



OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Coaching students in need to achieve & succeed!

NEW 2023 ODBI PROGRAM GRADS!



Please welcome to **Team Orange NEW** Orange Duffel Bag Initiative (ODBI) Program Grads like **AJ**, planning a career in agriculture, pictured with ODBI Coach **Luis Castro**; **McKenzie**, dual enrolled at Clayton State University training to be a fire fighter / first responder, pictured with **Felicia Brown**, **Clayton County Public Schools** Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services; **Sandrica**, aspiring to play in the WMBA, pictured with Coach and **Rosaline Samuels**, CCPS Homeless Education Department; and **Madison**, dual enrolled and pictured playing Bach on violin at her program

So proud of ALL our Fall ODBI Program Grads! Please join us in congratulating high school students from Class 87, who attended sessions at **Clayton State University**, from Class 88, who attended sessions virtually, and from Class 89, who attended sessions at **Central Georgia Technical College** in Macon.

"As someone who experienced homelessness as a child, navigating high school while secretly living in and out of shelters, **my role on the board of ODBI is a powerful testament to the fact that circumstances do not define one's potential.**" Crystal Mathis, ODBI Board Member



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2023 ODBI Program Grads **Prince** (pictured above), accepted at KSU, and **Diamond**, who attends GA Highlands, are highlighted in **Atlanta Business Chronicle!**

Please visit:

<https://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2023/12/01/orange-duffel-bag-initiative-empowers-atl-youth.html>

NEW in 2024! ODBI will coach Georgia Dept of Juvenile Justice youth and train / certify St Louis school educators to coach and deliver ODBI program model and curricula!

Staying **CONNECTED** with ODBI Program Graduates!

Congrats, KSU and 2016 ODBI CCC Class 11 Grad **LaBrittany Koger**! She just realized a dream held since 2019 -- joining the Peace Corps! She looks forward to being a Health Extension Volunteer in Ghana. Safe travels!



Huge thank you to 2017 ODBI Class 34 Grad **Aisha Brezial**, intern for Macon Class 89! Aisha loves school at Middle GA State. And kudos to our amazing program manager, **Scott Patrick**!

Cassie Mims, an ODBI Class 2 Grad in 2012, is now a proud working mom, who has always stayed connected with Team Orange. "I am truly blessed and grateful for all you have done for me all these years."



Joseph Smith, a 2012 Class 3 ODBI Grad, recently welcomed 2023 program graduates to Team Orange. Happy working and living in Carrollton, he shared with all to, "Never turn away from an opportunity!"

ODBI COACHES & ADVOCATES

Empowering **1800+** Students Experiencing Homelessness or Foster Care!



ODBI wishes to recognize and thank our **dedicated coaches**, who change the lives of students every day! Each gives 110%, tirelessly working to meet the students' needs. Thank you, too, to our **volunteer advocates** and **Team Orange Connect!**



"As an advocate for ODBI students, I see all they're capable of with just a little **guidance from our coaches.**" **Wasiq Kabir**, ODBI Board Member

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Supporting At-Risk **STUDENTS'** Academic and Future Success!



<https://theodbi.org>

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"Independently audited each year, ODBI consistently meets best practices! **85 cents of every donated dollar goes to student programs & services!**"



Elizabeth Lisle, ODBI Board Chair

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Claim dollar for dollar tax credit for pre-approved donation to ODBI.

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COLLECTIVELY Impacting the Lives of Students In Need!



ODBI was privileged to present with **K. Smith** (pictured), ODBI Certified Coach and LSU doctoral student, during the **National Association for Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference** held in New Orleans and attended by 3500+ educators and child welfare workers. ODBI is working with K and LSU's **Dr. James Canfield** on program and student data analysis.



"On my own since 16, finishing high school **homeless**, I've been on Team Orange since its inception because I know what needs to be in those orange duffel bags—a **caring adult and a plan.**"
Joe Bushey, ODBI Board Vice Chair

"From ODBI **coaching** and **advocacy** to yearend 2023 **matching donations** to a new **tax credit** for Georgia residents to **scaling** our coaching certification program ... at the end of the day, **it's all about students in need.** Congrats to our program grads and thank you to everyone on **Team Orange!**" **Michael Daly**, ODBI President



ODBI presented at the **Georgia Conference on Children & Families** in Augusta with **The nsoro Foundation**, sharing the importance of partnerships to support students in foster care.

ODBI FUNDRAISERS



Putting the **FUN** in Fundraisers!



Thank you thank you
thank you to **JE DUNN**
for our longstanding
partnership helping
students in need! ODBI
was again selected as a
beneficiary of the 2023
annual Hammerdown
5K – 10K in Atlanta.



2023 ODBI Grad **Chabrya**,
attending Oglethorpe
University, with JE Dunn's Amy
Blanco and ODBI's Michael Daly.



Join us for a fun and competitive golf event to
raise funds to help students in need succeed!

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

Indian Hills Country Club, Marietta, Georgia

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curricula, and ongoing advocacy to support
students in need to achieve and succeed!
There is never a cost to program participants.
Students complete the program having created
their life and education plan after exploring
postsecondary opportunities toward their
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