TOGETHER CHICAGO
ONE CITY. ONE MISSION.

EDUCATION

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Mission: We help churches and other organizations adopt schools to **remove the barriers** that disrupt a quality education for over 3000 Chicagoland students.

Vision: We plan to impact over 3000 Chicago-land kids and their families, each school year.
This work will be a catalyst for lasting transformation in the city of Chicago that results in disrupting the school to prison pipeline and a reduction of violence in our city.

THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK!

Partners Donated To Meet School Needs

$41,000 donated to schools from partner orgs

We Offered Mental Health and Emotional Wellness Training

383 Adults - parents, school staff, and mentors - received training to mentor students

We Increased School Partnerships

We grew from serving 6 schools to 76 schools across Chicagoland

Youth Programing

We made measurable impact for 3201 Chicagoland youth

THE VILLAGE BEGINS WITH YOU!

Together Chicago believes the village is the launchpad for our schools and begins with us! We help our community's civic groups, businesses, and faith-based communities plug into the unique needs of schools while sowing the seeds for community transformation.

From reading buddies to rolling up our sleeves, there is no task or goal too big for the Together Chicago Village! **Join the village and envision what is possible together!**

LOVE YOUR SCHOOLS DAY

Each Spring, Chicago schools gather their village for a day of service with one goal - to make their school shine! With 200+ volunteers deployed, Love Your Schools Day has a remarkable impact on and off campus. Email **damien.howard@togetherchicago.com** to get your team involved!

SEL & MENTOR TRAINING

We offer mentor training that teaches Social Emotional Learning strategies and language for student success! This training is available for parents, school staff, and mentors. Email **damien.howard@togetherchicago.com** to get your school or organization involved!

LOVE YOUR SCHOOLS SUMMIT

Together Chicago ends each school year by convening school administrators, stakeholders, and industry experts for a must attend event. Cross-sector leaders engage in critical systems level conversations focused on innovative asset-based solutions for our school communities.

LOVE YOUR SCHOOLS CAFE

CAFE's hold the secret to engaging the entire community around a school! These events facilitate local strategic partnerships which extend our reach and expand our local impact. Community driven, the CAFE model is capacity building at its finest! Email **damien.howard@togetherchicago.com** to get your team involved!

Case Study: Doolittle Elementary School is an inner-city **PreK-8** grade school of **235 students with 100% free and reduced lunch rate.** In Partnership with Willow Creek Church, masks were donated, a staff lounge received new furniture, 7 mentors offered tutoring, 3 sensory rooms were created, and parent leadership training took place. Principal Jones' vision for her school is to staff a full time therapist for students and families.

After three years under Principal Jones' Leadership:

- The 5 Essentials (School Culture) Grade went from "not yet organized" to "organized"
- Maintained enrollment throughout the pandemic
- Principal Jones' Behavior Health Model offers emotional and mental health support throughout the entire school day
- Since starting our education initiatives with 6 schools in 2018, Together Chicago is now partnering with 76 of Chicagoland's 700+ public, district, and charter schools

GET INVOLVED

Have a special skill/talent? Youth can volunteer too! Service projects for your Eagle Scout, or Bar mitzvah/Bat mitzvah would be a natural fit! Class projects, service learning, and so many other opportunities - we are excited to hear from you!
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BECOME A HERO

The village needs heroes like you! Join us as an individual, faith community, local business, or granting foundation. Your contributions through Together Chicago are magnified to reach 4x the number of students! Be their champion and create sustainable change.
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CONNECT WITH PURPOSE

Together Chicago is calling all community members to participate in committees, virtual fundraising, employee engagement projects, and CAFEs with School and Regional Champions. Have another great idea? We would love to hear it!
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WISH LIST

Make a HUGE difference in creating a village around every school in Chicagoland! Stocking up our classrooms and providing teachers with what they need is imperative. Host a Together Chicago "Roll Up Our Sleeves to Fill the Need" drive and engage the whole office, church, or civic group!
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