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MENTORS

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Message From The Leadership Team



Carol Black and Callie Ryan

By: Callie Ryan and Carol Black
Camp Directors

Dear L.O.V.E. Mentors,

Realizing that learning and personal growth comes from expanded experiences, the L.O.V.E. organization happily sponsors children to attend a local Savannah summer camp. For many children, attending summer camp guarantees them an enjoyable summer in a productive, safe and educational way. Plus, it's FUN.

Our goal is to provide families with the opportunity to select a camp that meets their needs. We presently work with four one-week day camps, one entire summer day camp and one ten-day

sleep over camp on Tybee Island. L.O.V.E. does not run any of the camps - rather we sponsor interested children and pay for them to attend.

Here's Where You Come In:

The Camp Coordinator for your school will give you a Camp Invitation Letter and Information Form; Camp Application; and a timeline to enable your student(s) to attend a L.O.V.E. sponsored camp this summer. Your school's Camp Coordinator will send an e-mail soon that will detail the process for summer camp registration.



MENTORS DISTRIBUTE CAMP INVITATION LETTERS STARTING MARCH 25.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support to L.O.V.E.'s mission.

Here is a list of our school Camp Coordinators and how you can contact them:

East Broad	James	Bolfik	JAB8778@gmail.com	912-695-7595
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Hodge	Barb	Stuck	bstuck423@att.net	440-537-6273
Isle of Hope	Cindy	Goldberg	cindygoldberg1@gmail.com	912-346-9518
Low	Jane	Martin	janemartin071@gmail.com	404-702-9210
Low	Ronnie	Tate	rttyes@aol.com	912-598-7043
Pulaski	Tim	Andrews	timandrews1114@comcast.net	612-868-5222
Williams	Nancy	Boyd	nrboyd2@gmail.com	970-390-3601
Windsor Forest	Nancy	McGirr	g10scoach@yahoo.com	912-239-6165

SCHOOL IS OUT SOON

Last Day of SchoolMay 17

Last Day of Mentoring.....May 6



Book Fair Features Speaker Vince Del Monte Executive Director of Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club

LO.V.E. is proud to partner with the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, which hosts the majority of our summer camp attendees in a full day, all summer camp program. Mr. Del Monte



Vince Del Monte

told mentors about the club and how so many boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them and provide a safe place. The Club has many features including a gymnasium, a teen center, a games room, Kid's cafe, computer room, and art room. They have full-time, trained youth development professionals, providing positive role models and mentors. It is truly The Positive Place for Kids and our L.O.V.E. mentees are fortunate to be part of this program for the whole summer.

L.O.V.E. Mentors took advantage of the opportunity to select free books for their students. There was a



wide selection of books at all reading levels and interests thanks to Ginny Pierce who selects and orders the books.

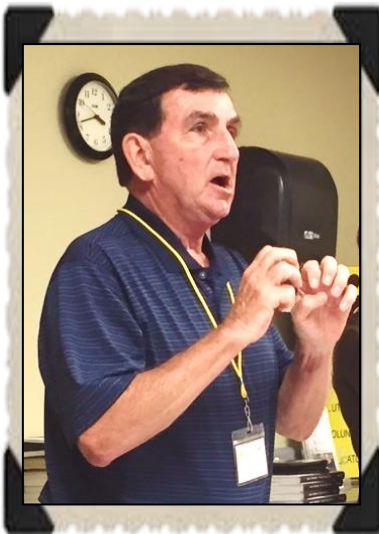


They also were treated to an array of treats provided by Debra Brook who cleverly paired books with goodies.

Why The Callen Boys And Girls Camp Is So Important To L.O.V.E.

By: Bill Monroe

Bill Monroe, who headed up the camp program for many years, tells why the Callen Boys and Girls Camp is so important to L.O.V.E.



Bill Monroe

Savannah and show on a daily basis that they truly care for the neediest of children. They provide a safe, structured environment for children every day of the year and include lunch.

- They have educational programs that help children with their homework, computer skills,



Learning While Reading At Summer Camp 2018

- They have been a key partner of the L.O.V.E. Summer camp program for over ten years.
- More than 50 of our children attended this full day camp last summer--not just one or two weeks but the entire summer.
- It serves the same student population we do. Students from all over Savannah attend their daily camp on the east side on Charlton street (right across from East Broad Elementary) or at their Thompkins Center on the west side.

- They are really an important part of



Boys And Girls Having Fun As They Learn During Summer Camp 2018

and such skills as sewing, art, and an entire leadership program.

- They have big time sports for every age.
- They are an AmeriCorps partner which means volunteers can earn college credits.
- They developed an anti-gang strategy that actually works.

Spring Recruiting Drive Adds New Mentors

By: Dan Malachuk

The January 14 Information and Orientation Meeting and the publicity leading up to it, yielded 18 new mentors. Despite school transitions, adjustments and some attrition, our mentor team strength now stands at 166.

For perspective, at this time two years ago we had 140 mentors. We continue to replenish our ranks as mentors move on, and we've also been able to sustain manageable growth. Several of our schools are now "at capacity", but we will need to add mentors in September to accommodate new schools and new programs that are in the works for the next school year.



Dan Malachuk



Our new mentors learn about LOVE from personal contact with current LOVE mentors, from information shared through newsletters and announcements in several local churches and through the publicity our team generates in the articles they supply to various Landings publications.

Virtually all of our new mentors explore our website and often that leads to a recruiting interview. Some inquiries do not work out because personal obligations do not match up with our delivery model - during the school day and especially the need to be able to make a faithful commitment to be there each week.

Our stories, encouraging and challenging, vary among schools and teachers, but our main recruiting story is this: we are given an opportunity to work one-on-one with a child who needs that help. All together, every week, we are touching the lives of more than 300 children.

Mentors Matter

By: Samantha Lambert, Windsor Forest



Samantha Lambert And Sammy

Let me tell you about my experience at Windsor Forest. I had a text from Sammy's mom, Kimberly. I have never talked to her before in the 3 years that I have mentored him. She met me at school and brought me a Christmas present! Of course, I don't expect anything from them but it really made my day. She told me how much she appreciated everything I do. I've never had that personal thank you before. It touched my heart in an incredible way. I'm attaching a selfie that Sammy & I took.

Perhaps we matter more than we really know.





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 2018 - 2019

School Liaison-SCCPS.....	Laura Wehrle, Officer
Mentor Recruiting & Assimilation.....	Dan Malachuk, Officer
Reporting Secretary	Sam Lambert, Officer
Treasurer	Kevin Dutton, Officer
Mentor Resources & Training.....	Ginny Pierce
Publicity & Events	Carol Fallon
Camp Coordinators	Callie Ryan & Carol Black
Training Co-Chairs	Suzanne Hurd & Catherine Ruhl
Director Emeritus.....	Karen Lindholm
At Large	Bill Monroe

Schools

At the current time, L.O.V.E. Mentors serves 10 Title I schools in the SCCPSS.

SCHOOLS

L.O.V.E. SITE DIRECTOR

Andrea B. Williams	Nancy Boyd
East Broad	Pat Cox
Gadsden	Jan Smart
Gould.....	Callie Ryan
Haven	Holly Kenreich
Hodge	Barb Stuck
Isle of Hope	Betsy Hines
Low.....	Ginny Pierce
Pulaski	Ginny Donaldson
Windsor Forest.....	Karen Lindholm

**Thank You
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