

**Raising Expectations Inc.'s  
Music Production Workshop Series  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2010)**

DJ Skills Youth Workshops – On July 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Raising Expectations Inc. hosted DJ Skills Workshops, “Mixin’ and Jammin,” with DJ 2-Tone Jones, at Ferebee Hope Recreation Center in the Washington Highlands neighborhood of Southeast. Students signed up for the DJ workshop at the recreation center, but they had no idea that they were about to engage in, both through studying and hands-on learning of the DJ’ing craft.

DJ 2-Tone taught from the books “*DJ Skills: The Essential Guide to Mixing and Scratching*” (Webber) and each student received a copy of the book to continue learning beyond the two-day workshop series. Approximately 15 students listened to music by hip-hop “greats” and practiced the mixing, beat-making, and scratching techniques of DJ “pioneers” such as Kool Herc, Afrika Bambaataa, and others. To end the workshop series with entertainment and arts enrichment, each young person showed off what they learned in a “DJ Battle” judged by DJ 2-Tone and R.E.’s Executive Director, Abeo Anderson. First, second, and third prize winners were congratulated by their peers and each young person won a small prize for their participation in R.E.’s 2010 Music Production Workshop Series. Stay tuned for more workshops in the coming months!



