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## **Make Believe Village: A Pioneer's Magical Journey to Financial Freedom**

Inspired by the books "*Up From Nothing*" and "*Financial Literacy for All*," a group of young go getters embarked on a creative journey to bring the concept of financial freedom to life through puppetry. 

This camp marked the fourth year for Make Believe Village, an innovative 501c3 arts program led by supportive role models and industry professionals. The nonprofit program is designed to blend creativity with essential life skills and position young people as civic actors who can transform their communities through art. The outcome? A captivating 10-minute short film created entirely by kids, showcasing their knowledge and artistic flair. 

Research shows that arts programs can significantly improve mental well-being and foster community engagement. These goals resonate with the financial education objectives of Operation Hope and reinforce the camp's mission to empower youth and make being smart both relevant and attractive.

There is excitement for more stories about how we (all) succeed and creatively define the mindset and practices that allow everyone to achieve the American Dream, no matter the circumstances. By incorporating artificial intelligence, we can further explore innovative ways to inspire and equip individuals with the tools necessary for success. Thank you, Make Believe Village, for starting with young people to level the playing field.

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#go getters #MakeBelieveVillage #UpFromNothing #FinancialFreedom #Creativity  
#PuppetryMagic #YouthEmpowerment

### **About Make Believe Village**

By basing our arts programs on youth interests and linking them to real-world issues, we strive to support students in lifelong learning of skills that can be applied to any field of interest. Supported by industry professionals as caring mentors, we see participants as whole children which builds connections between our programs and their home lives.

This approach helps youth connect with their communities and build relationships with peers, family, mentors, and professional networks.

We'd love your support. Donations are accepted at [makebelievevillage.org](http://makebelievevillage.org) or contact us to volunteer. You're always invited to our next youth film screening. Sign up on our website to be notified—see you there!