

STONE MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Rotary



Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia, USA Established 1965

Turn Trauma into Triumph

By David Cesar on Saturday, July 31, 2021



David Moody JR, President of Moody Construction Company Inc.

DAVID MOODY, JR. is a native of Chicago, Illinois, who spent his childhood years there before relocating with his family to Ann Arbor, Michigan. From there, he matriculated to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating with a degree in psychology in 1978. He then attended Howard University, earning a professional degree in architecture in 1981 after three years of study.

In 1988, he established C. D. Moody Construction Company, Inc., now one of the largest African-American-owned construction companies in America. For more than two decades, Moody's company has appeared every year on Black Enterprise magazine's Top 100 list of the nation's largest Black-owned industrial/services companies. The Atlanta Business Chronicle has ranked his firm as one of Atlanta's top 25 commercial contractors and top 100 private companies. Over more than 30 years, his firm has safely built and delivered more than 150 commercial projects valued at more than \$2 billion. Some of his recent projects include the new home of the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons, Mercedes Benz Stadium; the new home of the Cyclorama at the Atlanta History Center; and the Maynard Jackson International Concourse at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport.

Moody also has a keen sense of community service. He founded the C.D. Moody Foundation to provide financial assistance for students with a passion for construction and entrepreneurship, and to date has awarded more than 80 individual scholarships. He has funded endowed scholarships at Morehouse College, Howard University, Georgia Perimeter College and Central State University.

Besides money, Moody devotes time with K-12 students, where he personally instills in students the endless possibilities that are directly associated with hard work, perseverance, and a positive attitude. In 2017, Moody was elected president of the board of directors of the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America for 2018. He also serves on the Morehouse College Board of Trustees. Moody has served on numerous for profit and non profit boards.

Moody is the author of *Fighting through the Fear* and *My Journey of Healing from Childhood Sexual Abuse*, co-authored with his good friend and former Morehouse College roommate, Charles W. Cherry II. The book describes his harrowing personal journey as a childhood sexual abuse survivor.

His personal blogsite, MoodySpeaks.com, showcases his talents as a photographer, motivator and inspirational resource for healing for other survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

MoodySpeaks.com also allows people to see him in another role as a successful husband and father. Moody and his wife Karla they have two children, daughter Karia and son Charles III. He and Karla reside in Lithonia, Georgia, just outside Atlanta.

After fleeing conflict in their own countries, a group of young Rotaractors is healing wounds

Saturday, July 31, 2021

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It's Monday morning in one of Uganda's largest refugee settlements, Nakivale, and the line at Paul Mushaho's shop is out the door.

Mushaho has lived in Nakivale since 2016, when he fled violence in his native Democratic Republic of Congo. After receiving death threats, he crossed



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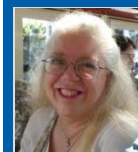
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Events

August 3rd

Stone Mountain Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Dave Moody, President of Moody Construction

Subject: Turn Trauma into Triumph

into Uganda and joined a friend in the 184-square-kilometer settlement that serves as home to 89,000 people.

The soft-spoken 26-year-old, who has a university degree in information technology, runs a money transfer service out of a wooden storefront that doubles as his home.

Business is booming because he offers his clients ♦ other refugees from Congo, Burundi, Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda, and South Sudan ♦ the ability to receive money via mobile phone from family and friends outside Uganda.

He also exchanges currency, and his shop is so popular that he often runs out of cash. On this day, he ♦s waiting for a friend to return with more money from the nearest bank, two hours away in the town of Mbarara.

Sitting behind a wooden desk, armed with his transactions ledger and seven cell phones, Mushaho grows anxious. He ♦s not worried about missing out on commission ♦ he ♦s worried about leaving his clients without any money.

♦ I don ♦t like making my customers wait, ♦ he says, looking out onto the lively street of tin-roofed stores, women selling tomatoes and charcoal, a butcher shop displaying a leg of beef, and young men loitering on motorcycles. ♦ There ♦s nobody else around who they can go to. ♦



Photo of Paul Mushaho
Photos by Emmanuel Museruka

Paul Mushaho organized a team of volunteers and formed a Rotaract club in Nakivale, Uganda, to give refugees something constructive to do.

As a young entrepreneur who is intent on improving the lives of others in his community, Mushaho is in many ways the quintessential member of Rotaract, the Rotary-sponsored organization for leaders ages 18 to 30.

Yet his story and that of his club are far from ordinary. Established in late 2016, and officially inaugurated last July, the Rotaract Club of Nakivale may be the first Rotaract club based inside a refugee settlement or camp.

Its founding, and the role it has played in the lives of its members and their fellow Nakivale residents, is a tale of young people who ♦ve refused to let conflict stifle their dreams; of a country that sees the humanity in all the refugees who cross its borders; and of a spirit of service that endures, even among those who ♦ve experienced unspeakable tragedy.

FODAC ♦S Equipment Ingathering

By David Cesar on Sunday, August 1, 2021



RCSM President Irvin Weekes and Christopher D Brand Executive Director of FODAC

The FODAC's equipment ingathering this past Saturday, July 31 was a huge success. FODAC is continuing to look for donors that can give gently used home medical equipment to provide to those who are disabled and need them.

Live Stream Link

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Every Tuesdays at 12 noon

You can join the weekly meeting LIVE from your computer, tablet or smartphone via this permanent link:

[Join Online](#)

Meeting ID: 979 7366 3426
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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kd6s4jCv7g>

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4900 Chedworth Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30087

To visit the Passport club on the 4th Wed of each month click [HERE](#):

