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OUR MISSION

C24/7 is a non-profit organization dedicated, through the power of Jesus Christ, to improving the lives of children and young adults in the North of Howard neighborhood by providing the necessary tools, security, and environment they need to thrive academically, economically, socially, and spiritually.

OUR VISION

To provide hope and a path to resurrection to the children and other citizens of impoverished communities.



We are delighted that you are considering C24/7 as your charity partner and a referral source for Volunteer Engagement projects. We understand your time is precious, and we are honored that you will spend it with us.



C247: Father's Arms Ministries heavily depend on Partners like YOU to assist with our daily operations, so we can better help youth and families in crisis. Volunteers at C24/7 do everything from:

- Serving as Mentors
- Tutors
- Serving on our Young Professionals Associate Board
- Preparing and Serving Meals for the Youth
- Life Skills Coaching
- Chaperoning Cultural Enrichment Outings
- Assisting with Art Projects
- Organizing Fundraising Special Events
- Assisting with our Holiday Toy and Coat Drive



OUR IMPACT

Our deepest aspiration is for our youth to exit our program with a profound sense of purpose and a higher calling that transcends what the world has to offer. C24/7 desires to invest in our students mental, emotional, spiritual, physical and educational health. This is why we include homework time, Bible Study and dinner every program day.



After-school Program

The C24/7 After-school Program provides opportunities for elementary and high school students, often forgotten or ignored by other local programs, helping them learn, grow, and thrive in and out of the classroom. We build relationships with students and their families, serve their immediate needs in the form of food, childcare, clothes, and supplies, then walk with them on their way to becoming empowered individuals.

Job Development Program

Many of our students are justice involved, having spent time in jail/prison, a gang, or both, and face a severe lack of opportunity. C24/7's Job Development Program, entitled "Dreams, Visions, Work", provides spiritual support and job training in order to connect men and women to work that taps into their unique skills and purpose. We do this through building relationships with local businesses, and in some instances, subsidized job placement.

Community Outreach

Because we live and spend so much time in the community, we are always aware of the needs of our neighbors. Most services and programs in our community don't get to know the individuals they are serving, and fewer put in time to build valuable relationships. Strong relationships lead to strong changes. We provide weekly men's and women's Bible studies, one-on-one counseling sessions, and street ministry to help our neighbors in the midst of gang activity, violence, drug use, and more. We also hold a monthly food pantry that serves thousands of people per year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MENTOR A YOUTH

Positive youth development research has long demonstrated that youth benefit from close, caring relationships with adults who serve as positive role models (Jekielek, Moore, & Hair, 2002). Today, 8.5 million youth continue to lack supportive, sustained relationships with caring adults (Cavell, DuBois, Karcher, Keller, & Rhodes, 2009).

Mentoring—which matches youth or “mentees” with responsible, caring “mentors,” usually adults—has been growing in popularity as both a prevention and intervention strategy over the past decades. Mentoring provides youth with mentors who can develop an emotional bond with the mentee, have greater experience than the mentee, and can provide support, guidance, and opportunities to help youth succeed in life and meet their goals (DuBois and Karcher, 2005). Mentoring relationships can be formal or informal with substantial variation, but the essential components include creating caring, empathetic, consistent, and long-lasting relationships, often with some combination of role modeling, teaching, and advising.

BECOME A TUTOR

OUR TUTORING PROGRAM

C24/7 Tutoring Program helps elementary school students with school homework and extra reading, writing, and arithmetic throughout the year. Most of the children in the program attend Gale Community Academy. Some of the children are referred by teachers at Gayle, but most hear about the program from friends. We develop the children's basic reading and math skills, supplement their classroom activities, and try to help create a safe community.



Reading

Our greatest emphasis is reading since it is the foundation of all education. To develop reading skills, we utilize a variety of materials, including worksheets, basal readers, and graded picture books that encourage discussion between tutors and students. Tutors also focus on reading skills as they help with social studies and science homework, and students are encouraged to make use of the library's resources and report on books there.

