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## Message From The Leadership Team



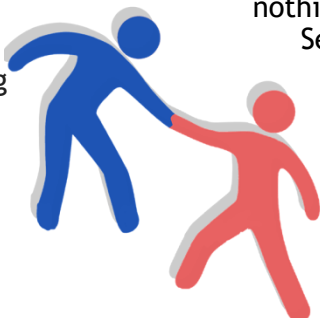
**Laura Wehrle**  
*Officer & School Liaison*

### Call To Leadership

**W**e need you! There are always lots of things to do in the fall.

We would love to have some folks willing to help us get schools operational, help with recruiting and other administrative efforts.

We also have an opening for an assistant site director at Haven - please consider helping L.O.V.E. in one of these areas as well!



### HELLO And THANKS

### **W**To All Our Wonderful Mentors!

While the virus brought an abrupt end to the school year, we still had a great year. Three highlights:

1. We are 185 mentors strong serving more than 350 students this past year! Thank you to each and every one of you!

2. The Early Learning Center Initiative was a wonderful success - a special thank you to Susan Woods, Debbie Sens and the entire team that created this new program.

3. A few of our camps opened at the last minute. We have been able to sponsor approximately 45 students for summer camp (details on page 3).



### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Finances will be a challenge for next year - our traditional funding sources are not able to give us the same support as in the past. Here is how you can easily help us:

1. Many books distributed at the Spring Book Fair never made it to the students due to the closing. We need to collect these so that we can use them this fall. This will save us a major expense. Be on the lookout for an email for how you can help us with "contactless" collection, and also see more details on page 2.

2. Designate L.O.V.E. in your Amazon account and use AmazonSmile for your online purchases. We are all ordering more on line and Amazon will give L.O.V.E. a share of their profits - it costs you nothing and can help us buy books and resources for the kids. See page 4 for instructions.

In appreciation for everything you do for L.O.V.E.,

*Laura*  
**Laura Wehrle**  
Officer & School Liaison



## **UPDATE OF SCCPSS ACTIVITY**

1. SCCPSS [Savannah Chatham County Public School System] is intending to open school this fall.

2. Any summer effort is on-line only.

3. Most schools decided that any student grade 3 and above could check out their in-school electronic device (tablet, laptop, etc.) and use at home until school physically reopens. School staff delivered devices to children if necessary.

4. Any student passing the first 3 quarters of last year will advance to the next grade. Any student who shows progress and effort through online learning in April/May or over the summer will also advance.

5. They felt there was no way for L.O.V.E. to rollout online assistance for the students at this time.

SCCPSS recognizes how much work there will be to help these kids get back on track:

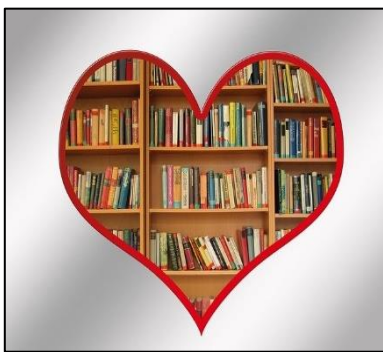
1. Students are far beyond the traditional “summer backslide.”

2. Teachers will be spread thinner as more students in each classroom are further behind.

3. Some children are in unstimulating and in stressful home situations.

L.O.V.E. is committed to working closely with SCCPSS and individual schools when the time is right. For now, we will monitor and keep you informed as the situation opens up and becomes clear.

## **CALLING ALL MENTORS TO HELP RECAPTURE OUR BOOK SUPPLY**



**O**ur March Book Fair was a big success. We spent over \$2,000 to provide hundreds of books to our mentors to share with their students over the balance of the school year. Unfortunately, school closed before the books could be used. We need these books to be returned so they can be sorted by grade level and cleaned to be available for next school year. Be on the lookout for an email that will give you details as to dates and a collection drop near you.

Thank you for your help and cooperation on this.

## SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

**W**e are fortunate to be able to send some of our L.O.V.E. mentees to camp this summer even though all camp programs are greatly reduced or cancelled. Initially, Callen was the only camp to open - it runs all summer but will be at half capacity - 100 students. The Camp Directors and Board developed a plan with Callen to allow us to procure 25 spots on a first come basis for L.O.V.E. students. This is 25% of their entire capacity!



Williams and Low send the most students to this camp and these school administrations are extremely active in partnering with us. They **volunteered** to contact all our L.O.V.E. families and lead the effort to help the kids get a summer camp experience.

Between the school leadership and Carol Black, a mountain of effort was condensed into a few short weeks and 25 students will attend Callen.

Just this week we got notice that West Broad is opening June 1<sup>st</sup>. West Broad will also run all summer for our kids and provide them breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Bill Monroe is working with the teachers at Gadsden - the school this camp primarily serves. We are hoping to send approximately 20 children to this camp as well.

We were so disappointed when we thought our camp program would have to be suspended; but with the schools willing to help us get the initial information out to our L.O.V.E. families and the camps' willingness to let us "procure" space, we have some unexpected blessings!

We hope that all L.O.V.E. Mentors and their families have a safe and healthy summer and that we will all be back next fall working with the children we care so much about.



## Help L.O.V.E. Through Your Amazon Purchases

**L**.O.V.E. faces the challenge that past funders may not be able to support us at the same level.

You can help by utilizing Amazon's charitable giving program called:

### **AmazonSmile.**

#### **How it works:**

Identify us as your preferred charity in your Amazon Account and go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from any device to shop.

You shop the same products, prices and shipping features Amazon offers and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the sale from their profits to L.O.V.E.

#### **To get set up:**

You can link your Amazon account to "Local Outreach Volunteer Educators" (our legal name) in one of two ways:

1. Use this direct link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3627792>. You will enter your Amazon account email and confirm you wish to make us your preferred charity.

**OR**

2. Sign in to your Amazon account and under your account preferences you can elect to "change your preferred charity". You will find us under our legal name "Local Outreach Volunteer Educators" in Savannah GA.

#### **To shop:**

Always start your Amazon shopping from the [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) page - this simply tells Amazon to make us the beneficiary. Otherwise Amazon keeps all the proceeds!

So please link us up as your preferred charity and bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Tell your friends, family and neighbors.

Anyone can direct their purchases to benefit L.O.V.E.





L.O.V.E. believes that improving a child's education is the foundation for improving quality of life. Classroom teachers have little opportunity to work one-on-one with students. L.O.V.E. provides this benefit to students.

## L.O.V.E. Leadership Team For 2019 - 2020

School Liaison-SCCPS .....Laura Wehrle, Officer  
 Mentor Recruiting and Assimilation ..... Dan Malachuk, Officer  
 Reporting Secretary ..... Sam Lambert, Officer  
 Treasurer ..... Kevin Dutton, Officer  
 Mentor Resources and Training ..... Ginny Pierce  
 Publicity and Events ..... Carol Fallon and Denis Healy  
 Camp Cpoordinators ..... Callie Ryan and Carol Black  
 Training Co-Chairs ..... Susan Horne and Catherine Ruhl  
 Director Emeritus ..... Karen Lindholm  
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 Administrative Support ..... Mike O'Neill and Roy Samras  
 Publication Design ..... M. Louise Walters, The Leadership Center

## Schools

At the current time, L.O.V.E. Mentors serves 9 Title I schools in the SCCPSS.

SCHOOLS	L.O.V.E. SITE DIRECTOR
Andrea B. Williams .....	Nancy Boyd Mary Sommer, assistant SD
East Broad/ELC at HE Formey .....	Debbie Sens Susan Woods
Gadsden .....	Jan Smart John Brandewie
Haven .....	Kevin Dutton
Hodge .....	Nancy Ambler
Isle of Hope .....	Betsy Hines
Low.....	Ginny Pierce Jane Martin, assistant SD
Pulaski .....	Ginny Donaldson Jill Corbin, assistant SD
Windsor Forest.....	Sue Burns



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