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Good Stuff About Our Grantees

On a Mission to Create City Leaders

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

City Mission - with the primary goal of breaking the cycle of generational poverty - believes in a child developing academically, physically and spiritually. ♦ The nonprofit, located at 20405 Schoolcraft, firmly stands on its belief in four foundational pillars: education, leadership, family and community. ♦ By focusing on the youth of the Brightmoor community, it hopes to foster a sense of purpose among the children so they are challenged to better themselves, their homes, their schools and their communities.

Volunteerism is the life-blood of this organization. ♦ Volunteer opportunities include tutoring, mentoring, homework club, outreach programs, home repairs, family



coaching, fund-raising events, fine arts and summer sports programs. ♦ City Mission also encourages the families in the programs to volunteer in the community. ♦ If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call City Mission's office at 313.541.3531.

One of the main parts of the educational piece of the puzzle focuses on the Mission's tutoring program. ♦ Tutoring happens once a week under the supervision of staff. ♦ Currently, there are almost 100 students and 65 volunteer tutors/mentors. ♦ Students focus on four areas each week: homework, reading/phonics, mathematics and basic computer skills. ♦ Pre-tests are given in order to determine where strengths and weaknesses lie. ♦ Post-tests measure the progress. ♦ This program's objectives are to increase academic achievement; obtain high school graduation; introduce career opportunities; develop social values and personal character; and provide volunteer opportunities for residents to positively impact their community.

Once successful students move from tutoring, mentoring is the next step. ♦ The mentoring program provides Brightmoor teens with a weekly guide or coach they can trust. ♦ This relationship affords the teen an opportunity to talk about life experiences and to map out a positive direction for his or her future. ♦ Leaders in Training offers a leadership curriculum as well as assists teens in volunteer and internship opportunities. ♦ Building self-awareness, self-confidence, vision and life skills are also included in the deal. ♦ The curriculum includes: leadership and teamwork; introduction to the world of work; job applications and resumes; job interviews videotaped and evaluated; and money management.

City Mission knows its programs are not a success unless relationships on all levels are fostered and grown. ♦ City Mission needs your support. ♦ We are all in this together.



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