

- ❖ High school graduates in Texas earn over \$7,000 per year more than their peers who drop out. College graduates earn \$28,000 more.
- ❖ Since 1986, over 2.5 million students who dropped out of high school have cost Texas \$730 billion in lost tax revenues and in expenses to provide job training, welfare assistance and criminal justice enforcement.

Thousands of children drop out of high schools across greater Houston every year. Experts report that the seeds of that decision take root as early as 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Children who are involved in a school-approved mentoring relationship with an adult longer than 1 year demonstrate:

- ❖ Dramatically decreased incidents of truancy and dropping out
- ❖ Increased confidence and motivation that translates into attempting and completing university or technical college studies
- ❖ Greatly improved attitudes about others, and abilities to get along with others

Our Whole & Healthy Children Initiative plan is to minimize these costly realities by establishing the "4 M" relationships in at least 135 schools over the next 10 years. We will do so incrementally, adopting schools in 5 or more communities each year. **The impact could reach 13,500 or more elementary school children!**



## Make a difference in the life of a child!

### Fast Facts 2008 - 2009 School Year

**90%** of mentors surveyed saw improvement and progress in the academic performance and character of their children

**83%** of mentors surveyed planned to volunteer to mentor again for the 2009-2010 school year

Over **70%** of mentors surveyed were satisfied with the features of the W&HCI: specifically the training and communications from Mission Houston staff and CSA volunteer leaders

Mentors in the W&HCI are as diverse as the students they mentor; we have Anglo, Asian, Black and Latino mentors who volunteer.

*"Watching the gradual "opening up" of a young girl who was painfully shy, and seeing the trust level grow over time."*

*"Seeing his eyes when I told him I look forward to watching him walk across the stage as a HS graduate."*

*"giving of myself consistently with someone other than those in our church assembly or family"*

**Mission Houston, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, seeks to connect, unite and mobilize the Body of Christ, to pray and work for the spiritual and social transformation and revitalization of greater Houston and its communities.**

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# Whole & Healthy Children

## INITIATIVE



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## The “Whole & Healthy Children” Initiative

is a 10-year commitment to the local public elementary schools with high percentages of at-risk students by Christian volunteers from congregations and the private and public sectors, and by corporations across greater Houston. The immediate goal is to provide students and the staff in schools relationships with caring adults and young adults who enhance the educational offerings and environments of the schools. The proof of our caring will be expressed in 4 ways... what we call the “4 M’s”:

- ❖ **Mentoring:** 100 at-risk students in each adopted school will each be mentored by a trained Christian adult or young adult who spends 1 hour a week with them each week for an entire school year
- ❖ **Mobilized Prayer:** 100 Christians will pray each week and by name for the students, their families, teachers, administrators and the mentors in each adopted school
- ❖ **Makeovers:** the Christians in the community will complete an annual campus beautification and improvement project for each adopted school each year
- ❖ **Money:** the Christians in the community will raise for each adopted school \$10,000, or \$10,000 of in-kind gifts each year to supplement the school's educational programs

Mission Houston believes the pain and brokenness characteristic in most at-risk children, their family systems, and in the public schools, negatively impacts every other facet of our city's life.

But, for this same reason we also believe a concentrated focus of our spiritual, human, and financial resources on the public school sector holds tremendous promise for good in every facet of our city.

The Whole & Healthy Children Initiative is an extension of Mission Houston's leadership over the past decade in the areas of personal and community transformation across greater Houston. The Initiative applies principles of transformation in an approach that addresses the holistic needs of the students and the schools. **Mission Houston is committed both to changing the lives of a generation of children and to do so by equipping effective change-agent mentors who are changed people themselves.**

How you can help?  
 Become a **mentor!** Join a team of **intercessors!** Be a generous financial **donor!** Enlist others to work and give! Mentors are required to receive training provided by the respective School Districts, as well as training by Mission Houston.

**YES,  
 You can count on me!**

I will serve as a:

- Mentor
- Intercessor
- Donor

Name

Address

City/ST/Zip

Email

Phone

Cell

Church

- School
- Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield –Hairgrove ES
  - Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield –Bane ES
  - Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield –Lamkin ES
  - Bellaire / SW Loop –Gordon ES
  - Bellaire / SW Loop –Shearn ES
  - Missouri City/Fresno –Ridgemont ES
  - North Shore/Channelview –Cloverleaf ES
  - Spring / Klein –McDougle ES
  - West Memorial/Westheimer –Thornwood ES

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