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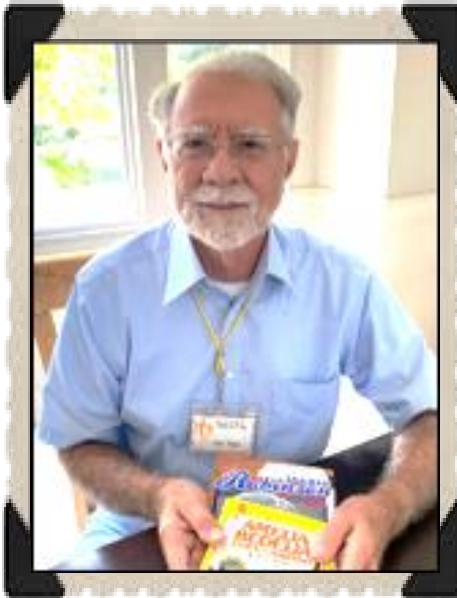
L.O.V.E.
MENTORS

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Message From The Leadership Team



Roy Samras, Chairman
Board of Trustees

By: Roy Samras
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Greetings to all our mentors as we near the end of this year and prepare for next year. The Leadership Team is focusing on 4 areas to make sure we are in a strong position to meet the needs of our young Savannah students.

#1. STRENGTHENING THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

We know that we have a wealth of experience and talent among our mentors. If you have an expertise or interest in any of these areas, please consider helping out in one or more of these areas. None of these will require a great deal of time. No experience necessary, just the willingness to help L.O.V.E. help children learn.

- Advertising
- Purchasing
- Finance
- Training
- Publicity
- Outreach/Recruiting
- Grant Preparation
- Information Management

#2 MENTOR RECRUITING

We need more mentors to meet the requests of the schools. Please reach out and talk to your friends and neighbors. Tell them how you have benefited, and the children have benefited by working with these children.

#3. COORDINATING WITH SCCPSS

We had a meeting with Kurt Hetager, Chief Public Affairs and Administrative Services Officer, SCCPSS and Stacy Jennings, Executive Director of Communications. They were very supportive of LOVE and offered to work with us to ensure we are making good connections at the schools and offered to help as a support mechanism for building relationships. We compiled a list of 8 specific ideas to pursue, which we will be discussing and planning for over the next several months.

#4. FOSTERING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

I recently spoke at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway. Kiwanis is a major financial supporter and I had the opportunity to describe how we utilize their generous funding. I was also able to recognize our Site Directors Tom Rood, our Kiwanis liaison, and Bill Monroe, who were in the audience.

Have a terrific spring and summer, safe travels, and stimulating experiences. We look forward to seeing you, and your friends, in the new school year.

Roy

School Spotlight – Pulaski



Ginny Donaldson

By: Ginny Donaldson
Site Director



Pulaski Elementary has supported the L.O.V.E. Mentors program for many years. Mentors are eagerly and warmly received by administration, staff and mentees.

Pulaski is unique in that we serve a forty percent military population. Our mentors are dedicated and enthusiastic with a history of longevity. Our current mentors have been engaged in the program ranging from eleven years to one year of service. We consistently have almost an equal ratio of men to women which is wonderful for role modeling.

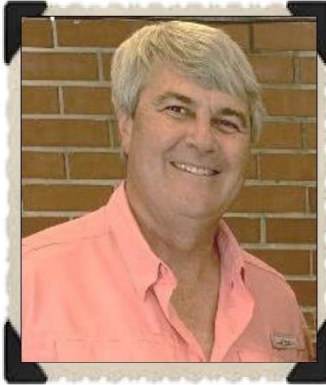
The Pulaski campus is expanding to include Kindergarten through eighth grades within the next year. Here are pictures of (from left to right) Jill Corbin, Co-Site Director with a teacher and one of her students, our L.O.V.E. mentor George Lawrence is shown with one of his mentees, and Roy Samras with his student.



LAST DAT OF SCHOOL – MAY 22
SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN – AUGUST 1

Google SCCPSS school calendar for full details

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF L.O.V.E.



Kevin Dutton

By: Kevin Dutton

I wanted to give all of our wonderful mentors an update on our finances. We take pride in the fact that we are able to fund our programs without asking our mentor population for funds. We want our mentors to be focused on doing the great work they do for our students. This is made possible by our generous sponsors that continue to support us.

We received approximately \$35,000 during 2022 and 2023 combined.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

Our major donors continue to be:

- The Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island
- The Lyn Stacie Getz Foundation
- Gulfstream Aerospace
- Constellation
- Savannah Community Foundation
- and many personal contributions made in memory of past mentors.



Thanks so much to these wonderful sponsors without whom we would not be able to accomplish all that we do at L.O.V.E.

SUMMER CAMP NEWS



Carol Black

By: Carol Black

L.O.V.E. is proud to once again be able to offer an opportunity to our mentees and their siblings to attend summer camp COMPLETELY FREE to them. The camps will let our students continue academic learning and have the summer fun that all kids deserve. Letters have gone out to parents. Check with your Site Director for more information.

Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club

May 28 - July 26

An all day camp that provides lunch.

West Broad St. YMCA

May 28 - July 19

An all day camp that provides 3 meals a day.

Almost
Time For
SUMMER
CAMP





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 2023 - 2024

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Schools

At the current time, L.O.V.E. Mentors serves 8 Title I schools in the SCCPSS.

SCHOOLS	L.O.V.E. SITE DIRECTOR
Andrea B. Williams.....	Carol Fallon and Tom Rood
Gadsden.....	Bill Monroe
Haven	Kevin Dutton
Hodge.....	Bill Monroe
Isle of Hope.....	Open
Low	Ginny Pierce
Pulaski.....	Ginny Donaldson and Jill Corbin
Windsor Forest	Sue Burns



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