

# **FREEDOM HOOPS**

**DEVELOPING LEADERS. IMPACTING COMMUNITIES. FOR HIS GLORY.**

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## **“ZERO TO FIVE STARS, WHAT RATING WOULD YOU GIVE ME?”**

This was the phrase repeated by our very own marathon man, Tristan Hampton of our 12U team after helping each successive customer at our fireworks stand over the Fourth of July. Tristan was one of several of our Freedom Hoopers to volunteer his time performing various tasks at our fireworks stand from June 26-July 4 in Kansas City, Kan.

Of all of our volunteers, Tristan was the most enthusiastic and dedicated of the bunch. On our two busiest days (the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup>), Tristan was there from sunrise to sunset. The conditions were not ideal (HOT!), but Tristan’s positive energy permeated through the tent in a contagious way. He found joy in every task – arranging product displays on tables, holding signs along Mission Road in an effort to get cars to come to the stand, pricing items, helping customers shop, and even carrying out large orders to people’s cars. Tristan was unfazed by the long hours and tiresome work and simply exuded *joy*.

Ira Lockhart, Freedom Hoops advisory board member and member of the fireworks crew, said this of Tristan, “After a few days of working side by side with this young man, he was teaching me about how one should carry himself. Tristan was one of the most impressive individuals I have come across in any organization in the last 15 years.”

After we sold the last firework, we surprised Tristan with a crisp \$100 bill and a few special fireworks we saved for him. You should have seen the smile on his face as he held that bill in his hand.

We love Tristan’s energy, his leadership, and his work ethic. More customers than we can count commented on how impressed they were with him. We are excited to walk alongside Tristan and other young men to fulfill our vision of developing leaders and impacting communities for God’s glory.

Would you pray with us that Tristan comes to realize his full potential in Christ and uses his gifts for the glory of God?



**Tristan (second from left) worked a total of almost 30 hours in two days at the close of our fireworks stand, keeping a smile on his face the whole time.**

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