

Trinity River Mission



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Mission

Trinity River Mission (TRM), also known as Tutoring, Reading and Mentoring, brings these valuable zero-cost services to K-12 West Dallas students and their families. As a volunteer-based community learning center, TRM promotes literacy, encourages academic success and develops effective life skills among economically disadvantaged youth.

Overview

Description TRM intervenes and provides targeted education skills and enrichment opportunities to increase academic achievement and success in youth from kindergarten to 12th grades. With a strong network of parents, volunteers and staff, and a safe place for children to learn and grow, TRM believes that educational achievement will break the cycle of poverty by opening doors to satisfying jobs and productive futures.

Investment Opportunity TRM is seeking \$250,000 to increase the number of children from 350 to 550 per year as well as growing the online math program to serve 180 children.

Dallas Social Venture Partners (DSVP) inducted TRM into the portfolio in 2010. DSVP is committed to seeing the mission of TRM strengthened and expanded. Our engagement strategy involves building their capacity in the areas of **Board Governance, Strategic Planning, Fund Development, Human Resources and Marketing**. Our team of partner is lead by lead-partners, Christina Hanger and Jim Passant.

Need for Change

- The only high school in West Dallas, L.G. Pinkston, has received the state's lowest rating, "academically unacceptable," for three straight years and is currently graduating only 43% of its students.
- More than one out of every three families in the TRM neighborhood lives below the federal poverty line.
- Only 35% of residents in this neighborhood ages 25 and older have finished high school--half the rate for the city of Dallas (70%).

Opportunity for Social Impact

- TRM is comprised of core programs, all related to literacy and strengthening educational opportunities – including direct instruction and activities that broaden exposure to diverse learning environment – opportunities these students would not otherwise experience.
- TRM's programs provide intervention with literacy and academic tutoring, creating a support network of parents, volunteers and staff.
 - TRM increases the likelihood that youth will stay in school, graduate, and pursue post secondary education.
 - TRM understands that family involvement is critical to a child's success so parents are heavily involved in all aspects of their children's academic efforts.

Program Focus

Programs and how they impact your clients

- **Homework Help** provides the tools, computer lab, and resources so that children and youth can become more successful in school through a better understanding of materials and expectations.
- **Tutor Power Hour** promotes literacy and math as essential components of a child's education by providing one-to-one tutoring, support and enrichment activities that will help them in the process.
- **Believe and Achieve** increases the number of youth who pursue higher education by providing the necessary support and guaranteed access to scholarship funds.

Affecting systemic change by:

- Transforming after school care from babysitting to structured educational programming.
- Creating a structured environment that promotes success and provides support, tools and resources.
- Empowering parents, youth and children through educational attainment and promoting volunteerism and self-investment.



Organizational Performance

Population Served	2009	2010	2011	2012
Unduplicated Students	353	356	360	427
Volunteers	346	346	370	400
Families enrolled in FC	103	140	160	175
Meals served annually (including summer)	9,003	11,348	15,000	20,000
% of Seniors Graduating On Time (Average)	96%	96%	100%	100%
% of Graduates Beginning College Courses In Fall	90%	92%	95%	97%
% of All Students Progressing To Next Grade Level On Time	96%	96%	99%	99%

Financial

- For every dollar invested in after school programs, taxpayers save \$8-\$12 in future social and welfare expenses.
- On average it costs \$62 per day to incarcerate a youth; it cost less than \$20 per day to provide life-changing experiences.
- For \$20 per week, math tutoring improves a student's performance 25% on average.

Proven Social Impact

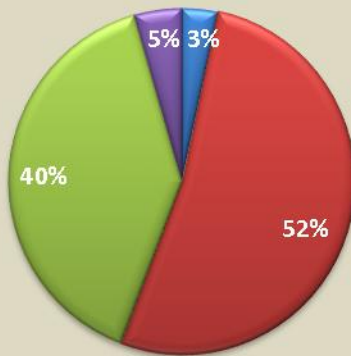
- Providing math and literacy tutoring for all students has resulted in 97% of our students being promoted to the next grade level on time versus a promotion rate of 57.3% in DISD.
- Promoting higher learning by providing workshops, training, and service learning projects to our youth has resulted in an average 96% High School graduation rate.
- Over 90% of Believe and Achieve graduates are enrolled in college degree programs.

Statistics

Current Annual Budget Revenue 2010-2011: \$809,329
 Projected Annual Budget Revenue 2011-2012: \$823,686

Sources of Revenue

■ Corporate ■ Foundation ■ Other ■ Individual



Funders and Collaborations

Funders:

- Capital One
- Crystal Charity Ball
- DSVP
- ExxonMobil Foundation
- Harold Simmons Foundation
- LLUMC
- Nancy Ann Hunt Foundation
- Texas Capital Bank
- The Dallas Foundation
- The M.R. Evelyn Hudson Foundation
- The Rees-Jones Foundation
- The Rosewood Foundation

Collaborations:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- City Square-AmeriCorps
- Dallas After School Network
- Dallas Faith Community Coalition
- DCCCD-College Workshops
- Ed2Net Learning
- North Texas Food Bank
- SMU
- Texas Instruments



Ways to Invest

DSVP Investment to date: \$30,000
Desired Co-Investment: \$250,000

- \$60,000 pays for staffing for 50 additional students.
- \$4,000 provides a scholarship to college for one student.
- \$1,200 provides school supplies
- \$125 provides after school meals for a year for one student.
- In-kind Gifts: Matching living room furniture; paint, and supplies; & college pennants.