



EVERY CHILD DESERVES

A ONE-ON-ONE RELATIONSHIP WITH A CARING ADULT.

A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW.

A MARKETABLE SKILL TO USE UPON GRADUATION.

A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK TO PEERS AND COMMUNITY.

A HEALTHY START AND A HEALTHY FUTURE.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

Volunteer to be a Tutor or Mentor. Volunteer to work one-on-one with a student as a tutor and/or mentor.

Sponsor a CIS Student or Family. As the holidays quickly approach, consider adopting a CIS student or family.

Donate to a Classroom. Donate pencils, notebook paper, calculators and other needed items to a classroom.

Share Your Time and Talent. Be a job shadow mentor or share your talents one-on-one with a student or classroom as a guest speaker.



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REAL LIVES. REAL CHANGES. REAL RESULTS.



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS CONNECTS YOUNGSTERS WITH THEIR POTENTIAL.

It is an intervention program that brings together youngsters who show promise and the people who can help them reach that potential. Communities in Schools (CIS) provides academic, social, environmental and economic support aimed at helping youngsters stay in school so they can achieve all that is possible for them.

Operating in all of Caldwell County's middle and high schools, CIS is a public-private partnership that depends on volunteers and financial resources from industry, government, social services, the health department, the schools and other helping agencies. One-on-one mentoring between a student and a trained volunteer is a core component of CIS and is central to its work.

Our mission is to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life.

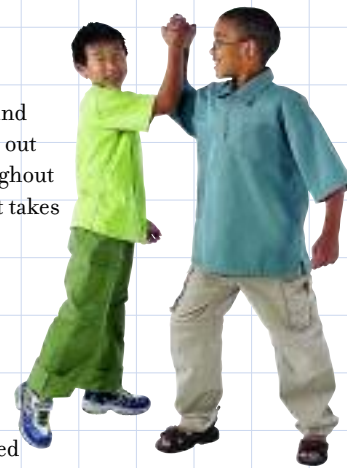


THE CHALLENGE

The numbers are everywhere. Thousands of North Carolina students drop out of school each year, and many of those end up in the juvenile courts system. Approximately 82% of prison inmates dropped out of school, and statistics show that those without a high school diploma earn substantially less throughout their lives than those who finish school. Something must be done, but schools alone cannot do it. It takes more. CIS's mission is to be part of the more.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Communities in Schools is committed to bringing together all facets of the community from parents to government to educators to businesses and individuals to make sure all students reach their potential. CIS is committed to helping students stay in school and graduate from high school prepared to enter the work force or pursue a post-secondary education. CIS supports the development of collaborative community strategies for improving the way existing programs and services serve students and families. Students' school failure is the result of multiple stresses, most often from factors outside of school. The CIS process enlists, coordinates and facilitates the delivery of already existing community resources to the school site. Within a school, CIS works with repositioned service providers and school personnel so that they function together as a team to deliver their services in a personable and accountable manner.



HAND IN HAND PROGRAM

A faith-based initiative for K-8 schools, Hand in Hand connects churches wishing to minister in the community with individual schools that can benefit from the extra support. The faith community acts as a resource, providing volunteers who give student support, encouragement, and one-on-one mentoring. Suggested projects include individual tutoring, monetary donations for student needs, support for teachers, collection of school supplies, providing snacks for a classroom or grade level and chaperoning a field trip. By both focusing on the physical needs and spiritual needs of schools' staff and students, church bodies can positively affect the community and help in shaping its future. Hand in Hand takes place at Happy Valley, Kings Creek and Whitnel Elementary Schools.

LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM

Lunch Buddies is a mentoring program that pairs a caring adult with an elementary student who needs positive recognition and individual attention. Having a Lunch Buddy can have both positive social and academic benefits for students. When a child's self-esteem is positive, he/she is more successful in school and interactions with peers and adults improve. Lunch Buddies spend one lunch hour a week with their students, eating lunch together, talking and becoming friends. You will have a relationship with a child who considers you a friend, making a positive difference in their life. There are two Lunch Buddy Programs located at West Lenoir School of Technology and Whitnel Elementary School.

JOAN ROGERS CIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Given in memory of the first CIS Director, Joan Rogers, in recognition of her love and devotion to the children of Caldwell County, the scholarship is awarded annually to a CIS student to continue their education.

