

“Look Here” Photography Workshop

Friday, October 24, 2008 – At the Emergence Community Arts Collective (www.eca-collective.org) in the Shaw-Howard neighborhood of Washington, DC, Raising Expectations Inc. held our 1st Photography Youth Learning Workshop Series, “Look Here.” United Planning Organization also called on Raising Expectations Inc. to provide photography art education to their youth. Framed and enlarged photography were auctioned at the 3rd Annual Holiday Celebration and a portion of the proceeds supported photographers and Raising Expectations Inc.

Starting their presentation with the question “What is Photography,” R.E. affiliated photographers Sidney Moreno of Sidney & Company (www.sidneyandcompany.com) (20 years experience), and Victor T. Johnson (www.vterraunce.com) (3 years experience) trained youth participants on the key components to high quality photographs – light, composition, and posing – and how to create a successful career as a photographer.

Youth photographers learned the importance of a camera’s high speed of shots and high megapixels (i.e. dots on a camera screen). They also learned valuable core techniques in digital photography – such as gripping and cropping pictures to remove the negative space that is not needed and uses of the main and field lighting. One parent participant, Portia Banks, whose daughter also participated in the photography workshop and traveled to Howard University’s campus for inspiration in her college life collection, said that she enjoyed “watching the children take turns with cameras and modeling.” Some of the techniques Portia learned were to “focus on the background of my shot and hold my breath [before taking picture.]” Types of photography highlighted in the 1st workshop included: 1) portrait, 2) event, 3) fine arts, 4) architectural, 5) landscape/aerial, 6) medical, 7) law enforcement, and 8) news/publication.





