

"Learning today, Leading tomorrow"



Tomorrow's Leaders

"BUILDING STRONG YOUTH RATHER THAN REPAIRING BROKEN ADULTS."

Tomorrow's Leaders mentoring program was established in 2008. Three non-profit groups agreed to join efforts to work with underserved fifth grade students in North and East Lubbock Title 1 schools. To date, we have served over 500 students. We believe that 5th grade is a critical crossroad for all students since they will enter middle school where good and bad influences will increase. We provide positive influence that encourage our students to be a force for good in bad times. Our goal is to raise scores, raise life expectations and interrupt poverty. Statistics are clear, success rates increase dramatically when young people are instructed and influenced by positive personal adult encouragement.

All TL students are referred by principals, counselors and teachers. The majority of students present with challenges such as incarcerated parent(s), single parent homes, raised by grandparents or at higher end of risk to continue the family cycle of possible incarceration, criminal behavior and addiction.

Program structure is designed for TL students to be matched with a mentor that visits their student on campus during lunch period 2-4 times per month. We average 14-16 off campus group experiential growth opportunities. These events allow us to encourage positive character building, healthy choices and resisting negative peer pressure. The importance of education is among our primary goals. Throughout the year we host various activities with Texas Tech University. TTU students from Mentor Tech offer tutoring services for our students. The TTU Athletic department also provides leadership opportunities. Beginning this year, we will open a savings account for each current student and instruct on the value of financial responsibility.

At the end of each school year, we embark on an end of year History, Science and Arts bus Tour of Washington DC and New York City for a 9 day all expenses paid life changing experience. 40 students will earn the privilege to participate based on improved behavior and academic progress. In Washington, we visit the Capitol, The White House, Smithsonian Museums, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Holocaust and The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. In NYC, we visit Ground Zero 911 Museum, Statue of Liberty, Times Square, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Central Park. In past years, we have taken in a baseball game either at the Washington Nationals, Baltimore Orioles or New York Mets ball parks.

All program funding comes from grants, businesses or private donors. Your help is greatly appreciated. For further inquiries contact Noe Brito at Hombresnobles@yahoo.com or (806) 632-9679.

Sincerely,

Tomorrow's Leaders Board