



A L.O.V.E. Letter

From Local Outreach Volunteer Educators



www.lovementors.org

Serving Savannah Since 1995

August 7, 2014

Site Coordinators

Aldersgate/PIC: Kerri Goodrich
E. Broad: Pat Cox
Gadsden: Bill Monroe
Georgetown: Judy Bringman
Godley Station: Bob & Nancy Schmerge
Gould: Ann Tremaine
Groves HS: Dr. Lynne Schwartz
Haven: Marian Hofstein
Isle of Hope: Betsy Hines
Low: Ginny Pierce
Port Wentworth: Cassandra Clay
Pulaski: Karen Lindholm
Spencer: Nancy Boyd
West Chatham: Inez Martin

L.O.V.E. Sponsors

Asbury Memorial Methodist Church
Congregation Mickve Israel
Isle of Hope United Methodist
Messiah Lutheran Church
St. James Catholic Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Skidaway Island Baptist Church
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church
Skidaway Island United Methodist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church (Pooler)
Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island
New York Life Insurance Company
Macy's Reading Is Fundamental Program
Rotary Club of Skidaway Island
The Laura & Jeff Tremaine Foundation
The Courtney Knight Gaines Foundation
The Nancy & Fred Loe Scholarship Fund
The Lyn Stacie Getz Foundation, Inc
Walmart Corporation

L.O.V.E. Officers

Chairman – Ginny Pierce
Vice Chair – Karen Lindholm
Ex-Officio - Ann Tremaine/Marian Hofstein
Media/Publicity – Linda Boyer
Mentor Support – Laura Wehrle
Summer Camps - Bill Monroe
Secretary – Holly Kenreich
Training – Joyce Glenn
Treasurer – Dave Dawson

Notes from the Chairman - Ginny Pierce

Many of us are still enjoying vacations and traveling, but the Chatham County schools re-open on Thursday, August 7th, making us all aware that we will all be back at our chosen school very soon. Most of the schools need several weeks in order to properly evaluate and place their students in the appropriate classrooms, and want us to wait until mid to late September before we begin mentoring students. Many of you mentors are planning on working with students you met with last year, and may be able to begin sooner, but you need to have this approved by your Site Director or School coordinator.

The Summer Camp program was very successful with 43 children attending a variety of summer camp choices thanks to the hard work of Bill Monroe, Director of Summer Camps, and a team who assisted Bill in contacting families. There are still many glitches to iron out to avoid a number of students that had signed up for a camp but did not attend.

This year we sent 10 children to the Fresh Air Home Camp on Tybee Island that is a 10 day overnight camping experience, sans parents. These students had virtually never been away from home overnight except for family visits. Nine enthusiastically completed the camp stay encouraging us to proceed with providing this summer camp option.

The Summer Camp Scholarship Fund got some press in The Skinnie and the TWATL, thanks to Linda Boyer (Publicity/Media Director) who composed the article. The articles both published pictures of Bill and several children poolside at a camp, and caught the attention of many readers who responded with donations that will go directly to the Fund.

Site Directors will be able to print forms thanks to Laura Wehrle who scanned them, and I will send them to you via email. They are the School Calendar, Authorization & Consent Form, Volunteer Form, Getting to Know You, Read Naturally Chart, and Accelerated Reader instructions.

FOCUS ON

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank several volunteers that have chosen to retire from the program for various reasons. Many of you have given years to L.O.V.E. and you deserve a sincere pat on the back. Jackie & Colin Stewart moved from Barstow to E. Broad and have taken on a different project, but promise to return when time allows. Nancy Minor at Spencer, Joan DiGiorgio at Port Wentworth & Don Dadisman at West Chatham both served many years of dedication. Thanks to you all!

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Mentor Training: Friday, Sept. 12, 10 – 11:30 am
1st Friday Mentor Training: Friday, Oct. 3, 10-11:30am
Board Meeting: Site Directors Invited! Monday, October 6, 4pm
These events occur at: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church
54 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, 31411
Please RSVP: lovementorsinc@gmail.com

Kids need LOVE and L.O.V.E. needs YOU!