

Creating positive
CHANGE

OKLAHOMA CITY'S URBAN DISTRICTS GRADUATE ONLY 53% OF THEIR STUDENTS, COMPARED TO SUBURBAN DISTRICTS WHICH GRADUATE 80% OF THEIR STUDENTS.

74% OF OKLAHOMA'S 4TH GRADERS READ BELOW THE PROFICIENT GRADE LEVEL.

90% OF THE CHILDREN IN OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS QUALIFY FOR TITLE ONE FUNDS, OR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 OKLAHOMANS GREW UP WITHOUT THE LITERACY SKILLS THEY NEED.

EXPERTS ESTIMATE THAT LOW LITERACY COSTS THE AMERICAN ECONOMY \$225 BILLION A YEAR IN LOST PRODUCTIVITY.



COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF WHIZ KIDS OKLAHOMA IS TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF INNER-CITY YOUTH THROUGH ACADEMIC TUTORING, POSITIVE MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS COMMUNICATING SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES.

“Whiz Kids is a vital program in the life of our city... scores of inner-city children are being encouraged to read and progress in their education through the efforts of concerned mentors. Citizens from our suburban neighborhoods are interacting on a weekly basis with inner-city kids, and making a real difference.”

—Kirk Humphreys, Former OKC Mayor



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Making a
DIFFERENCE
in a child's future



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GROWTH



HOPE



FUTURE

Discover how you can change a child's life— *and fill their future with hope, love and strength.*

ABOUT WHIZ KIDS OKLAHOMA

Whiz Kids Oklahoma is a faith-based, one-on-one volunteer tutoring/mentoring program focusing on elementary age students who live in areas with some of the highest drop-out rates and lowest socioeconomic levels in Oklahoma City. Whiz Kids Oklahoma is proactive and preventative in nature, targeting inner-city schools and students who are reading below grade level and who could benefit most from a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult. A child's potential is unmeasurable but can't grow without the basic skills needed.

"As a federal judge, I send people to prison on a weekly basis. I joined Whiz Kids in hopes of being able to do something to perhaps keep a few young people from that fate. For many children, Whiz Kids is one of the few good influences in their lives."

—David L. Russell, U.S. District Judge

REWARDS ARE ENDLESS: friendship, love, making the city a better place, and reaching a child while he or she is still young and while what you do can change the trajectory of a young life.

GETTING INVOLVED

Whiz Kids Oklahoma sites are churches in each school's community that donate their facility, provide tutors and an on-site coordinator. These urban churches partner with suburban churches to provide tutors and resources. A teacher from the local school where the students attend facilitates each of our Whiz Kids Oklahoma sites and serves as an excellent resource for our volunteers.

"My tutor helps me read, and doesn't make fun of me."

*— Whiz Kids fourth grader
and Whiz Kids Tutor*

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer tutors come from every age group and walk of life—college students, engineers, housewives, attorneys, nurses, teachers and retirees. Kids have an academic, spiritual and social experience which comes from the relationship, love and friendship of a tutor. There are children on waiting lists hoping to get a tutor. Invest two hours a week—sitting with a child reading a book gives him/her new confidence when in the classroom. This is an opportunity to impact the life of a child in countless ways.

EVERYONE CAN HELP IN SOME WAY—

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Yes, I am interested in being a tutor.
- I can help financially. Make your check payable to Whiz Kids Oklahoma and mail to the address on the back panel. We are a 501 (c)(3) and your contribution is tax deductible.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE WORK PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED • TRAINING PROVIDED

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