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Street School Results 2009 – 2010 Report Card

During the 2009 – 2010 school year, Street School continued to provide a youth services program focused on the high school student dropout problem with a non-traditional approach to education and counseling. At the core of our program was therapeutic counseling and individualized instruction along with mentoring by both

volunteers and staff. Street School continues as a critical youth services program because the need to save youth from the tragic consequences of dropping out of school is too great and too important. We are proud to share with you Street School's 2009 – 2010 "report card."

Street School continued to generate significant results:

Youth Received a Second Chance

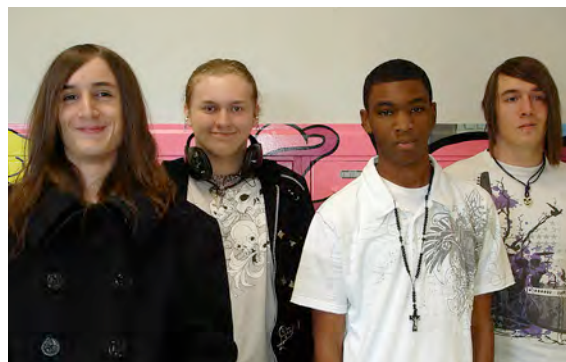
- 127 teens, ages 14 to 19, enrolled in Street School rather than dropping out of school
- 10 teachers educated approximately 90 students daily
- Grade point averages increased by 2 letter grades
- Percentage of classes passed increased from 55% to 90%
- Attendance improved by 54%

Students Graduated

- 28 out of 31 students graduated – 90%
- 23 graduates enrolled in college – 82%; 4 gained employment, and 1 was accepted into Tulsa Technology Center

Teens Counseled

- 6 counselors provided individual, group, and family counseling
- Youth participated in substance abuse, anger management, and team building counseling
- 82% of 109 surveyed students reported getting along better with their family members since entering Street School



Outstanding students with perfect attendance from left to right: Damion Werner, Travis McCoy, Jay Fortenberry, and Stephen Cox.

- 96% of 109 surveyed students reported that they plan to work after they graduate
- 100% of 109 surveyed students reported getting along better with their school peers
- 100% of 109 surveyed students reported that they would recommend Street School to other teenagers
- 100% of 109 surveyed students reported that Street School had a positive effect on their lives

Real World Education – The World Is Our Classroom

- 12 students traveled to Washington D.C. for an educational field trip
- 15 teens participated in Wilderness Adventures group

- 27 seniors participated in the Student Internship program with host companies
- 16 students participated in a glass blowing class once a week for 21 weeks
- 59 students volunteered through our Service Learning programs
- Over 300 field trips were taken

Youth Mentored

- 40 students met weekly with their 32 mentors

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Street School is a tuition-free, non-profit alternative school of choice and therapeutic counseling program for students in 9th – 12th grade.

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AP Studio Art Class

A FIRST AT STREET SCHOOL

The new AP Studio Art class is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of art. AP Studio Art is not based on a written exam; instead, students submit three portfolios (2-D Design, 3-D Design, and Drawing) for evaluation at the end of the school year.

Students are excited about this new opportunity. Brandon said, "Art is cool!" Lauren said, "My goal is to use my portfolio to help me get into college." And Hannah said, "I have so many thoughts that art helps me express."

As part of the AP Studio Art Program, Street School art teacher Laura Abbott has taken students on a variety of field trips to see and learn about art, as well as meet the artists themselves. Trips included meeting Nancy Carlson with Tulsa Artist Coalition Gallery, touring Royce Myers Art Limited, seeing the movie *Basquiat: the Radiant Child*, touring Tulsa University's Alexandre Hogue Gallery, taking in the Summer Arts Institute Exhibit at the Gilcrease Museum, and going

to the Philbrook Museum for extended art education.

At the end of the school year, students submit a portfolio of 29 works, which will be judged and scored by a panel of three to seven college, university, and secondary school art instructors using rigorous standards. This College Board program provides the only national standard for performance in the visual arts that allows students to earn college credit while still in high school. The AP Program is based on the premise that college-level material can be taught successfully to secondary school students.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,600 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Among its best-known programs is the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®).



