

Pictures and Report: Nov. 3 Eastern Wayne Faith Communities Coalition Meeting

Many thanks to our outstanding presenters last Thursday evening who shared their stories about "What's It Like in Foster Care?"

Nicole Wood shared what it was like to age out at 18 and find herself homeless in Detroit. She rode her bike to the temp office, earned enough money to buy a car and put herself through school to become a social worker. She now serves as a Research Associate with the River Rouge Promise Neighborhood Initiative:



Saba Gebrai of Park West Foundation described the vision and work of "Blue Babies"-- a group of young adults who have aged out of the system and help one another and others such as Focus Hope. Arreana Jackson, Sheila Carter, Lamer Jellar, Olantunji Bledsoe, and Lateresa Baugh shared some of their experiences and gratitude to "Miss Saba" and others who are supporting them to reach their dreams:



Those who attended saw our recently produced DVD called , "Congregations Caring for Michigan's Children."



Blessings as you befriend our foster children and aging out youth and seek to make a positive difference!

Please remember the many needs as the weather turns colder and we enter into the holiday season. For suggestions on concrete ways you can help by donations, direct involvement and by becoming a foster/adoptive parent or respite care giver or mentor, see our SOCC web site, www.saveourchildrencoalition.org.