

# Sankofa Youth Leadership Program

Presented by: I am you 360 & Nonviolence Legacy Project/COPA



**SANKOFA** – The word comes from the Akan language of Ghana, West Africa and translates as “reach back and get it”. The egg on the back of the bird symbolizes the future. Sankofa means that we must go back and reclaim our past, so we can move forward, so we understand why and how we came to be

*Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence.*

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

**TO APPLY: use form on backside.**  
Deadline for application: 7/7/15

## NEW COLLABORATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATED BY NONVIOLENCE LEGACY PROJECT & I AM YOU 360

*I AM YOU 360 and Nonviolence Legacy Project /Culture of Peace Alliance (COPA)* have teamed up to conduct a new youth leadership program. We want youth ages 14-20 to apply for this unique leadership program, which begins July 2015 with a two-week summer institute. We are seeking 40 youth who represent a diversity of cultural and ethnic identities. For the first year, we are placing a special emphasis on serving African and Afro-American youth (thanks to a grant from the African American Initiative, a program of the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona), as well as youth in foster care.

### Two-week Youth Nonviolence & Empowerment Institute July 13-24, 2015 (9 AM to 4 PM each weekday)

Higher Ground/Wakefield, 101 W. 44<sup>th</sup> St., Tucson, AZ 85713

- Week One: Advanced Youth Nonviolence Institute presented by NVLP youth and adults trainers to certify participating youth to teach various lessons about conflict, social change, violence prevention, and the principles and steps of Kingian Nonviolence.
- Week Two: Youth Empowerment Training Program conducted by *I am you 360* and *Angel's Hands* and covering self-esteem, self-awareness, positive thinking, advocacy, financial sustainability, holistic health, and nutritious food.

**Training Assignments & Community Organizing** – Youth teams will take on training assignments during the 2015-2016 school year, through partnerships with other community organizations (e.g., schools, faith-based organizations, social service agencies). Youth Teams will also address community justice issues using principles and strategies of Kingian Nonviolence.

**Mentorships** – Youth involved in the program may select to be mentored by adults involved in leadership roles in the community and certified as mentors.

**Leadership & Community Service Opportunities** – Each youth will take on at least one volunteer leadership position, e.g., being on the Youth Leadership Team for the 2016 Youth and Peace Conference, joining the NAACP Youth & College Division, serving on the Pima County Health Department's Youth Violence Prevention Coalition. Additional community service opportunities will be made available throughout the year.

**Monthly Workshops/Meetings** – Youth teams will meet twice a month to participate in culturally-relevant workshops, team building exercises, and to handle business, make decisions, and set up activities they believe are needed in order to be effective leaders, trainers, and community organizers. ***We are seeking some place centrally located to hold these meetings.***

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