Art students pictured left to right: Ashleigh Reyes, Hannah McCage, Lauren Doyle, and Brandon Lovett.

Teen Recovery Day

Street School students participated in Teen Recovery Day at Tulsa Community College where they learned about addiction and recovery from drug and alcohol use. The event targeted teens to educate them that recovery is an option that can change their life and provide hope in their future. Students heard from their peers who shared their personal stories of addiction and recovery. They participated in small group discussions related to solutions for recovery, creative art expression, physical activities, and living a chemical-free life.

Justin, a Street School student, said, "It was a really good thing for kids who need it; especially those who realize they have a problem. It gave kids insight into what they shouldn't be doing."

Teen Recovery Day was sponsored by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration), Oklahoma City Sober School, Tulsa Community College, Parents Helping Parents, and the Association of Recover Schools.

“Should Have Done It Long Ago”

I've put off my estate planning for the same reason most people have. I'm never going to die. Or so it seems when one finds themselves middle aged, one kid just about to graduate college and another eight years away. If we deny our mortality then it will never come. Right?

Having witnessed a family feud over an unplanned estate and the untimely death of their parents, I can say that NOT planning for death can be a curse on your children. Therefore, I am so pleased I had the opportunity to meet with The Advancement Group. They made it possible for me to plan my estate and meet my personal and philanthropic goals.



The paperwork was a cinch. I got through it in 10 minutes. And Mark Loeber of The Advancement Group was so easy to talk to. He had to ask me some deeply private issues but did it in a personal, caring and confidential manner.

Mr. Loeber made me feel like I was his only client. For our one hour meeting, there were no interruptions, no ringing phones. I was his only

priority. And he regularly paraphrased the information I provided back to me to be sure it was exactly right.

Now that it's over, I can say that estate planning is like getting a shot. Nobody thinks they're going to need it and we all dread the sting of the needle. But now that it's over, I can say that I'm

sorry I didn't do it long ago. It was so necessary and important.

As a teenager, Street School came to my rescue when I was most vulnerable. And it is among my highest priorities that Street School remain strong long after I'm gone so it can continue rescuing children who otherwise would find themselves unemployable, in prison or worse. I am so glad that The Advancement Group made my estate planning and planned giving to Street School so simple and straightforward.

Dr. Johnathan M. Marlow

To meet with Mark Loeber and take advantage of Street School's free estate planning services, please call David Urich, Street School Development Director at 833-9813.

I am Thankful...



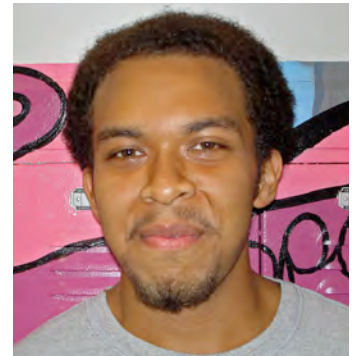
Janea Beene said, "I am thankful for Street School because not only did they save my life, they gave me hope and the courage to make it through life."



AnTeeshia Issac said, "I am thankful for Street School because of the staff. They have made me a better person because they care more about my future than I did. I will be the first in my family to graduate thanks to Street School."



Shelbi Folds said, "I am thankful for Street School because it has given me opportunities. Once I came here, I actually wanted to graduate."



Darrell Walker said, "I am thankful for Street School because it has inspired me to challenge myself and develop the 'want.' Because of Street School, I now want to go to school and be an even greater me."

Street School – Our Mission

Street School, Inc. is a tuition-free, non-profit, alternative high school and therapeutic counseling program whose mission is to create a supportive community for students who have chosen to continue their education in a non-traditional setting. Our comprehensive and individualized dropout prevention, intervention and recovery services enable students to grow towards their own potential and become responsible and productive adults.

STUDENT PROFILE

meet brittany!

Meet Brittany Tilley, a Street School senior who is excited about graduating next May. Brittany chose Street School three years ago and never looked back. Brittany said, "The people at Street School turn a bad day into a good day. I don't have a desire to skip, and the teachers are behind you 100%."



When Brittany was 15 years old and enrolled at Webster High School, she quickly discovered it wasn't the right place for her. Turned off by the large classes, hundreds of students, and social clicks, she began skipping classes. When she did attend, she would get into fights defending her friends when they were picked on. She finally quit school and ran away from home.

