

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

POSITIONING KIDS & FAMILIES FOR SUCCESS | AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Together, we're changing lives.

United Way's funded After-School Programs provide activities that strengthen skills such as reading, writing, math, recreation, arts, and physical activity for children in grades 1 to 12. With a focus on leadership, positive social interaction, and culture, United Way supported After-School programs provide youth with exciting new opportunities in a positive and safe environment.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

According to the latest measurement cycle (2007-2008), more Windsor-Essex County Senior Kindergarten students show vulnerability in their development in communication skills, language, cognitive development, social competence, and emotional maturity than Ontario students overall.

In 2006, the population of youth under 14 years in Windsor-Essex County was 19%.

HOW ARE YOUR DONATIONS CHANGING LIVES?

Between July 2010-April 2011, 690 youth participated free in after-school programs across Windsor-Essex County.

MAC Youth Leads, a United Way funded after-school program, identified that it would deliver their program to 50 children; 146 children attended the program in the first 9 months from July 2010 to March 2011.

REBECCA'S STORY

After-School programs have a positive impact on the participants. One such participant is an eight-year-old girl named Rebecca.

Rebecca began attending a United Way funded after-school program in December 2010. She is the youngest child in a single-parent home where her mother works every night until 6:00 pm. After attending the program for several weeks, the after-school program staff noticed that Rebecca was only attending for arts, crafts and snacks, but not for homework mentoring.

While Rebecca participated in a spelling bee, it was then that the staff realized the reason why Rebecca hadn't been attending homework mentoring. Although she was in the 3rd grade, she was reading at a kindergarten level, and was embarrassed to ask for extra help. One of the volunteers, a woman who had recently graduated from the Faculty of Education, met with Rebecca and her mother and created a plan with the support of her teacher - a plan that would provide Rebecca with additional help with reading.

The after-school program volunteer worked with Rebecca each day. Rebecca can now read a book from beginning to end. She has gained confidence and has grown both academically and socially. Rebecca attends the after-school program every day and now helps the younger children in the program.

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