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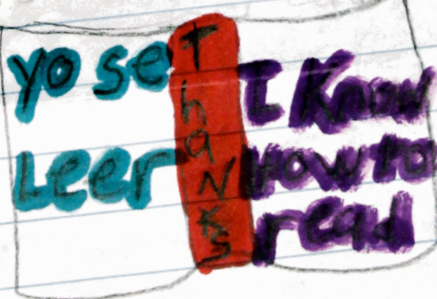
Thank you for helping

Mommy go back to
School and while our parents
are studying we are doing our
homework.

Thank you for your support.

Love: Abigail

Mami



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YOU HELPED ABIGAIL WRITE THIS **THANK YOU** NOTE.

Abigail couldn't speak English. Her mom couldn't read it. But through the generous donations, time and energy of people like you, Abigail, her mother, and others like them have a brighter future. Please accept our gratitude, whether you've donated your time, money, or talents and whether you're a volunteer, teacher, or one of the thousands of people working in government, media, schools and nonprofits that help transform lives every day. Partnering with you, Chicago Tribune Community Giving helps under-served youth succeed and be safer. We can't thank you enough. And neither can Abigail and her family.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE
2012 COMMUNITY GIVING REPORT

SEE HOW TOGETHER
WE'VE HELPED MAKE OUR
COMMUNITY BETTER.

I AM THANKFUL FOR ...

I just wanna say thanks for letting me express my creativity through video production and music. It has helped me become the person I am today.

Avery

"I WAS IN A DARK TUNNEL, BUT NOT ANYMORE."

The odds were stacked against him. As a young teenager, Avery struggled with his emotions and fitting in with a peer group. He recently lost a friend to a stray bullet.

His life brightened when he discovered Community TV Network, a Chicago Tribune Foundation grant recipient. Community TV Network empowers Chicago's at-risk youth by promoting their self-esteem and funneling their energies into digital video production. This motivating, encouraging

and supportive program gives kids tools to see a more positive future and overcome their at-risk environments.

Avery has created documentaries, short films and music videos. He writes rap lyrics and hopes to go to college some day. Avery—now a more articulate and confident teen—says: "They've kept me alive. I've been through a lot. Everyone has to start somewhere. And this is where I've gotten my start."

I am very thankful for this program it's sense of purpose, and the service that it gives to the community.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

As the city's leading news and information source, we know the challenges facing the people in our communities, and we embrace the possibilities to improve them.

We believe that education fuels the future of our community: a child ignited by learning to read; an adult sparked by developing English language or job skills; a high-risk teenager choosing a brighter future by staying in school; a parent enlightened with parenting skills needed to raise a family.

But education needs support—from people dedicated to making a difference, funds to sustain programs, and organizations committed to touching the lives of others. Education needs community; community needs people like you.

Through your assistance, Chicago Tribune Community Giving promotes opportunities for youth to be safe and successful, and to help lift families out of poverty. Specifically, we promote:

- Youth education for K-3 reading programs and high school support/stay in school
- Adult workforce development
- Adult literacy training
- Child abuse prevention programs

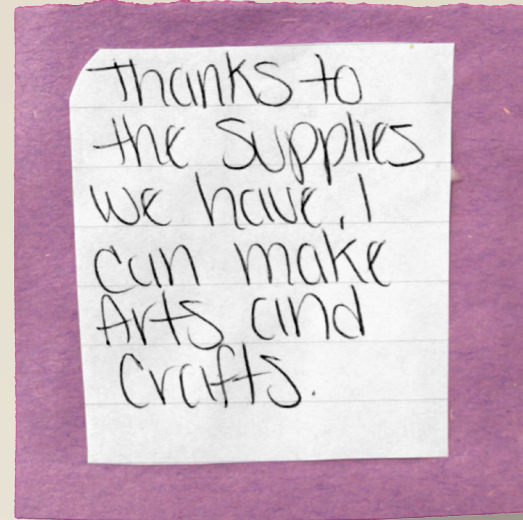
Our Community Giving program includes several giving areas of financial contributions, donated ad space and volunteerism. Chicago Tribune Foundation is the company's corporate foundation. It supports educational programs through arts education, journalism and civic programs and employee matching gifts. Our generous employees volunteer in the community and serve on many nonprofit boards.

