



*Serving Inner City Youth
through the Sport of Gymnastics*

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Wendy Hilliard Foundation:

I welcome the opportunity to share with you the activities and highlights of the past year. We have gone through some changes and some struggles, but I am happy to report that we are continuing our mission of providing outstanding gymnastics instruction and opportunities to the youth of NYC. We are planning for next season and will be expanding our programming, locations and of course, raising more funds and resources to sustain these efforts. I thank you for your donations and support and look forward to providing more young people the gift of good health, great instructors, superb programs and the joy of fitness through the sport of gymnastics.

Sincerely,

Wendy Hilliard



September 2006, Opening Ceremony of Newly Renovated Tennis Armory in Harlem. Former Governor Pataki, Billy Jean King, Wendy Hilliard and WHF gymnasts, Lyrica Okano, Alexis Page & Cheyenne Graves



Free Saturday Classes

(A New Partnership and Location)

This past winter we lost our long time primary location for our gymnastics programs; the Harlem PAL. They have been a great partner for several years and we appreciate the support and the facility they provided. This spring, we began a partnership with the Abyssinian's Athletic Program, Youth on the Move. We conducted free gymnastics classes on Saturday afternoons for girls and boys ages 6-17, which conclude at the end of June. Many new and former WHF students enjoyed rhythmic gymnastics and tumbling at the Fredrick Samuels Community Center in Harlem with our great WHF gymnastics staff.

Aviator Sports and Recreation

In the spring of 2006, Wendy Hilliard was hired to serve as the Director of Gymnastics and Youth Sports at Aviator Sports and Recreation in Brooklyn and to oversee the construction of their 15,500 square foot gymnastics center and 35 foot high rock climbing wall. After 6 years of working closely with the architects and planners as the Director of Sports for NYC2012, this was a great opportunity to be part of the team bringing this exceptional multi-million, multi-sports complex to fruition.

In October 2006, the Aviator Gymnastics Center opened. The Aviator Gymnastics Center is the largest state-of-the-art gymnastics and cheerleading facility in NYC. There are over 80 weekly classes serving ages from 12 months to over 70 and over 3,000 children and adults have taken classes in gymnastics and cheerleading to date. The Aviator Sports and Recreation complex also has 2 regulation sized indoor ice rinks, a 20,000 sq ft hardwood field house, a 15,000 sq ft fitness center, 2 outdoor turf fields and much more! www.aviatorsports.com

Aviator Sports Gymnastics Center

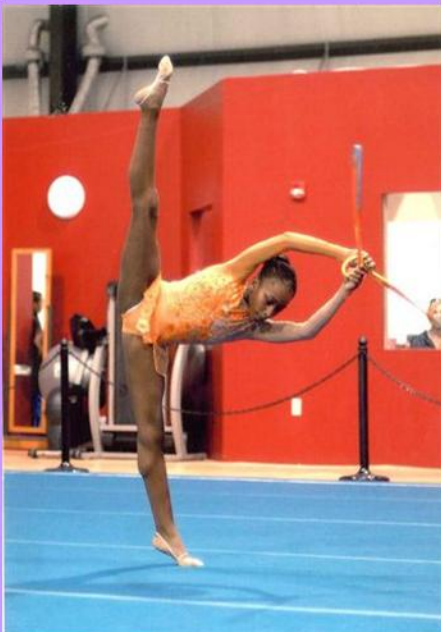
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WHF Team Members Update



Alexis Page, Level 7, Region IV Championships, 1st Place

Alexis Page and Azusa Cho, are WHF scholarship students. Both gymnasts have been making incredible improvements this year. Although long time WHF Head Coach, Karina Rudneva, was not able to join the Aviator staff, the foundation she gave our team members has contributed to their continued success. Alexis, Azusa and Lyrica Okano are continuing their winning ways under the tutelage of Aviator Head

coach, Lucy Kerznerman. All three gymnasts qualified for the Junior Olympic National Championships this past June. Alexis placed second, Lyrica placed third and Azusa placed seventh in their respective divisions. These girls were also a member of the regional team which placed first in the nation!

Cheerleading News

As a member of the Abyssinian Youth of the Move, Board of Directors, Wendy was asked to help the Abyssinian Crusaders Cheerteam based in Harlem, this past winter. The WHF provides tumbling and cheer instructors for the 14 member cheer squad, coached by Joan Bryan. The cheer team also practiced at the Aviator Gymnastics Center, with Aviator Cheer Coach, Yeifri Ramirez. The team will be expanded for next season serving over 40 girls!

In April 2007, the Abyssinian Crusader Cheerteam placed fourth at the Jamfest National Cheerleading Championships.

* Did you know* Wendy was the captain of her high school cheerteam and was the on-air host for numerous televised cheerleading competitions on ESPN and CBS Sports. Cheerleading is a very popular and fast growing sport and will be one of the new programs offered through the WHF next season.

(Abyssinian Crusaders Cheerteam with Head Coach Joan Bryan)



Program Update

The WHF continued to provide gymnastics classes this past fall and spring at the Goddard Riverside Community Center for the 5th consecutive year. One of the instructors was Cory Greenidge, a champion gymnast from Barbados.

