Community of Stories:
A CREATIVE WRITING EXPERIENCE
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

You are invited to participate in a weekend-long community exploration experience that infuses service, intentional writing opportunities, and reflection among peers (teachers & students) from various high schools as well as individuals from a variety of social service agencies (Higher Branches, Drop Inn Center, City Gospel Mission, Tender Mercies, The Homeless Coalition, St. Joseph House). This free 2-day service-learning writing workshop will provide participants with education on a variety of community perspectives, hands-on activities and intentional, structured reflection opportunities through various writing forms.

\[ \text{SCHEDULE} \]

**Saturday, March 22nd**
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Understanding our community & our assets
- Small group sharing and writing circles

**Sunday, March 23rd**
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Morning Assembly – Student Sharing & Writing Overview
  - Writing Techniques
  - Spoken Word
  - Poetry
  - Reflective Essay
  - Flash Fiction
  - Short Stories
- Afternoon Writing and Submissions

\[ \text{WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?} \]

- **Learn and share** about agencies, assets and needs in our community and gain first-hand experiences through the sharing of stories with social service community partners.
- **Find and share** your voice while collaborating with community members from various backgrounds to create a collective community voice to be heard.
- **Understand** your individual role in creating a brighter community through relationship-building.
- **Reflect** on the power of your words and the ability to create change with your writing.
- **Build** bridges and break down boundaries between variety of high schools and parts of Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky community.
- **Own** at least three writing samples in an individual’s portfolio by end of event.

This event is an opportunity for print publication in “Community of Stories Literary Journal,” which encompasses inclusion, community engagement, various perspectives of the city, and calls to action to make a difference. Both student, teacher, and community member works will be chosen for publication.

\[ \text{REGISTRATION: DUE BY FEBRUARY 21ST, 2014} \]
Email Clare Blankemeyer at ClareB@mayersonfoundation.org to obtain a registration form. The event will be held at The School for Creative and Performing Arts 108 W. Central Pkwy, Cincinnati Ohio, 45202 in March.

\[ \text{WRITING WORKSHOPS WILL BE LED BY WOMEN WRITING FOR A CHANGE, AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL WRITERS, AUTHORS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS.} \]