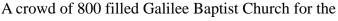


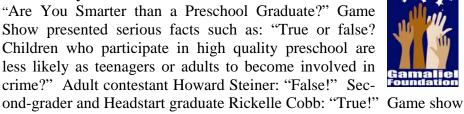
An interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners working together to build a more just community Dec 2008

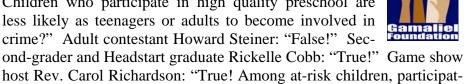




### **ISAAC 2008 PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **Issue: Early Childhood Education**









**Solution:** Superintendents Ron Fuller (KRESA) and Michael Rice (KPS), Peter Battani on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners, Jacque Eatmon from Great Start Collaborative, leaders from United Way, Upjohn Institute, and early childhood educators pledged to collaborate in a Kalamazoo County Committee for Early Childhood Education, to create a public/private plan within 2 years to provide highquality preschool accessible to all children in the county. Four candidates for State Rep and both candidates for US Congress expressed their commitment to work for adequate, stable funding.

ing in high-quality preschool reduces involvement in crime by 80%."









#### **Issue: Youth Violence Prevention**

In a somber presentation a candle was blown out as the name of each of the 9 local youths killed by violence in 2007 was read. Antonio Potts, relative of one of the youths killed, made a moving statement about being a good father to his children to prevent their involvement in violence. Teenager Darius O'Bryant asked community leaders to pledge their help.

Solution: Mayor Bobby Hopewell, both candidates for Sheriff and for Prosecutor, and other leaders agreed: "We pledge our support to ending youth violence in Kalamazoo County by working together to provide facilities and programs to create a safe environment for the children of our community."





1 WMU Step Dancers. 2 ISAAC President Daniel Cunningham, County Commissioner Jack Urban & County Administrator Peter Battani. 3 State Rep Lorence Wenke & State Rep candidate Julie Rogers. 4 Tiffany & Tamara Chatman & County Commissioner Nasim Ansari. 5 Soloist Havier Hill-Roller. 6 & 7. Banners of newest ISAAC congregations. 8 Wanda Burton, kindergarten teacher. 9 Ella Fabel-Ryder, Public Meeting Chair. 10 Shay Cobb, Early Childhood Education Task Force Cochair. 11 Dr. J. Louis Felton, host pastor, Galilee Baptist Church. 12 ISAAC clergy: Rev. Matt Laney, Rev. Gail Holman, Rev. Kathleen Kingslight, Rev. Dr. Wayne Price, Rev. Linda MacDonald, Bishop C.G. Charles, Bishop James Bailey.



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13 Jeff Brown, Director, Poverty Reduction Initiative (PRI). 14 Rev. Milton Wells. 15 Cantor Larry Charson. 16 Rev. Ed Scully called for legislation requiring hospitals, when they move out, to keep essential services in a community. 17 Wendy Flora, Rev. Carol Richardson & Don Cooney, City Commissioner & candidate for US Congress. 18 Former Marine Albert Dixon. 19 Anita Smith, Youth Violence Prevention Task Force. 20 Jobs, Economy, Transit Task Force. 21 ISAAC VP Elder Doug King collects offering. 22 Union leaders Larry Talbot, Walt Christopherson & Chad Miller pledge to work with ISAAC and PRI to rebuild our economy. 23 ISAAC Singers led by Franklin Ballard. 24 Rev. J. Louis Felton & Cantor Larry Charson. 25 Governor Granholm's representative, Greg Roberts, expresses the Governor's support for ISAAC solutions.

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### ISAAC Public Meetings Make a Difference!

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- ◆ The Nurse-Family Partnership for at-risk new parents
- ◆ Expansion of the Mobile Dental Clinic in the Kalamazoo Schools
- ◆ The County Housing
  Commission's ability to help
  homeless people move into
  affordable apartments
- ♦ The Road Construction Apprenticeship Readiness



program which helps low-income workers qualify for better-paying jobs.

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ISAAC President Overseer Daniel Cunningham







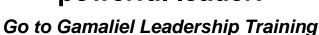




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