

## **Rico Williams Hope for Change Memorial Scholarship**

The Rico Williams Hope for Change Memorial Scholarship fund was established to honor the memory of Marico “Rico” Williams, and to inspire hope in the lives of those who are looking for change and a new beginning. Rico was born on December 27, 1984 and was educated in the Bibb County public school system in Macon, Georgia. He attended Northeast High School, but like many youth who fail to understand the value of a high school education, he discontinued his education before completing the requirements for graduation. While trying to determine a career path, Rico attended Job Corps of America and was employed by KFC for several years before obtaining a job with Cherokee Brick Company. It was the hard, honest work in the brickyard that inspired Rico to seek an alternate career path. After a year of employment with Cherokee Brick Company, he began to discuss with his family his plans to attend Central Georgia Tech Community College to obtain his GED and to become a certified electrician. Tragically, while returning from celebrating his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday, Rico was gunned down in a drive by shooting on Eisenhower Parkway on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Less than one half mile from the Central Georgia Tech Campus, where he had hopes of starting a new life and career, Rico’s life ended.

Rico is often remembered by his family as a joyous, fun-loving young man, who helped to unify his blended family. He was a connection point for each of his six siblings, and they were all able to forge relationships with each other through him. In addition to helping to unify his family, friends and family often remember him as one who would walk away from a dispute in order to preserve peace and avoid conflicts. Ironically, his life was taken by those seeking to violently resolve a conflict that didn’t involve him.

The Hope for Change Scholarship was established by Rico’s family to assist other young men and women who have been inspired to hope and work for change for a better life for themselves and their families. The family asks that all scholarship recipients honor Rico’s memory by committing themselves to excellence in all of their academic pursuits and committing themselves to non-violent resolution of any dispute.

The family and the recipients would greatly appreciate your support. For those who would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please make checks payable to CGTC Foundation and mail to the following address. Please include “Rico Williams Scholarship Fund” in the memo section of your check. All donations are tax deductible.

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Rico is pictured on the far left along with his mother, father and three of his six siblings.