

2016-2017 Falls/Springs CRO Program Descriptions (updated 3/17)

Technology Support

Having completed the 2 year "One for All" Program at TSES which provided every student with a tablet computer for classroom use, CRO expanded technology support to other local schools. CRO increased availability of tablet computers at Six Mile (to 1:3); and provided tablet computers and a storage/recharging cabinet at the Tamassee DAR Middle School. As schools' needs have changed our focus is now on augmenting each schools' technology budget to provide gap funding for critical items such as external DVD players or specific AV equipment needed for group collaboration.

School Supplies for Teachers

Each year we work with the schools' teachers to determine the highest need for school supplies. Volunteers purchase and organize many of supplies needed by individual students at the beginning of the school year; other supplies are purchased by teachers during the year.

Emergency Needs

The Guidance Counselors at each school are provided with a bank gift card that can be used to meet the student needs that require immediate attention, such as shoes or clean clothing.

Hygiene and Drug Prevention Programs

Funding is provided for schools' hygiene needs (such as lice kits) and drug prevention programs.

Noteworthy Program Support at TSES (280 students/65-70% % poverty rate)

- **Track.** The school Principal requested matching funds for construction of a walking/running track that will enable the students to more successfully complete the federally-required President's Physical Fitness Test. The track will also be its use by the community, thereby attracting families to utilize it during non-school hours.
- **Chew the Fat Fridays and Stargirls Reading/Mentoring Programs.** Reading/mentoring programs for 5th grade boys and girls have been designed whereby CRO volunteers serve as role models for students preparing for Middle School. The cost of supplies for these programs are almost entirely funded by the volunteers.
- **Front Row – Reading & Math.** Provides diagnostic tests and individualized programs to enable intervention for the students not at achieving grade-level proficiency in either or both subjects.

Noteworthy Program Support at NEXT School Eagle Ridge MS/HS (175 students/70-75% poverty rate)

The new Charter school uses a Project Impact Learning approach and leverages technology for group collaboration and community involvement (through mentoring and tutoring opportunities). We will focus on technology support, increasing the number of CRO volunteers who are actively working on projects and will provide gap funding during their 1st year.

Noteworthy Program Support at Six Mile Elementary (500 students/60-65% poverty rate)

We will augment their technology funding to provide gap funding for critical items.

Noteworthy Program Support at Tamassee DAR School (60 students/100% students are in crisis)

DAR's mission is to support children and families in crisis through residential, educational and outreach services for the children. We will continue to fund a Grief/Loss Recovery training program for the DAR teachers. The goal is to provide enhanced tools so teachers can aid the children (individually or in group sessions) to deal with their grief/loss/trauma.

Other Noteworthy CRO Programs and Support*

- **Angel Tree** – each year residents volunteer to purchase holiday gifts for 25-30 children identified as those that might not otherwise receive needed items or a special gift.
- **Used Books and Box Top Program** – each year proceeds totaling ~\$450 from donated used books and box top collections purchase school supplies.
- **Volunteer Certification** – Volunteers self-fund the required certification process required by each school.