



Generations Homework Club: Generating Ideas, Connections and Community

One of the major issues and concerns in Richmond relates to success in school. Richmond has one of the highest poverty rates in BC with between 26 and 39% of the population and children living below the poverty line. We have worked closely with one of the local schools where this poverty rate is the highest and many children and youth are not able to access after school programs, supports and assistance. In response to this need, we have developed the Generations Homework Club: Generating Ideas, Connections and Community. This after school program provides children and youth with a unique combination of academic learning and social engagement. The club is supported through volunteers from local high schools, universities, adults and seniors. The program focus is to create a fun and engaging environment for children and youth to receive academic support through tutors, while at the same time developing meaningful and supportive relationships between generations.

The Homework Club provides bi-weekly tutoring sessions for children in core subjects like math, language, science and reading. We utilize the energy and support of high school students to tutor elementary aged children. These tutors receive the support of adult volunteers recruited through universities, retired teachers and other adult professionals to ensure that children are receiving the support that they require. All volunteers undergo tutor training programs, receive ongoing mentorship through debriefing sessions and collect certificates upon completion of each level of training.

Tutoring takes the form of one to one support, reading groups, supported computer and learning software program use (learning game technology) and learning based activities and games. In addition to the tutorial aspect of the club, the program also makes sure that children and youth enjoy participating by regularly scheduling fun events and workshops that provide them with additional skills and knowledge. These include workshops on such topics as computer based design, cooking and nutrition, self defence and other activities that engage the youth and team learning with a fun and holistic perspective. We also have regular guests come in to talk to the children about their future goals and tie-in how the core subjects play a part in their future success. We know that children and youth need help with academic issues, but we also strive to make sure that they are engaged, find it relevant and are able to make new friends and develop much needed relationships with others in their community.

The budget needs for the program cover supplies for the kids participating—including snacks and drinks to ensure no one is studying on an empty stomach, resources for the tutors, learning software for computers, books for reading groups, games and athletic equipment, honorariums for volunteers involved in key roles, costs related to the space required to deliver the program, transportation costs for our shuttle service and staff time to supervise and coordinate the volunteers and the program.



Generations Homework Club: Generating Ideas, Connections and Community Sponsorship Form

Sponsoring the Generations Homework Club means supporting youth to make a difference in their community and supporting young children toward their future success. Currently we are running one Homework Club with the help of numerous youth and adult volunteers in support of a local elementary school. The response has been so enthusiastic on the part of the teachers, parents, volunteers and children participating, that the club is bursting at the seams. Word has gotten out about how fun the club is and the difference it makes for the kids participating. Now demand is being voiced by teachers and counselors at other elementary schools throughout the city who would like us to open up clubs in their neighbourhoods. With your help, we can make a difference in the lives of our children and youth, and help them develop into successful adults.

Youth are 20% of our population but 100% of our future.

Contact: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____

I would like to . . .

- Sponsor a child for _____ month(s) at \$100/month = _____
- Sponsor _____ child(ren) for the school year at \$1000/child = _____
- Sponsor a Generations Homework Club for a local school = \$15,000
- Donate the following item(s) in support of the Generations Homework Club

Item(s) donated have a market value of \$ _____

* In-kind donations are applied to sponsorship levels at retail value.

Please contact me with further information as I would like to . . .

- Provide space in the vicinity of an elementary school where a Generations Homework Club can operate
- Volunteer as a tutor/mentor
- Volunteer as a Generations Homework Club supervisor

Please fax this form to (604) 271-7626.

Any questions can be directed to Angela Chan at (604) 271-7600 ext. 111.

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