



Savannah - Chatham County  
Local. Outreach. Volunteer. Educators.

# L.O.V.E. MENTORS

Helping  
Children  
Learn

www.lovementors.org

October, 2020

## D A TRIBUTE TO KAREN LINDHOLM, 1935 - 2020

Dear L.O.V.E Team,

This is the hardest newsletter for me to write. We lost a beloved member of our team this month.

Karen Lindholm passed away on October 12 after a brief illness. She was an integral part of L.O.V.E. for more than a decade, serving as our Chairperson for three years and as a Site Director before and after that - sometimes leading two schools at the same time!

What made her so special is not what she did but who she was. She made L.O.V.E. better; she made the leaders better; she made me better. Karen had the uncanny ability to cut through the inconsequential to the essential, to draw out effective solutions, to build a solid foundation upon which to grow and thrive. She cajoled us to take on roles only for us to discover we were glad she did - she could see our skills and identify how to best utilize those talents.



*Karen Lindholm, 1935 - 2020*

She loved her students deeply. Christopher was one of her first. She and Cliff stayed in contact with him and guided him over the years. He turned 18 this month and they were able to speak one last time on the day he officially became an adult. Christopher spoke at her funeral and said when he met Karen, he did not know anything. He didn't even really

know how to read. She taught him that and so much more. He says he stumbled and fell so many times, but she never gave up on him. He is the man he is today because of her. On his birthday, he registered to vote and plans to graduate high school and become a Marine. Mentoring makes a difference and Karen truly gave her all to every child she worked with.

I worked alongside her for three years. She was insightful, committed, and infinitely caring. She loved to laugh. She was a treasure, and I am honored to have had her friendship.

Karen's last wish, which she asked me to pass on to you, is that we love the children and help them as much as we can.

*Laura*



*The other reason this newsletter is hard to write is that I must add my personal goodbye as well.*



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

**M**y family is moving to Tennessee. It has been one of the greatest honors of my time here in Savannah to be a member of L.O.V.E. and to lead this organization the past few years.

You are an incredible group of people who are touching and changing lives; you have inspired me to do all I can to make it as smooth as I possibly could for everyone to mentor the children. Thank you for the trust you placed in me.

The Leadership Team is picking up the tasks I have been doing. Bill Monroe and Tim Andrews will help lead our virtual pilot. I will continue to support the pilot and L.O.V.E. as much as I can from afar.

***I have one last plea -***

Please consider volunteering in a leadership capacity. L.O.V.E. will only continue to thrive if people are willing to help manage it. We have added and filled many positions so that each individual role is a modest time commitment and manageable - including mine. I welcome a discussion with anyone who would be willing to join the Leadership Team and will continue to assist anyone in that role in a transition phase. These kids are worth it and they need us more than ever.



I am deeply grateful to each of you. The friendships, the camaraderie and laughter have been amazing. I wish you much L.O.V.E.

*Laura*

*From all the mentors, Site Directors, Leadership Team  
and especially FROM ALL THE CHILDREN...*



*thank you for all you have done  
to make L.O.V.E. an outstanding  
and dynamic organization  
that truly helps children learn.*

## UPDATE ON THE PILOT PROGRAM

The Leadership Team is working with the schools to develop a Pilot Program so that mentors would begin to work with students virtually via ZOOM or Google Classroom. The plan is for two adults to work with two students under the direction of the classroom teacher. As soon as all details are finalized, mentors will be advised. If you have not already responded to the link in the October 9 email to all mentors titled “L.O.V.E. Pilot Program” please do that now so that we know how many mentors want to volunteer to start virtual mentoring in November or want to wait until next year. If you don’t see the link, please send an email to [www.lovementors.org](http://www.lovementors.org) to indicate your plans.



### EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

When millions of supporters shop at AmazonSmile, charitable donations quickly add up. Amazon contributes \$.05 to ‘Amazon Smiles’ from every purchase made on the site.

#### SIGN UP TODAY!

Go to Amazon.com, select ‘Amazon Smiles,’ register, and add L.O.V.E. as the recipient charity.

Over \$50.00 has been earmarked to L.O.V.E. from one benefactor alone. Think how much could be raised if everyone involved with L.O.V.E. who shopped at Amazon signed up for ‘Amazon Smiles.’



**Local Outreach Volunteer Educators**  
has received \$54.17  
from you as of October 25, 2020



**All US charities**  
have received \$215,721,458.97  
as of September 2020



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 .....	
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 Directors .....	Callie Ryan and Carol Black
Training Co-Chairs .....	Susan Horne and Catherine Ruhl
At Large .....	Bill Monroe
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 SCCPS.

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 Susan Horne, assistant SD
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



**Thank You For  
Helping Children Learn**