



Adopt A Class FOUNDATION



Michelman Adopter team visiting Norwood View Elementary students

Annual Report 2015

Dear Friend,

Adopt A Class has a vision of a Greater Cincinnati where all students have access to caring adults who expose them to a breadth of life and career experiences so they can unleash their full potential.

We are a Greater Cincinnati organization that makes a difference with children in our own community. We connect businesses and civic groups with students in economically challenged schools using our unique approach of pairing teams with individual classrooms, what we call “adopting a class.” In the classroom, our teams of adult volunteers mentor and empower students to pursue a breadth of experiences and training to be job and career ready.

This year, we served more than 5,000 children in 26 schools throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky using this unique approach of unleashing the power of more than 4,000 volunteer mentors. We know this works.

“Above and beyond what [people] consider a mentor to be.”

-Stacey Kalous: Teacher at John G. Carlisle Elementary

As an added benefit for adopting team volunteers, this engagement fosters a culture of teamwork and increased knowledge of our community’s needs and the challenges faced by our youth.

“It takes a village to raise a child -students need people to help them in and outside the classroom for the right reasons!”

-Salli Flannery: Citi Bank Adopter at Evanston Academy & Newport Primary

This year was also a time of change for Adopt A Class’ internal operations. Katie Burroughs retired from the organization, and Julie Shifman became our new executive director. Julie is an experienced community leader who, along with existing Director of programming Sydney Prochaska, helped Adopt A Class grow by adding two new schools :Norwood View and Parker Woods Montessori. This brought our total number of schools served to 26 while also expanding our geographic footprint. We are proud to be serving the teachers and students of CPS, the Catholic Inner City Schools, Covington, Newport and Norwood districts.

None of this work could be done without our thousands of volunteers from our corporate and community groups. We are thrilled to give a shout-out to Children’s Hospital who remains our largest adopter, with 19 classes adopted all across the city! US Bank is a close second, and they are joined by more than 200 other corporate and civic groups, each making a difference in our community. This year Adopt a Class has welcomed many new ‘adopters’ including The Kroger Co., Fifth Third Bank, UC’s Provost team, Marathon Petroleum, Miller Valentine, Deloitte, Cincinnati Police Chief’s team, Chubb Insurance, GBBN Architects, Enerfab, West Chester Protective Gear, Wells Fargo Insurance, Gilman Partners, Weld Plus, KDM Pop and PNC Bank. Even with this great growth, we are always looking for more teams as we have hundreds of classrooms still open for adoption. That means thousands of students still need our help.

We are also proud to announce a new “Field Trip Fund” thanks to a lead grant from the Dater Foundation. While we strongly encourage our adopters to take their students on an educational field trip, many organizations, particularly our community groups and churches, are unable to afford trips. With our new Field Trip Fund, we now provide some of that badly needed support.

In closing, this year has been a year of transition and growth yet we have a lot more work to do to ensure every student in our community has a caring mentor capable of helping them live up to their fullest potential. We simply cannot thank you enough for your support in helping Adopt A Class and the children we serve get to where we are today.

We look forward in sharing the next part of our journey with you.

Warm regards,

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Over **230** classes adopted

Over **5,000** volunteers



18,400 volunteer hours

\$396,580 of financial benefits to schools



New Programs



Through the generous support of our partners, we are able to provide quality programming that enhances the financial literacy, health and wellness, and self-esteem building skills of the students in our program.

CCHMC Safety Awareness & Injury Prevention Kits

Provides injury prevention education boxes to present to your class. The boxes are easy to use, interactive, fun and age-appropriate. Teach your students about helmet safety or pool safety as spring and summer approach, how to discern between candy and medication, or to recognize safety hazards in the home.

CPD Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention Program

The Cincinnati Police Department prides itself on community engagement, education and collaboration. With the support of CPD, AAC provides activities to build self-esteem for our youngest students. AAC provides additional drug and alcohol education programming for our middle school students. These engaging activities give our students the tools they need to stay strong in the face of peer pressure and to make smart, life altering choices.



Teach Children to Save (TCTS)

A national program that helps young people develop a savings habit early in life. The program makes savings lessons easy to present and fun for kids. "It's never too early to start saving for the future--saving is one of the best ways to make your dreams come true." TCTS

Our Partners



Schools

Academy of World Languages	Newport Intermediate School	Sayler Park School
Bond Hill Academy	Newport Primary School	South Avondale Elementary
Carson Elementary	Norwood View Elementary	St. Francis Seraph School
Ethel M. Taylor Academy	Oyler School	St. Joseph Catholic School
Evanston Academy	Parker Woods Montessori	Westwood School
Glenn O. Swing Elementary	Pleasant Hill Academy	WH Taft Elementary
Holy Family School	Riverview East Academy	Winton Hills Academy
John G. Carlisle Elementary	Roberts Academy	
John P. Parker Elementary	Rockdale Academy	
Mt. Airy Elementary		

"I do a lot in the community, this was the single best experience in my community involvement career. So much fun!" -Aaron Hoffman, Michelman

