# GIVE – Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education 2014-2015 Tutoring Program

### **Parent/Student Information Sheet**

#### What is GIVE?

Working towards the mission of "promoting youth leadership through projects that improve the quality of life in the community", GIVE is a community organization founded and run by high school students that organizes and coordinates a free tutoring program providing academic assistance to elementary school students.

#### Goals

Our primary goal is for your child to be successful in school. We aim to instill confidence and improvement in his/her academic achievements throughout the year, as well as help him/her become a better member in the community.

### How does GIVE's Free Tutoring Program work?

We focus on building peer relationships by pairing high schools tutors with elementary school children for individualized tutoring every weekend. Lessons are tailored to the needs of each individual student and progress is tracked throughout the year through report cards, progress logs and assessment of grades. We also provide valuable lessons twice a week on becoming a better community member, by teaching the students about life skills and ideas.

### **Commitments and Responsibilities**

<u>Attendance</u>– Please try to attend tutoring every week. If there is a conflict on any given day, please give us notice at least 24 hours in advance by phone or email.

<u>Come prepared</u> – Please make sure your child comes to tutoring every week with learning materials (homework, assignments, projects, books, pencils, etc.). We recommend that you go to the public library frequently and bring 2-3 books that your child is interested in and would like to read. We will also be in contact with your child's teacher to seek additional resources and learning supplements and to try to gain feedback from them.

<u>Stay engaged</u> – As the parent, you will be responsible for indicating what your child needs help on each week and following through with the assignments given by the tutor. Please attend mandatory monthly meetings with your child's tutor. We also strongly encourage becoming a parent volunteer.

<u>Make a sincere effort</u> – We ask that both you and your child make a sincere effort to improve his/her academic standing throughout the year through positive reinforcement, encouragement and an attitude of perseverance and patience.

<u>Tracking progress</u> – We hope to keep a profile for all students, consisting of scanned report cards, the parent/tutor log, questionnaire, and any additional documents if needed. Please bring a copy of your child's report card at the end of every quarter, so that it can be scanned and profiled. The log will be filled out by tutors to record what students accomplished during the session and need to do at home. We will use these as a means to track your child's progress and ultimately give awards for improvement at the end of the year.

<u>Picking up</u> – Please contact us in advance if you will have trouble picking up your child on time, so that we can ensure we have a center manager or director staying after with him/her.

### How you can help

Volunteer with GIVE! We are in need of parents who can help with the following – supervising tutoring sessions, coordinating and bringing snacks, fundraising and serving as a community liaison. If you are interested in any of those positions, please talk to a GIVE director and check the respective box on your registration form.

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### **Location and Contacts**

Location	Address	Day	Time	Director and Phone
				Email: chantilly.center@giveyouth.org
Chantilly	4000 Stringfellow Rd,	Saturday	2:00-4:00 pm	Center Managers:
Regional	Chantilly VA, 20151		_	Amir Refai- (571)435-2790
Library				Ruhee Shah- (703)678-1126
				Assistant Center Manger:
				Adarsh Kulkarni- (703)963-3982

### 2014-2015 Calendar

### **NOVEMBER:**

 1: Orientation (2-2:30) and First Class (2:30-4)
 MARCH:

 8: Class
 7: Class

 15: Class
 14: Class

 22: Class
 21: Class

29: Holiday – No Tutoring – Thanksgiving 28: Holiday – No Tutoring – Spring Break

### **DECEMBER:**

6: Class APRIL:

13: Class 4: Holiday – No Tutoring – Spring Break

20: Class 11: Class

27: Holiday – No Tutoring – Winter Break 18: No class- Room is not available

25: No class- Room is not available

## JANUARY: MAY:

3: Holiday – No Tutoring – Winter Break
10: Class
17: Class
16: Class
24: Class
23: Class
31: Class- Bring Report Cards
25: Class
30: Class

# **FEBRUARY:** JUNE: 7: Class 6: Class

14: Class 13: End of the Year Celebration/Award

21: Class Ceremony

28: Class

<sup>\*</sup>Dates and time are subject to change.

<sup>\*\*</sup>In the event of an FCPS closing due to weather or other circumstances, GIVE will also be closed