

A L.O.V.E. Letter

From Local Outreach Volunteer Educators



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The winter months are the longest stretch of time that we get to mentor without too many long breaks, and you have three more months to help your student improve their skills. Thanks for sharing your LOVE!

FOCUS ON: MERCER MEDICAL STUDENTS: By: Karen Lindholm, Vice Chair

Last fall, Diane Van Wagner, a Kindergarten teacher at East Broad sent the following message to the L.O.V.E. Site Director, Pat Cox: "The students who received care and attention all improved academically and likely in other immeasurable ways" Some of the mentors were Mercer Medical Students.

After starting at East Broad last year two of the mentors now third year medical students, Brian Darrith and Dane Hellwig thought they could be helpful to High School students. With the steadfast help of Dr. Lynn Schwartz they brought L.O.V.E. to Groves High School.

The science teacher reported that these mentors worked with nine to twelve at risk students with low reading levels two times a week. They provided inspiration and hope for the future and were excellent role models for these students who in turn developed a rapport with them.

Kevin Jiles and Jose Millan are currently mentoring at E. Broad and Sajal Patel, Rachel Potter & Addie Wofford are at Juliette Low.

A BIG thank you to the Mercer Medical students!

Donations: L.O.V.E. wants to acknowledge and thank the many personal sponsors who gave to our mission in 2014. **In memory of Herm Methfessel:** Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sands, Mrs. Louise Walker, Mr. & Mrs. William Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Niestroy, and Herm's daughter, Mr & Mrs. Nicola Bruno, Jr. **Summer Camp Supporters:** Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoover, Col. & Mrs. Roger Maguire, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Zaslawsky, Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Fenstermacher, and Bill's daughter Margaret Monroe and husband Eric Stahl, and matching Stahl/Monroe by Salesforce.com. **In honor of Fred Loe:** Mr. & Mrs. Steve Allaire. Thank you for your support!

L.O.V.E. has opened at Windsor Forest Elementary with experienced mentor, Cindy Telljohann as Site Director.

Support the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast: Sat. Feb 21st -7:00-11:00 a.m.

Welcome Suzanne Devlin as the new Site Director at Haven Elementary. **Welcome New Mentors:** Tom Baldacci, Mary Sommers, Bill Smith, and Donna Weitz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting: Site Directors Invited! Monday, Feb 23rd @ 4:00 p.m. **2nd Friday Mentor Training:** Friday, March 13th @ 10:00 a.m. These events will be held at: Skidaway United Methodist Church

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