After her father brought her back home and she gave home-schooling a try, her grandmother suggested she take a look at Street School. Brittany said, "I went to the Street School orientation and gave Wilton [school intake counselor] a hard time and bad attitude, but he saw something in me and gave me a second chance."

Three years later, Brittany has made great strides. She is a straight 'A' student, and has spoken on behalf of Street School to both the Oklahoma Secretary of State and Tulsa's Mayor. She participated in glass blowing classes at the Tulsa Glass Blowing Studio, and while interning at a mortuary, she was inspired to become a mortician.

When asked what she likes most about Street School, Brittany said, "The staff, because no matter what they will always try and help you. They go out of their way to help you understand issues."

Thanking You at Thanksgiving

Street School's 29th Annual "family" Thanksgiving luncheon was held Tuesday, November 23 at Street School. "This tradition brings together students, their families, volunteers, and supporters. It's a celebration of our program's success," said Howard Doak, with Cityscape Home Mortgage, Thanksgiving luncheon chair, and Street School board member.

Thanks to the generous donations from Street School board members, board of advocates, staff, and Lise and Tim Inman with the Stonehorse Café, guests were served a free Thanksgiving meal. This tradition is an example of how Street School is much more than a school – it is family.

2009 Thanksgiving volunteers pictured left to right: Elizabeth Frame Ellison, Howard Doak, Mayor Kathy Taylor, Susan Thomas, and Tom Cobb.



Students Mentor Remington Elementary

Students in Kim Camp's leadership classes mentored students at Remington Elementary school through a partnership with Camp Fire USA. They met Tuesdays and Thursdays during the six-week class.



Pictured left to right: Juanita Garcia, Shelbi Folds, Brittney Ohmart, Preston Lewis, and Kelly Moulton.

A foundation of trust and respect between Street School and Remington students was created through a variety of ice breaker activities. Street School students built strong bonds with their "buddies" so everyone felt like they belonged. Leadership class students guided, taught, and supervised the elementary students while working side-by-side.

The morning leadership class teamed with 48 students from two fourth grade classes. They built bird houses, created signs for the school's hiking trails, and made stepping stones. The afternoon leadership class worked with a fifth grade class of 30 students. The fifth graders studied several Native American tribes by researching the types of homes the tribes lived in, and together they gathered supplies to create replicas.

Service learning is important because it connects students to their community. It helps students make real life decisions that have real outcomes and consequences. Service learning helps students grow as individuals, gain respect for others, and increases civic responsibility. This program teaches lifelong lessons as students develop into leaders who work as a team, take initiative, and solve problems through helping others.

Street School Chosen as Tulsa Charity Fight Night XX Beneficiary



Tulsa Charity Fight Night, Inc. president, Mary O'Connor, and the beneficiary selection committee chose Street School as the charitable benefactor of the 20th Annual Tulsa Charity Fight Night set for May 5, 2011.

"The goal of Tulsa Charity Fight Night beneficiary selection committee is to fill a significant charitable need in the Tulsa community," said O'Connor, of the annual black-tie boxing event founded by Ray H. Siegfried and NORDAM. "Street School presented a great opportunity for Tulsa Charity Fight Night to help in its facility renovation, which will serve a worthwhile and underserved population of Tulsa youth."

Proceeds from the annual Tulsa Charity Fight Night (TCFN) will help to fund the creation of a new fully

functional school kitchen and nutrition education classroom including culinary student training.

"Street School is excited to be the beneficiary of Tulsa Charity Fight Night. Proceeds will be used to expand our program enabling us to better serve our students and meet their educational and vocational needs," said Lori McGinnis-Madland, Street School executive director. "Tulsa is very fortunate to have the Siegfried family and The NORDAM Group who have such a strong tradition of giving."

Tulsa Charity Fight Night has a 20 year history of providing a quality one-of-a-kind black-tie boxing event with proceeds benefiting local charitable organizations. As one of the most popular events in the city it has sold out year after year and over \$1 million

has been raised to benefit local Tulsa charities. Boxing celebrities as Muhammad Ali, "Smokin" Joe Frazier, and Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini are previous boxing personalities who have attended the event.

