunteers assist BTBT with events, fundraisers and other projects.

To become a volunteer go to brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org and click on the client profile link. Indicate on the profile that you want to be a volunteer. Send the Client Profile to P.O. Box 62, Bumpass, VA 23024

Events, News, and Programming

- * 3rd Annual Raffle—November 1st to December 22nd. Drawing on December 23rd.
- * Board Member Veronica Brown-Moseley was elected Hill Tucker Bar Association's Secretary
- * Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today 2016 Client Graduates: Ahlanna Crichlow, Leigh-Anne Narehood, and Joseph Foley

BTBT Contacts Corner

- Check out Iisha Crichlow @ <http://iishacrichlow.com>. Newsletters, beauty tips and information and more.
- Learn about Champions Circle Branding Association, LLC @ <http://championscircleba.wix.com/ccba15>



BTBT participates in Macy's Shop for a Cause for the 2nd year

In the Summer of 2016, Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today participated in Macy's Shop for a Cause! Macy's Shop for a Cause program gives non-profit organization's the chance to make money by giving supporters 25% off in Macy's stores Nationwide. Supporters buy a shopping pass from the non-profit for \$5.00 and the full amount goes to the non-profit and the supporter gets a day of incredible savings.

This year Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today raised over \$200.00 from this fundraiser. Thank you to all that supported this effort.



Meet Our Board Members—Avnel Coates

Avnel Coates is the Treasurer and co-found of Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today. A wife, mother of two, daughter, sister and friend, Avnel dedicates time to her vision for an organization that assist in making dreams come true. Avnel attended Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond Law School. She worked full-time throughout her educational endeavors and knows

about the financial hardships that come with achieving goals, but did not let that stop her. She found and applied for several scholarships and worked her way through school. Now Avnel works in her field and continues to assist Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today's Client by sharing her knowledge and strategies. Contact Avnel at treasurer@brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org.



Scholarships

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today 2017 Scholarship Application opens November 1, 2017. Scholarships are award to assist Clients in obtaining their goals. Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today understands that financial barriers are one of the biggest reasons Clients do not move forward with their goals and dreams. Scholarships awarded will be paid towards qualified educational or business expenses.

Contact us at btbt@brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org for more information about this program

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<http://www.brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org>

In order to continue to provide services to our well deserving clients, we need your help.

Donations may be made by check or cash to Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today.

Complete our Contact Profile if you are someone who wants to mentor or assist a person in living out their dream.

Complete our Business Profile if you are someone who owns or runs a business and wants to give back.

If you are in need of our services please contact us!

We provide:

- * Cover letter/resume building and review
- * Mentoring opportunities
- * Higher Education Admissions Assistance
- * Goal Attainment Programming
- * Job Searching



Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today is a 501(c)(3) Organization.