

A Hip-Hop Holiday – 3rd Annual Year-End Celebration

Raising Expectations inc. celebrated our 3rd year of providing quality arts education workshops and activities after-school to youth with a hip-hop theme. Art work with 1980s old-school hip-hop images and wall decorations were painted by Spingarn High School youth and added to the color in the international capoeira association dance room of the Emergence CommunityArts Collective in northwest dc. The evening opened with a youth DJ presentation by DJ Killa Cam aka Cameron Reid (picture to right) who recently began taking DJ skills classes with DJ RBI as part of our R.E.'s Arts Apprenticeship Program.

Special thanks to DJ Jav (www.djjav.com) who spinned the turntables all night long during the celebration and for our other entertainers, such as spoken word artist Bomani D'mite Armah and the Woodland Terrance youth dance group. An audience of all ages got involved in the rhyming as they enjoyed the call and response with D'Mite clever lyrics! During the program, we also had a silent auction with artwork provided by Amber Tree Art Gallery at the National Harbor and framed, enlarged photographs by our very own youth photographers from a past Photography Learning Class series and by youth artists who contributed to the Stop the Violence youth Art Gallery at the Superior Courthouse earlier in the summer of 2008.

We also would like to thank our sponsors – the United Black Fund, the United Planning Organization, Giant Foods, and CVS/Pharmacy – for their support of our arts learning workshops in the 2008 calendar year and for their continued interest in the important role of after-school programming to continue challenging young people out of school through creative, analytical activities.