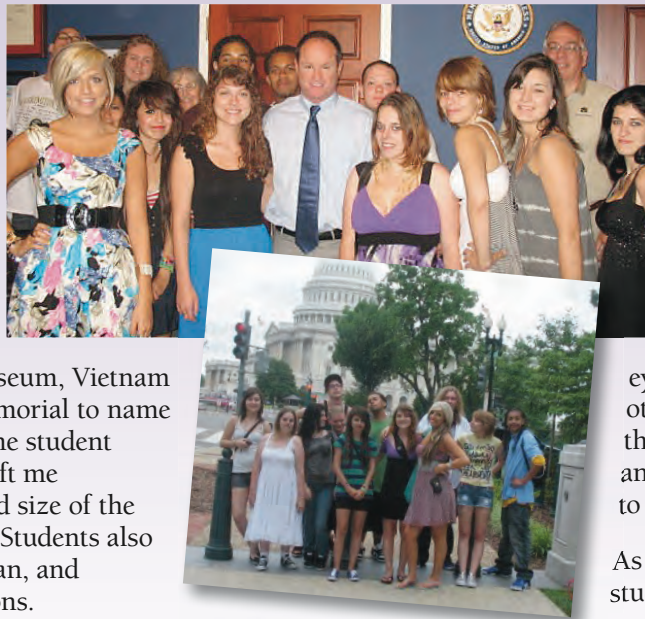
This year's event will be held May 5, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza, downtown Tulsa. Individuals interested in attending Tulsa Charity Fight Night may call Mary O'Connor, (918) 401-5756 or go to www.tulsacharityfightnight.com for more information.

Mr. Livingood's Class Goes to Washington

Many sincere thank yous go out to the Hille Foundation and ONEOK, Inc. for their generosity! Through their grants, 12 students and three chaperones took a five day field trip to our nation's capitol in June.

Students in Matt Livingood's social studies class experienced government first hand, which is all part of Street School's approach to learning called *The World is Our Classroom*. Students visited the White House, Supreme Court, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Vietnam Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial to name a few important landmarks. One student said, "The Lincoln Memorial left me speechless. The importance and size of the memorial was overwhelming." Students also met Representative John Sullivan, and shared with him their aspirations. Representative Sullivan educated students on the duties of a representative, and he arranged a tour of the United States Capitol building. The students stood in awe as

they entered the Capitol Rotunda, where they saw famous works such as the painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They had the opportunity see a House floor proceeding and watch the Representatives debate and vote.



For many of the students, this trip gave them their first experience on an airplane, on a subway, in a taxi, and traveling to another state among other things. It was also a cultural eye opener as students met others and commented about the people they interacted with and how different things seemed to be away from Tulsa.

As the trip came to a close, all students expressed their eagerness to return home to learn

more about their government and the nation's capitol. Thank you to all the persons who made this trip a reality for our students.

Day of Caring Builds Relationships

Students spent United Way's Day of Caring not in their classes, but working together and sharing with volunteers from Williams. The volunteers and students did a variety of things including landscaping, playing pool, volleyball, ping-pong, flying kites, and making clay pieces of art. This special day fits perfectly into Street School's *The World Is Our Classroom* program where students learn and grow through community programs and service learning projects.

Max Bruner, Street School student said, "The Day of Caring was a day where we could all come together as one and do things for our school, and ourselves."

Rhonda Smedley, Senior Accountant, made clay sculptures with students, and said, "The Day of Caring was not only a fun day for me but a great learning experience as well." Melissa Kettler, also with Williams said, "The school was amazing and the kids were inspiring. It is obvious that the teachers truly care about the students and want them to succeed."

Street School executive director Lori McGinnis-Madland said, "The Day of Caring and volunteers from Williams are invaluable! Our students spend time with caring adults, and see them giving their time to help make our school even better."



Maria Hernandez & Alyssa Nelson with Williams



Art class: Student Mallory Scaper & Rhonda Smedley with Williams



Spanish class: Student Lauren Doyle & Melissa Kettler with Williams



Shown left to right: Erin Harris and April Axsom with Williams



Your Support Makes School Safer

Thanks to a grant from Children Medical Charities Association, Street School will now have a safe place for its student transportation vehicles, which are used for student field trips, service learning projects, and community outreach and education.