Writing

We encourage students to write and/or draw in almost every session. The children enthusiastically write stories for social media or shared and/or posted throughout the facility. The stories and artwork have become a source of pride for not only the students, but also their parents and schoolteachers.

Success

The Founders of the program have had over 10 years of experience, and we have observed children showing significant gains in schoolwork, basic skills, self-confidence, and attitudes toward their studies.

Volunteer tutors are always needed. Please contact us for more information on how to help, or consider donating to support our work with Chicago's youth.

JOIN OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATES BOARD



Join the C24/7 Associate Board and build strong ties with other emerging leaders while making a meaningful impact in the lives of youth enrolled in our programs. We are looking for individuals who can commit their talents, time, and relationships to the mission. By providing leadership opportunities through fundraising, volunteerism, and networking, members of the Associate Board are connected to the mission of C24/7 and demonstrate your commitment to assisting young people in need. The Young Professionals Associate Board members are ambassadors in their community. Engaging with the C24/7 mission through volunteer activity, fostering philanthropic connections, fundraising events, and inspiring others to make an impact for a wonderful cause.

We are looking for dedicated professionals (early- to mid-career: 25-40 years old) to help advance our mission to inspire young people to be strong, smart, and bold. The purpose of the C24/7 Young Professionals Associate Board is to contribute to the mentorship and tutoring efforts of our organization and enhance awareness about our work in Rogers Park.

HELP FEED OUR YOUTH

We Care About Our Kids!

For our children to grow, dream, and thrive, their basic needs must be met. Children facing hunger are 22% more likely to become obese than those who do not face food insecurity. To combat this serious issue, we daily prepare healthy meals and snacks to youth who attend our programs. C24/7 Health and Wellness program provides nutritious meals and nutrition education, and helps children cultivate healthy lifestyles. C24/7 also provides a safe place for children to practice physical fitness and enjoy the outdoors through field trips.



Our mission is simple: We provide nourishing food to food insecure school children daily through our After-School and Out-of-School Program throughout the year. How we execute this mission takes many hands and a great deal of generosity. C24/7 Food and Nutrition program primarily runs on volunteers who through their generosity provide us with the resources to feed 65 Youth Snacks and a Warm Meal. Our donors, sponsors and partners have made this work possible with their donations and grants.

Want to help?

No gift is too small! Even if you can't "adopt-a-student", we welcome and appreciate all individual contributions. Please donate through our website to help. You can also sign up on our page to give monthly through automatic withdrawal.

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WE WANT YOU AS A PARTNER



An investment in our youth is an investment in Chicago's North of Howard children's future. Help us provide After-School and Summer Program opportunities for Chicago adolescents and teens each year, enabling them to explore new interests, develop critical skills, and in some cases, earn stipends while they do so.

Every donor Matters! Ways To Support C24/7: Father's Arms Ministries:



Give Online or by Mail

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Online at: www.c247fam.org/donate/



Host A Back-To-School Supply Drive

Serve as a Sponsor for Backpacks and Supplies. Please contact: Natalie Crockett via email at natalie@c247fam.org.



Sponsor After-School Snacks

Please contact: Natalie Crockett via email at natalie@c247fam.org to learn more.



In-Kind Giving

C24/7 regularly seeks donations of items for our fundraising and Holiday events for our Youth. To learn more, email: natalie@c247fam.org



Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

For further information, please to reach out to Natalie Crockett at natalie@c247fam.org.



Other Ways Support C24/7

- Explore our programs and/or participate in an instructor-led workshop.
- Educate yourself – dedicate time to learn more about Social Emotional Learning and effective strategies.
- Volunteer – offer your time and skills to assist C24/7 in enhancing our community's response.
- Advocate – use your voice to push for increased funding and emphasize the importance of academic learning as a solution to achievement.



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We deeply appreciate your interest in our mission. Your support—whether through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word—makes a big difference. Together, we can create a brighter future for our youth. Thank you for being part of our community and your commitment to positive change.