Adopting Mentors

Name of Organization (# of classrooms adopted)

4C for Children	Cincinnati Fire Department
Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing, PLLC	Cincinnati Health Dept. School Health
American Payroll Assn.	Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (2)
Antioch FBH Church	Cincinnati Police Administration
Best Upon Request	Cincinnati Police Central Business District
Bethel Baptist Church	Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union
Bethel Cincinnati	Cincinnati Police Personal Crime CIS
Brighton Center	Cincinnati Recreation Comm. (2)
Burke & Schinder, PLL	Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
Business Backer (2)	Citi Bank (2)
CAI	Coldwell Banker Hyde Park
Center City Collisions	Collins Inkjet
Center for Independent Living Options (2)	Consolidated Metals
Centric Consulting	Cooney Faulkner Stevens, CPA
C-Forward	Cornerstone
Cheviot Savings Bank (2)	Corner Stone Insurance Broker Service Agency (2)
Childrens Hospital (19)	Covington Partners
Christ's Hospital	Crossroads Men's Group
Christ's Chapel	DAG Construction
Chubb Insurance	
Cincinnati Black Theatre Company	

Mentor Teams Continued...

“Students came with our team to UC to visit where we work and see a university up close. They enjoyed themselves immensely and hopefully, the exposure will be remembered as the students age.”

David J. Joseph	LaRosa's Corporate	Sayler Park Historical Society
Deloitte Tax LLP	Legion Logistics	School Amici
Designs Direct	Leverone and Associates	Seton High School (5)
Dewey's Pizza	Maketewah	Shoptech (2)
Duke Energy: President's Team	Marathon Petroleum	St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Duke Reality Inc.	Marriott Cincinnati at Rivercenter	St. Xavier High School (2)
E3 Local	Mayerson Academy	Steinhauser Inc.
Emery Federal Credit Union	Med-Surgical Nurses & Visiting Nurse Association	Steven Schaefer Associates Inc.
Empower Media	Merrill Lynch (3)	Student Nurses Association of the Christ College SNACC (2)
Enferab (2)	Metlife Group	Tabernacle Church
Ennis, Robert & Fischer L.P.A.	Miami University Alpha Kappa Psi (2)	The Consult Inc. (2)
Ernst & Young	Michelman	The Urology Group Business Center
Federal Home Loan Bank (2)	Miller Valentine Group	The Urology Group Surgery Center
Fifth Third (5/3) Bank	Morgan Stanely Wealth Mgmt: Rookwood	TiER1
First Financial Bank	Move Your Body Fitness	Towne Properties (2)
GBBN Architects Inc.	MSA Architects	TQL
Gerner & Kerns Co. LPA	MTCI	U.S. E.P.A.
Gilman Partners	National Marketshare Group	UC Governmental Relations and Communications
Givaudan (2)	Newport Fire Department	UC Health Psychiatry
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (2)	New Visions United Methodist Seniors' Ministry	UC Medical Center Cardiovascular Institute
Graeter's Manufacturing Co.	Nielsen (3)	UC Ohio Kappa Chapter of Pi Beta Phi (2)
Hamilton County Clerk of Courts	NKU Student Affairs	University of Cincinnati Provost
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department	NKU Mens Soccer	Union Savings Bank (3)
Harland Financial	NKU Mens Basketball	United Audit Systems Inc.
Hedgehold Capital	Patty Brisben Foundation	United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Hobsons U.S. (2)	Paycor (4)	University of Cincinnati (4)
Home City Ice	Peoples Church	US Bank (13)
Hormel	Phi Delta Kappa	USI Insurance
Hubbard Interactive	Plante Moran	US Logistics
Huntington National Bank - Crestview Hills	Platinum Marketing Group	Warsaw Federal
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati	PNC Bank	Weld Plus Inc.
Incline Public House	Police Federal Credit Union	Wells Fargo
JCPenney	Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority	Wells Fargo Insurance (2)
Jones Lang LaSalle	Postal Family Credit Union	West Chester Protective Group (2)
Junior League	Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Xavier Athletics
Junior League Sustainer Council	Total Prosource	Young Women for a Better Cincinnati
Kappa Gamma Alumnae	Red Hot Promotions	
KDM	Riverfront Kiwanis	
Keating, Muething & Klekamp	Rudemiller Family Medicine	
Kemba Credit Union	Rumpke	
Kenwood Management Team		
Keys to the Kingdom United Methodist Church		
Kroger		
Ladies Auxiliary		

Thank You!

We cannot thank both our corporate and individual sponsors enough. We have grown so much in the last decade thanks to your generosity. We look forward to the years to come!



Xavier Adopter team during a class visit at St. Claver Latin School for Boys

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Classroom Sponsors

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E3 Local	Hobsons
Emery Federal Credit Union	Home City Ice
Enerfab	Hyatt Regency
First Financial Bank	Incline Public House
Fifth Third (5/3) Bank	KDM Pop
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From all of us at Adopt A Class,
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