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Chicago?

# KidREACH

*Strengthening Education — Investing in Dreams*

## **A Spelling Bee Champion**

*Andrew lagged so far behind his kindergarten classmates that his mother wouldn't allow him to move up to the first grade. She enrolled Andrew in a KidREACH after-school program where he received one-on-one tutoring. With the help of his tutor, Betty, Andrew is now at the head of his first grade class.*

*KidREACH links children and adults in life-changing relationships. Many children entering the program lack positive role models and caring adults in their lives. These students often blossom academically, emotionally, and socially once they are in a mentoring relationship with a caring adult.*

*Now 6, Andrew recently won a spelling bee against students in the fifth and sixth grade. Yolanda Moore, director of the tutoring program, says, "[Andrew] is a lot more confident. He never wanted to do his homework. Now he's the first one done."*

## **Educational Obstacles**

The cycle of poor grades and limited opportunities can rob a

child of self-esteem and any hope of a satisfying future. Many factors contribute to a difficult learning environment. Expanding classroom size, insufficient school budgets, and increasing demands on teachers make it harder to meet the educational needs of all students within the regular school day.

With a growing number of single-parent families and parents working long hours to make ends meet, kids are unable to get help with schoolwork from their parents.

## **How KidREACH Works**

KidREACH matches adult tutors with children at risk of dropping out of school due to low academic achievement or behavioral struggles. Through KidREACH, World Vision supports churches in establishing after-school and Saturday tutoring and mentoring programs for children.



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Studies prove that positive adult connections in early childhood make a difference in a student's success. Although tutors focus the sessions on helping students with their school work, it is often the tutor and student relationship that offers the most growth. By providing children with friendship, help with their studies, and a positive role model, volunteers like Betty play a vital role in helping kids stay on track and encouraging their dreams for the future.

In the context of a supportive relationship, just two to four hours each week can increase a child's self-esteem, positive attitude, and academic performance. Most tutors provide academic help one to two times each week with specific subjects such as reading, writing, and math.

Hope is the motivation that keeps KidREACH volunteers going—a belief in the good things yet to come. KidREACH tutors help kids face their current challenges, discover their talents, and look toward a brighter future. Children are encouraged to reach toward their own dreams and goals. Tutors are enriched and blessed as they see the growth and improvement that their efforts bring.

## **What Is Your Vision?**

With more than 125 volunteers tutoring nearly 250 kids throughout the Chicago area, KidREACH is already making a significant impact in Chicago. But thousands of children have not yet experienced a life-changing relationship with an adult KidREACH tutor.

Join us in investing in the dreams of children. Catch the vision of helping children rise above their obstacles to find success in school and in life. Please contact us for more information on KidREACH and how you can be involved.

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