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Leading By Giving Back

By Lizzie Koehler, Youth Philanthropy Team Leader

What happens when those RECEIVING start GIVING?

The current project, decided by the teens from the City Impact Youth Philanthropy Team, is to raise funds for the children at the Friendship Home, a local home for abused and neglected women and their children. The team decided the kids needed a bike path in the backyard since they can't go outside the safety fence when they play. The team has earned support for the project with a cookie baking business, "Cookies for a Cause." The youth bake cookies from scratch, using homemade recipes and all proceeds going towards the bike path project.



I've been really encouraged by the team as they enthusiastically take part in preparing cookies, asking local stores for donations and helping plan the future of our 'business.'

The youth have spoken with managers at local stores, introducing themselves and presenting the project to them. These teens have stepped out of their comfort zone and are learning to speak to adults on a professional level. It is exciting to

see how they step up to the challenge when adults look them in the eye and wait expectantly to hear about their project. One manager in particular recognized that it was their project, not mine, and directed his questions and a donation to the teens themselves.

Empowering the students to take responsibility and give back is a goal of our team, and of the Impact Leadership Academy, City Impact's weekly teen program.

All teens need adults to validate them as people who have dreams, talents and potential. You can validate the teens that come into your life, whether it's by a handshake, a hug, or a word of encouragement. *They won't forget it.*

If you'd like to help out the Youth Philanthropy Team, whether it's purchasing holiday cookies (the kids have picked some good ones!) or by offering a donation of your time, talent or treasure, contact me at lizziekoehler@gmail.com or use the enclosed reply card to invest. Thank you!

"But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today."

Deuteronomy 8:18

"I like giving back and helping people. I also like making myself and others aware of issues that need help. Besides my family, City Impact is the only thing in my life that really encourages me to give back and think about others more than myself."

- Mercedes (a High School junior and founding member of the City Impact Youth Philanthropy Team), pictured at left with the Youth Philanthropy Team



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The Gift of Dignity

"Gifts of Love"™ Community Christmas Store

*Dignity = nobleness or elevation of mind;
an honorable place or rank*

(Webster's Dictionary Definition)

Dignity. Maybe not what we all think about when it comes to Christmas. Each year, many of us find ourselves promising that this year, it will be different. This year, we will enjoy the Christmas season for what it really is and not get caught up in the "stuff." This year, we will experience peace and joy.

Sounds almost too good to be true, but it can be done. City Impact can help.

Nothing warms the soul like giving to others. "Gifts of Love"™ is City Impact's annual Christmas store, where love abounds and the giving is done in a dignified manner. New, donated gift items are displayed for the shopping ease of Lincoln's low-income parents to provide for their children. Prices are marked 70% off retail. Last year, over \$85,000 in new items were purchased and 300+ Bibles and Christian DVDs were freely received by the families!

Obviously, it feels good to serve and give, especially during the holidays. But, what often results is a life-changing experience that can truly lead to a more peaceful, joyous Christmas. When you help someone feel a sense of dignity, you have just given and received one of the greatest gifts of all.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' -Acts 20:35

The Impact ...

"Prayer, encouragement and making Christmas affordable. City Impact has always been a blessing."



As you give for dignity, you help us stock the shelves with great new items for Lincoln's low-income children and families this Christmas!

Gifts of Love™

How You Can Help ...

- **Donate new gift items through December 7, preferably those of \$20-40 value.** Suggested ideas may be found at cityimpact.org.
- Offer a **tax-deductible cash investment.**
- **Sign up to serve** as an individual, family, small group or service organization. Sign up at www.cityimpact.org.

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Ministry Job Openings

We have positions open for the following ...

Full-Time Teen Ministry Director

Primary responsibilities include program development; program management including hiring, training, and management of staff and volunteers; program promotion; clear communication & relational engagement with teens, staff, volunteers & parents; curriculum development; event planning; and development of adult volunteer Directional Teams and Work Teams which provide leadership and oversight for all facets of the Impact Leadership Academy. For an application or more information, please contact City Impact at tbowman@cityimpact.org.

Full-Time Children & Youth Leadership Director

Primary responsibilities include management of current youth leadership programs (youth leadership teams, peer mentoring, strengths coaching) including resourcing student-driven initiatives as needed; hiring, training & management of program staff & volunteers; development of new youth leadership programs and curriculum; clear communication and relational engagement with teens, staff, volunteers, and parents; and development of adult volunteer Directional Teams and Work Teams which provide leadership and oversight for all facets youth leadership development. Applicants must be willing to work a flexible schedule including every Sunday night and occasional evenings and weekends. For an application or more info, please contact City Impact at tbowman@cityimpact.org.

Part-Time Youth Reading Lab Coordinator Grades K-5

The Reading Coordinator will set up and tear down resources each day at the Impact Reading Center, manage students by keeping them on task and on schedule, organize materials, communicate with parents and volunteers, and complete additional responsibilities involved in the daily operation of an after-school youth program. The hours are Monday–Friday from 3:30 – 5:45P.M. (11.25 Hours/Week). Hourly pay is \$10.25–\$11.25 an hour based on education. For an application, please contact City Impact at tbowman@cityimpact.org.



2012 Opportunities

Winter/Spring 2012 semester reading tutors are needed! Tutor a child at Elliott Elementary (25th & N) for 40 minutes one day per week for a school semester. Daytime and after school/work time slots available. **Great way to invest little time, but reap great rewards!**

Training will be held in January. Contact Stacy at 402.477.8080 or serve@cityimpact.org to receive more information.



Faith Program Volunteer Needs

We currently have the following needs for volunteers to serve in our Faith-based Programs

Bible Club (PreK-5th Grade)

PreK-K Small Group Leaders (2 needed)

Elementary-Age Small Group Leaders (7 needed)

Impact Leadership Academy (6th-12th Grade)

Kitchen Assistant (2 needed)

Small Group Leader (Boys & Girls) (3 needed)

Philanthropy Team Assistant (1 needed)

Writing Team Assistant (1 needed)

Strengths for Life Mentoring (3rd-12th Grade)

Career Mentors (58 needed)

College Mentors (6 females needed)

Interest Mentors (69 needed)



**Our vision is to see urban youth,
families and neighborhoods
transformed from the inside out ...**

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