

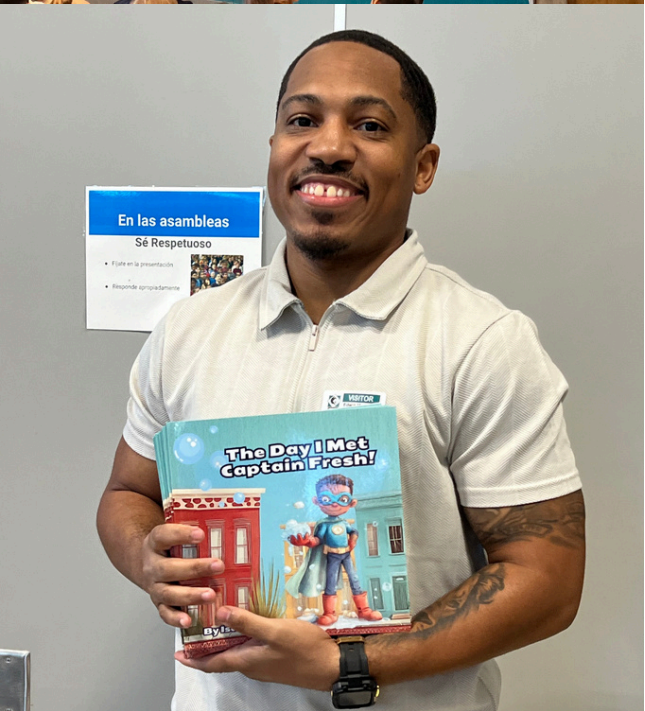
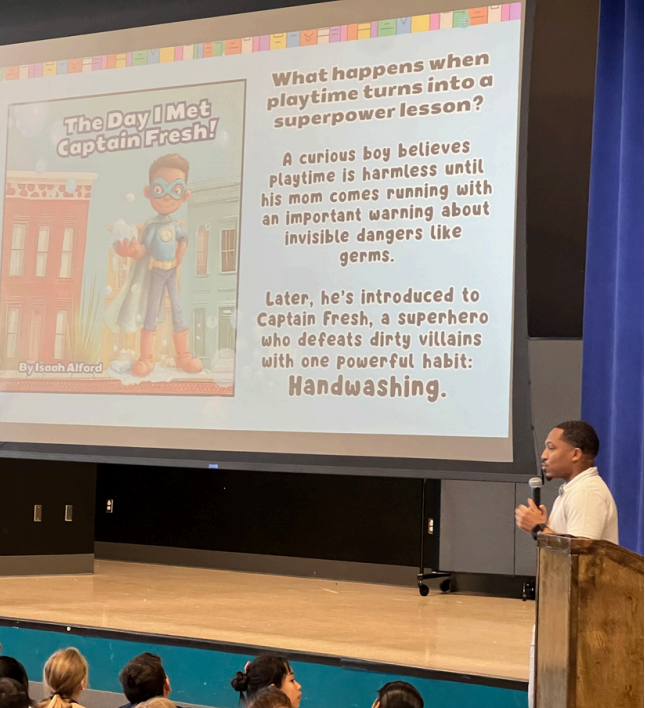


Chasten Gold, Nonprofit

Safe and Clean Environment Day March 20, 2026

On March 20, 2026, Chasten Gold Nonprofit participated in Safe and Clean Environment Day, a youth-centered outreach event designed to promote environmental awareness and healthy living among elementary-aged students. The event reached over 450 children, providing a high-impact opportunity to engage young learners in conversations about environmental health, personal hygiene, and preventative behaviors.

The event featured two 20-minute interactive presentations and storytime led by Isaah Alford, Community Engagement Representative, who guided students through an engaging and educational experience focused on the importance of handwashing and staying healthy. Through storytelling, audience participation, and real-world examples, Isaah created an environment that was both fun and informative, allowing students to connect with the material in a meaningful way.



At the center of the presentation was a live reading of *The Day I Met Captain Fresh*, a children's book authored by Isaah Alford that teaches the importance of proper handwashing through a relatable and imaginative storyline. Students followed the journey of a curious young boy who learns how everyday activities—especially play—can expose him to invisible germs, and how simple habits like washing hands can help protect his health.

The storytime was structured to be interactive, with students encouraged to participate by answering questions, sharing their own experiences, and repeating key health messages. This approach helped reinforce learning while maintaining high levels of engagement among a large audience.

In addition to the story, Isaah emphasized the connection between environmental exposure and personal health, explaining how germs and contaminants can be picked up through contact with surfaces, soil, and shared spaces. By framing these concepts in a way that was easy for children to understand, the presentation successfully translated complex environmental health topics into practical, everyday actions.



Our Outcomes, Materials Distributed & TAG Relevance

To extend the impact of the presentation beyond the event, Chasten Gold provided educational materials to both students and teachers. A total of 20 copies of *The Day I Met Captain Fresh* were donated to participating teachers, ensuring that the lessons introduced during the event can continue to be reinforced in the classroom.

In addition, students received copies of the “Soil Detective” coloring page, an interactive learning tool designed to introduce children to the concept of environmental awareness in a fun and engaging way. The coloring activity encourages children to think about their surroundings, recognize potential sources of contamination, and understand the importance of staying clean after outdoor play. These materials serve as valuable take-home and classroom resources, helping to reinforce key messages and support ongoing learning.

Community Impact and Engagement Outcomes

The Safe and Clean Environment Day event resulted in strong engagement and positive educational outcomes. With over 450 children in attendance, the presentation successfully delivered critical health and environmental messaging to a large and diverse group of students.

Key Outcomes include:

- Increased awareness of the importance of handwashing and hygiene
- Improved understanding of how germs and environmental contaminants can spread
- Reinforcement of preventative health behaviors among children
- Expanded access to educational materials for both students and teachers

Students demonstrated high levels of enthusiasm and participation throughout the presentation, indicating strong comprehension and retention of the material. Teachers and staff expressed appreciation for the engaging format and the alignment of the content with classroom health and science education goals.



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This outreach activity directly supports the objectives of the Technical Assistance Grant by promoting environmental health awareness and empowering communities—starting with youth—to take preventative action.

The event aligns with TAG priorities by:

- Educating children on environmental exposure pathways, including soil contact and surface contamination
- Promoting simple, actionable behaviors that reduce health risks
- Providing accessible, age-appropriate educational tools
- Supporting long-term knowledge retention through classroom resources

By focusing on youth engagement, Chasten Gold is helping to build a foundation of awareness that extends into families and the broader community. Children often serve as key messengers within their households, making them an essential audience for environmental health education.

Conclusion

Chasten Gold's participation in Safe and Clean Environment Day on March 20, 2026 represents a successful and impactful youth engagement effort under the TAG program. Through a dynamic presentation, interactive storytelling, and the distribution of educational resources, the organization effectively communicated important health and environmental concepts to over 450 children.

The event highlights the value of combining literacy, education, and environmental awareness into a cohesive outreach strategy. By equipping students and teachers with the knowledge and tools to promote healthy habits, Chasten Gold continues to advance its mission of fostering informed, empowered, and resilient communities.