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The WHF in the News

On July 14-15 Wendy Hilliard will be featured on *Our World with Black Enterprise*, hosted by Ed Gordon. Please check your local TV listings or <http://www.blackenterprise.com/mediacenter/ourworld.asp>

“Woman Who Win”



Wendy Hilliard is featured in a new book released last May “Women Who Win- Females Athletes on being the Best”. The author, Lisa Taggart, has profiled 10 champion athletes including; Soccer Champion Julie Foudy, WNBA star Tamika Catchings

and Jockey Julie Krone.

www.Amazon.com: Female Athletes on Being the Best



WHF Staff News



Ziporah Roney

Former WHF Team member, Ziporah Roney, has joined the WHF staff to teach for our free Saturday program and has become an assistant coach for the Abyssinian Crusaders cheerteam and traveled with this squad to the National Championships. Ziporah was chosen from hundreds of applicants to train at the prestigious, National Circus School of Canada this summer.

Former WHF student and current WHF instructor, Anthony Bryant, graduated from Juilliard! Anthony has been a standout performer at all of the recent WHF Gala Showcases and has started creating a very impressive professional resume. He has performed with several professional dance companies and top choreographers and has been featured on the hit television show "So You Think You Can Dance". Keep an eye out for this multi-talented performer; Anthony has also released a single "Chillin" available on Itunes. Check out www.anthonybryant.org

Long-time WHF Rhythmic Coach, Alexandra Aparova and guest WHF instructor and performer, Etienne Deneault will marry on August 18, in Slovakia. They have both been on tour with Cirque du Soleil for the past year.



Wendy and Anthony at his graduation from Juilliard on May 25, 2007



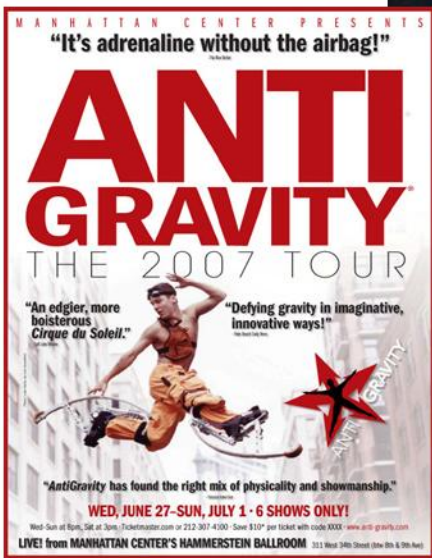
Anthony Bryant

Brenda Jones –Thank You!



Brenda Jones in Paris

Last July, WHF Director of Administration and Programs, Brenda Jones, took a position as Director of Human Resources & Administration for Groundwork Inc. Brenda and Wendy worked side by side developing the WHF and its success and continued legacy is a tribute to Brenda's outstanding vision and incredible contributions. As a WHF 10th Anniversary thank you, Wendy sent Brenda and her sister to Paris (No WHF donations were used) as small token for all of her incredible contributions to the WHF.



Wendy Hilliard with AntiGravity Cast



World Champion Tumbler Rayshine Harris with NYC young subway performers

Hundreds of NYC kids were treated to a spectacular gymnastics show!
 June 27 – July 1, 2007

WHF Board Member, Christopher Harrison, donated tickets so that hundreds of kids and their families could experience AntiGravity the 2007 Tour! It was a tremendous gift of gymnastics and fitness that was thoroughly enjoyed by all and inspired hundreds of young people to appreciate the incredible performances of the world class athletes and performers. The AntiGravity Tour 2007 was featured in the NY Times and on Good Morning America. Following each performance the cast met with the kids and signed autographs! The show featured Wendy's student, 1996 Olympian, Aliane Baquerot and 11 time World Champion Tumbler, Rayshine Harris. Be sure not to miss this great show when it comes back to town! www.anti-gravity.com

Saturday Class Students with the Cast

WHF Board Member Christopher Harrison (center) with Special Olympians and coaches



Special Olympians with AntiGravity Cast



Cheerleading Master Instructor, Russ Blackwell, with the Crusaders Cheerteam

Support the Wendy Hilliard Foundation!!!

For over ten years the Wendy Hilliard Foundation has provided outstanding gymnastics and health programs for the youth of NYC.

To continue our work we need your support! It is always challenging obtaining grants and funding for our programs and the support individuals provide makes a significant impact on the number of children we can serve and the quality of our programs. This year we have established the Liz Boyd Scholarship (see below) and I hope you support it. The 2005 Maryan Baquerot Scholarship Award Winner, Alexis Paige, benefited tremendously from this support.

Your contributions make such a difference.

Please send your tax deductible contributions to:

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Or give online at www.wendyontheweb.org
Thank you

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We appreciate all of the individual donations and grants that provide the WHF with the funding to provide such outstanding youth sports and health programs.

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Elizabeth "Liz" Boyd SCHOLARSHIP



Liz Boyd was an outstanding supporter of the Wendy Hilliard Foundation and all of our programs. She was a major force as a member of our tenth anniversary campaign. In honor of Liz Boyd, the Wendy Hilliard Foundation has established a scholarship fund that will provide support for training and competitions to hard working and deserving gymnasts.