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The Score – The Return on Your Investment:

The Center for Neighborhood Enterprise believes that organizations should be judged – and supported – on the basis of measurable outcomes. Here are some of CNE's 2009 results:

- Baylor University released its case study of the Violence-Free Zone in Milwaukee reporting a 32% reduction in violent incidents in three large high schools, reductions in suspensions from 37% to 44%, and increase in GPI of 4% in six schools.
- Milwaukee District Attorney said city crime is at lowest level in 25 years, and cited VFZ program as a "key" factor.
- Richmond, VA Police Department reported 61% reduction in motor vehicle thefts around George Wythe High School and credits VFZ. Police calls to the school down 99%.
- CNE provided technical assistance to 20 community-organizations in Washington, DC's most disadvantaged wards so they can better serve those in need.
- A total of 6,197 low and middle-income adults received financial literacy training in 150 workshops during 2009. CNE and HSBC-North American have provided financial literacy education to 22,484 low and middle-income adults from 2006-2009.

As you make your year-end giving decisions, please look at our results and compare them with other organizations. Ask whether significant reductions in crime and violence, the strengthening of community-based service providers, and training to help low and middle income individuals and families make good financial decisions are investments worthy of your support.

And from all of us at the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise

A Most Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Bob Woodson

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B Woodson", written in a cursive style.