

Oprah hails trio of medically correct doctors who empower, educate and continue to make house calls



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Broken homes and fatherless children is a growing epidemic in this country, often producing young people on the road to self-destruction. Three young men who have turned their fatherless childhoods into an opportunity to inspire others and heal themselves are Drs. Rameck Hunt, George Jenkins and Sampson Davis -- better known as The Three Doctors.

Fresh off the road from a highly successful tour to promote their new book, "The Bond: Three Young Men Learn to Forgive and Reconnect with Their Fathers" (Riverhead, \$24.95), The Three Doctors are back in New Jersey doing what they know best -- giving back to young people and the community through their work and their Three Doctors Foundation.

Their story is an inspiration. Having grown up without fathers to teach them how to be men, these three, as teenagers, found other, often destructive ways to navigate life's obstacles in inner-city Newark, N.J. Luckily, their paths eventually crossed at University High School, where they made a pact that would change the course of all their lives. In their senior year, they pledged they would stick together, go on to college, and then medical school, a daunting goal for an inner city kid.

In 1975, two years after they were born, Harper's analyzed the 50 largest cities and declared that Newark "stands without serious challenge as worst of all." Today, its murder rate, per capita, is three times higher than New York's. The Three Doctors were featured on the Today Show and in USA Today, which stated, "They're three friends from Newark's inner city who demolished the stereotypes, overcame the odds and became doctors and authors."

Now several years later with that dream having become a reality -- Dr. Rameck Hunt is an internist, Dr. George Jenkins is a dentist and Dr. Sampson Davis is an emergency room doctor.

These three wise men have become models of empowerment for young people and families across the country, speaking at high schools and universities and holding family day events. They have also given back through their books -- 2002's New York Times' best seller "The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream," followed by the children's version, "We Beat The Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success," and now, "The Bond: Three Young Men Learn to Forgive and Recon-

nect with Their Fathers."

The Three Doctors' key message is "Never underestimate the power of self reliance and inner strength; attach a timeline & devise a strategy for achieving your goals; and surround yourself with like-minded people who are in line with your aspirations." Having been inspired by those same vital messages, The Three Doctors empower others to act as change agents to improve the quality of life for themselves and others. They are committed to promoting respect, diversity and life balance within communities across the country, including acting as role models and advocates for the underprivileged.

Oprah Winfrey said it best when she remarked to the Three Doctors "You three are the premiere role models of the world." Doctors Hunt, Davis and Jenkins aspire to live up to Oprah's words everyday via The Three Doctors Foundation. "We hope to start a dialogue with The Bond and our events and speaking engagements through our Foundation," Dr. Rameck Hunt says.

Bill Cosby emphasized the value the doctors bring to the community saying, "They are an inspiration to young people everywhere, and their message is one that can transform the world." Through their foundation, The Three Doctors use their inspiring success story to motivate inner city youth to follow in their footsteps by walking away from the pressures of the streets, putting their heads down and always keeping their goals in sight.

Dr. Sampson Davis exclaimed, "You can't aim for what you can't see!" The Three Doctors serve as an inspiration for which others can aim.

Dr. George Jenkins emphasizes the importance of passing the messages in The Bond on, when he says, "It's important for men who came up this way to pass along our hard-earned knowledge. We asked ourselves, what is the best advice we would offer to those in the same circumstances, forced to navigate their way to manhood without a father? These are the bread crumbs we leave for you. Learn them, live them, and pass them down to someone else."

The impact made by these unique individuals is far reaching, as they continue to address critical social and societal health issues through their Foundation, personal appearances and in their medical careers.

When they established The Three Doctors Foundation, Drs. Hunt, Davis and Jenkins's mission was to bring together members who share the common goal of implementing concepts that will change the public attitude towards involvement in



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communities across the country, while enlarging the roles of individuals uniquely positioned to influence individuals, in community outreach efforts.

To that end, The Three Doctors Foundation would like to create a supportive environment, which enables individuals to perform to their potential by actively valuing different backgrounds and perspectives, fostering teamwork among heterogeneous communities and maximizing contributions to the mission of the Foundation by providing financial assistance and the overall support and help individuals need in attaining their goals.

As they collectively endeavor to come together to exchange ideas that have a positive and meaningful impact on the community, Drs. Davis, Rameck and Jenkins have had an opportunity to reach across all borders with their inspirational and motivational story and their mentorship programs.

During the holiday season, they bring it back to their home state -- New Jersey -- and ask the whole community to be involved in the spirit of giving. They have identified 50 economically challenged families in the Passaic, New Jersey area who have been "adopted" by other families, individuals and businesses.

On December 8, the medically

correct trio will host the Spirit of Giving Holiday Basketball Benefit in partnership with the Passaic Board of Education and sponsored by Horizon NJ Health.

As a holiday surprise for those in attendance, The Three Doctors will be joined by the hot, new Epic/Sony recording artists, The D.E.Y. The basketball game will be hosted by local comedian, Hamburger. The basketball benefit is open to the general public and will be held from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Passaic High School located at 170 Paulison Ave in Passaic, NJ.

In the spirit of giving and the holiday season admission to the benefit will be new, unwrapped gifts or a \$5 donation to help disadvantaged NJ teenagers. At a special holiday brunch preceding the basketball game these families will meet and be presented with a holiday donation. Opportunities for donations are still available.

Attendees to the charity basketball game will enjoy a friendly game of basketball between teams comprised of The Three Doctors, Passaic firefighters, policeman, teachers, executives and community stakeholders.

Youth attendees will have a chance to win iPods and autographed copies of The Three Doctors newest inspirational book, "The Bond: Three Young Men Learn to Forgive and Reconnect with Their Fathers."