



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC.

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Excited Children Eager to Learn

Our Children – Learners Today - Leaders Tomorrow



Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process. Our Mission: Meeting student educational needs as defined by the teacher through suitable and trained volunteer tutors in the local, Tri-county Title 1 public schools as determined by the Board of Directors.

In Memoriam – Tutors for Kids send sympathies to Loyola Garcia and her family for the passing of her beloved son, John. Loyola is a long-time tutor and a board member. Please accept our condolences.

It's Summertime – Many of you are off to different places and are thinking about many things except school tutoring.

But behind the scenes some of our support volunteers (numbering over 70) are already planning for next year. Here's what is happening:

- All 12 of the school principals and their administrative staff are having meetings with our Board of Directors, STCs, and SBCs.
- There are workshops planned for our new STCs and a refresher for our current STCs.
- Our training manuals are being revised including the new tutor training manual, the STC and SBC Training Manuals, the Mail Chimp Training Manual
- The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will be meeting during the summer.
- Returning tutors for the 2018–2019 school years are being entered into our database.
- Books are being ordered for distribution to our students.
- WOW!!

United Way of Lake and Sumter – will present another generous check on July 18 for \$7,500 as a quarterly distribution in support of our tutor program. This will give us a great start for next year's program. We are thankful for their unwavering support over the last three years. We have received over \$60,000 for our program which included over 40,000 books, support for our database, and partnership with Public Allies.

Summer Help Request – St Timothy's Church (where we had our tutor monthly meeting last year) has issued an urgent call for HELP. One of their priests is from Sri Lanka. He understands English words but not how they are used in a sentence or conversation. The priest is looking for speech therapist or someone with other skills that could help.

If you can help, please call the office at 352-753-0989 and ask for Pat Chaver who will give you additional information.

Our School Needs for the 2018–2019 year – We are evaluating how many tutors we need to start the new school year. In the July newsletter we will begin to inform you of what the school principals have requested for tutors and coupled with

the returning tutors will know what our needs are – Spread the Word!!

Several of you have been referring your neighbors and friends to give us a call. We thank you. We have explained to all new tutor applicants that we will be contacting them in August to let them know what schools need our help. Keep Spreading the Word!!

So thank you for talking about Tutors for Kids – we just can't commit to available schools quite yet.

Another School! A Great Story – One of our tutors, Mary Westcott, has moved out of the area to Fort McCoy. She wants to continue tutoring so approached the Ft. McCoy Elementary/Middle School. She is so committed to tutoring that she "recruited" neighbors, friends, and residents to help in the school. The school is thrilled – and Tutors for Kids "adopted" Ft. McCoy for the new school year with 12+ tutors!! Thank you, Mary!! Welcome to the new Ft. McCoy tutors!!

Friends of the Villages Library – On June 19, 2018, Carolyn Ruhe, Treasurer, and Frank Russo, Chair Emeritus, of Tutors for Kids, Inc. accepted a \$2,500 check from Marilyn Ivison, President, of the Friends of The Villages Library. The Friends are dedicated to make sure that students at Wildwood Elementary and Middle-High School have plenty of reading materials. Thanks to our new Board Chair, Eileen Honohan, this is the second year that the Friends have honored Tutors for Kids.

Other Donations – Since our last newsletter, we have received \$1,432 from friends and supporters, including \$530 in memory of John Garcia.

Sumter County School Board Email – For returning tutors in Wildwood – you should have received an email from the Sumter County School Board about the need to review/update your application profile. **It is required if you are to tutor in the fall.**

Follow the instructions in the email which we have included below in case you deleted yours.

Greetings,

You are receiving this email from the Sumter County School Board as your annual reminder to update any changed information on your volunteer application for the new school year.

You may review and update your application by visiting our webpage: www.sumter.k12.fl.us Click on Volunteer Opportunities under the Quick Links header, and make any changes necessary. Click SAVE AND NEXT. This will complete the process and your application will be applied to the new school year.

If you have forgotten your username and password, please click on the "having trouble logging in" link. Enter this same email address to request an account recovery email. (Please note: Even if you have no changes, please log in and click SAVE AND NEXT. This will update your account status.)

Contact your school volunteer coordinator with any questions. Thank you. Sumter District Schools.

Update on School Tutor Coordinators – As we reported last month we have seven new STCs in our schools.

Where is the additional need? Help is needed at the following schools for STCs: Beverly Shores (2), and an additional STC at Belleview (1), and Villages (1). Again, we ask you to think about your skills, dedication, and time – this is a critical role in our organization!! Without STCs, it doesn't happen!!

If you would be interested please send an email to: tutors@tutors4kids.org

Phone Help – Do you like to talk on the phone? Do you believe that Tutors for Kids is a worthwhile volunteer activity? If so, we can use your help. Every new tutor is screened by Glen Moyer and/or Sue Fortier. They talk about the program and gather information about potential tutors. And, they need another person or two to help. They have a phone that rotates every several weeks – they have a script to follow to ensure they get and share the info – and they have a form to fill in the info they gather. You are not tied to the phone; folks leave a message; and they return the calls.

So, if you like to talk on the phone, call 352-568-5843 for more details. Thanks so much!

Some Tutoring Tips to think about during the Summer

One of our tutors and board members, Lynn Leavitt, found an article from Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Arizona. The article contained some great tips on tutoring and techniques. Lynn has summarized it and we will print excerpts in our summer newsletter.

- **Relax and be yourself.**
You have been selected to tutor because you have the qualities that make you a positive role model for your tutee.
- **Establish rapport.**
Learn and remember your tutee's names. Be friendly and sincere in your efforts to understand your tutee as a person with unique interests and academic needs. Create an atmosphere of mutual respect and confidence.
- **Respect your tutees.**
No positive rapport can exist without mutual respect between tutor and tutee. Be non-

judgmental, accepting their personal integrity without trying to manage or change their frame of reference to suit your own value system.

- **Be sensitive to the individual needs of your tutees.**

Your tutee might be embarrassed to ask for help. Take some time to establish rapport; let the tutee know you want to be there. Learn about your tutee's special sensitivities and learning styles as well as their particular interests and talents.

Speaking of Amazon Smile – ALERT!! Remember, when you shop at Amazon – and log in using the TfK link, we receive a small portion of your purchase. Use this link to access Amazon:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-4815598>

The Tutors for Kids Facebook Page is live and in action! We're expanding our horizons and taking on Social Media. With the way times are changing, it's become more and more important for organizations like ours to be on Social Media.

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