



The Skillman Foundation Presents

# YAKTIVITIES FOR HELPING KIDS

## A 10-Year City Mission Reaching Out to Help Children and Families of Brightmoor

For 10 years, City Mission, Inc. has been a bright spot in the lives of hundreds of children and families who call the Brightmoor neighborhood home.

With a strong belief in developing children academically, physically and spiritually, City Mission seeks to break the cycle of poverty that can go on for generations.

This nonprofit, located at 20405 Schoolcraft, bases its efforts on firm belief in four foundational pillars: education, leadership, family and community.

By focusing on the youth of Brightmoor, City Mission hopes to foster a sense of purpose among the children so they are challenged to better themselves, their homes, their schools and their community.

Volunteering is the life-blood of the organization. Volunteer opportunities include tutoring, mentoring, a homework club, outreach programs, home repairs, family coaching, fund-raising events, fine arts and summer sports programs.

One of the main pieces of City Mission's education effort is the Mission's Tutoring Program. Tutoring happens once a week under the supervision of staff. Students focus on four areas each week: homework, reading/phonics, mathematics and basic computer skills.

The Tutoring Program is set up to increase test scores and grade levels of elementary students through individualized assessment and curriculum. The program includes one-on-one personal relationships with the same adult tutor each week. The tutoring is open both to students at the City Mission Academy and to non-Academy students.

### Other City Mission Programs.

In addition to tutoring, City mission offers programs for mentoring, strengthening



families and equipping teens for success in school and life.

**Mentoring** — The Mentoring Program provides adult mentors and a curriculum focused on life skills and character development for junior high and high school teens in Brightmoor. The Mission seeks people willing to share life skills and understanding with City Mission Academy students.

**Strengthening Families** — Through family mentoring, City Mission helps Brightmoor families find solutions to problems that threaten the stability of their home lives. The program also works to meet the needs of families in the community by providing food, clothing, furniture, appliances and referral programs, plus GED, job preparedness and financial training.

**Equipping Teens for Success** — The Leaders in Training (LIT) program provides teen graduates of the Tutoring and Mentoring programs with the support required to succeed when they face crossroads decisions in their lives. LIT works to educate participants about alternatives to drugs, gang membership and teen parenting through relationships with City Mission staff and volunteers, leadership curriculum, work opportunities and opportunities to help younger students in the Homework Club. LIT helps teens reach their potential by developing awareness, self-confidence, personal vision and job skills.

### Programs and Times

- \* City Mission Academy, K-5, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- \* Tutoring, Grades K-5, Mondays & Tuesdays, 6 p.m. -8 p.m.
- \* Mentoring, Grades 6-12, Thursdays, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- \* Homework Club, additional tutoring help, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 p.m.-p.m.
- \* Bible Study, open to the community, Fridays, 10 a.m.



If you are interested in City Mission's programs or becoming a volunteer, visit [www.city-mission.org](http://www.city-mission.org), or call 313.541.3531.

## THINK ABOUT COMMUNITY BUILDING

There are many ways to build up a community like the Brightmoor neighborhood. City Mission focuses on education, leadership and family support in its efforts to help children grow academically, physically and spiritually. Talk as a family about things that could help students and families get stronger and how that would make your community stronger. Then talk about ways families, students and organizations like City Mission could work together to build up the community. Discuss specific skills family members have that they could use to build up the community as volunteers helping others.

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