This 12' fence with a sliding gate will be constructed across our employee parking lot between our south wing and the school's gym. The fence will provide added security for Street School's four student transportation vehicles – two midsize buses and two vans.

Children's Medical Charities Association's (CMCA) mission is to "help kids get better." CMCA does

this by supporting non-profit charitable organizations located in the Tulsa area that provide healthcare, welfare, and educational services benefiting children 18 years of age and younger. Members of the Association raise funds granted by

selling new and gently used household goods and clothing at the upscale resale shop located at 1125 S. Utica Ave., (918) 579-1122. Since the

inception of the organization in 2005, the CMCA has given over \$500,000 in grants to Tulsa agencies. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



SAVE THE DATE

STREET PARTY 2011

A NIGHT OF GLEE

Saturday, April 2

BENEFITING STREET SCHOOL

7:00 P.M.

TULSA CONVENTION CENTER BALLROOM
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www.streetschool.org or 918-833-9813.

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Mentors Mean So Much

“My mentor changed my life for good. She got me further than I thought I would because she told me I could. Without that helping hand, I wouldn’t be where I am,” said Brooke Lee about her mentor. Each year Street School holds a mentor orientation and luncheon where volunteers learn the ropes about being a mentor. Students also meet their mentors and make plans for the coming year.



Street School student Brooke Lee & mentor Marie Turley

You too can be a positive influence in a student’s life by calling Lorraine at 833-9812. Volunteers who serve as mentors play a significant role in a young person’s life by spending one hour a week with their mentee/

student. A Street School mentor is a trusted person who cares, listens, and is influential as a positive role model; someone who plays a significant role in a young person’s life by spending quality time together; a person who is not a surrogate parent, but rather a friend who is modeling leadership and community involvement with a positive attitude.



Mentors class of 2011 at the annual mentor orientation luncheon.

Make Your Year-end Gift and Make a Difference!

Q: What’s the price of helping teens once at risk of dropping out of school graduate and become contributing members of our community?

A: Priceless when you consider the consequences youth face when they drop out of school.

The decision to drop out is a dangerous one for the student. Dropouts are much more likely than their peers who graduate to be unemployed, living in poverty, receiving public assistance, in prison, on death row, unhealthy, divorced, and single parents with

children who drop out from high school themselves. And from the U.S. Census, we also know that high school dropouts account for 71% of Oklahoma’s jail population, and that 28% or nearly 21,000 people in Tulsa’s Metropolitan Statistical Area ages 18 – 24 did not graduate from high school.

Street School’s “Report Card” reflects our success (see front cover). For example, 90% of seniors graduated, and 82% enrolled in college. Street School’s comprehensive and individualized services enable students to become responsible and

productive citizens. Our program focuses on helping students build healthy life skills, as well as, good work habits.

Please continue your partnership with us. Each school year, both staff and volunteers work to raise the funds needed to continue our program. For this school-year, we must raise \$437,239. Please consider making a gift to Street School. You can do so by calling 833-9813, visiting our website at www.streetschool.org, or mailing your gift to Street School at 1135 S Yale Avenue, Tulsa OK 74112. *Thank you!*



Your friends await the pleasure of your company at the

Winter Wine Party

benefiting Street School

Please join us and enjoy fine wine, as well as food provided by PF Chang's China Bistro.

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 5, 2010

320 South Boston Avenue Building, 21st Floor

\$50 per guest

Holiday casual attire. Space limited to first 125 guests.

Make reservations and RSVP to 833-9813 or urichda@tulaschools.org or visit www.streetschool.org. Fair market value is \$30 per participating patron.

Checks payable to Street School, 1135 S Yale Ave, Tulsa OK 74112

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

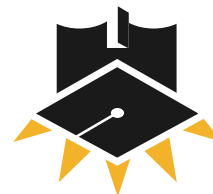
- Street School Thanksgiving Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 24 – 26
- Winter Wine Party Dec. 5
- Winter Break Dec. 20 – 31
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan. 17
- President's Day Feb. 21
- Spring Break March 14 – 18
- Street Party April 2
- Senior Graduation June 2
- Last Day of Classes June 3
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