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago receives support from both Chicago Tribune and its employees. We also sponsor nonprofit events such as lunches, galas or dinners, and promote causes through our advertising space.

Chicago Tribune's hallmark and most visible program is Chicago Tribune Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund. In 1990, Chicago Tribune and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation created Chicago Tribune Charities with the goal to encourage philanthropy from Chicago Tribune readers. Chicago Tribune and the McCormick Foundation cover all administrative costs, so 100% of every donation goes directly to help nonprofit programs. In addition, the McCormick Foundation provides a generous match of 50 cents on each dollar raised.

This past year, Chicago Tribune Charities surpassed the \$100 million mark in grant giving since our inception. We could not have felt more honored that our partnership with the McCormick Foundation, nonprofits and readers have helped so many people.

At Chicago Tribune Community Giving, we humbly give our thanks to everyone who makes such a positive difference in transforming lives throughout our community.



Thank you for helping me read a whole book by myself now I can read more open.

JACKIE CAME IN OVER THE SUMMER. AND CAME INTO HER OWN.

Teachers weren't sure what to expect when Children's Home + Aid started the Summer Reading Enrichment program at West Garfield Park's Summer Elementary School. Would it get the support of the community? Would kids resent learning to read during summer vacation? Would parents encourage their children to attend?

Their worries were ill-founded. Their expectations, far surpassed.

Funded in part through Chicago Tribune Charities, the Summer Reading Enrichment program motivates, teaches, and propels kids to improve their reading. In a community where after-school programs are not abundant, books are scarce and the streets can be dangerous, schooling is not always the top priority. But the Summer Reading Enrichment program is a welcome and drastically-needed program that serves as a lifeline for its students.

Such as Jackie. Withdrawn and new to the area, she didn't have a lot of confidence. Moving from Mississippi, she was often teased because of her accent. The program not only enhanced her reading, but boosted her confidence. Now a straight A student, Jackie reads to her kindergarten-aged brother and even helps other students in her class. She looks forward to participating in the Children's Home + Aid enrichment program next year, too. When she grows up she hopes to be a teacher, "and help kids like me."

Thank you for teaching me English.

DIANA RECEIVED HELP. NOW SHE WANTS TO PROVIDE IT.

Coming from Ecuador, Diana had limited English and no significant job training. Her opportunities were few. But when she found Carreras en Salud, a bilingual healthcare partnership between National Council of La Raza, Association House and Wilbur Wright College, it meant she also found hope.

Carreras en Salud is one of the many programs supported through your donations to Chicago Tribune Charities. It's a bridge between those with limited English proficiency and practicing nursing positions. Participants improve their English language skills while also entering a pathway to move to the next step in a successful healthcare career. Remarkably, Carreras en Salud graduates have a nearly 100% successful job placement rate.

Diana is now a student at Wright College and is scheduled to earn her nursing degree in May. She dreams not only of providing a better life for her children, but helping those who are less fortunate receive better healthcare, especially in poorer countries. Diana knows how lucky she is, and says about Carreras en Salud: "My doors opened because of them." Now she wants to help open that door for others.

Dear Donors,
Thank you for helping me through your donations. Thank you in my native language "ኢመሪካላህ ለመረገላህ"
Abe

ABE FOUND HIS VOICE. AND HIS DREAM.

It took Abe six years to get a visa to come to the United States from Ethiopia—six years to begin a better life, become better educated, pursue opportunities and get away from the poverty that plagued his homeland.

But once Abe was here, he found his lack of English skills a barrier to achieve the life he dreamed of having. Fortunately, he found The Literacy Connection. With the help of tutors, plus his own motivation and dedication, Abe's language abilities improved rapidly. Abe credits The Literacy Connection with turning his life around, and giving him the opportunity to have a better future.

Today, Abe works at his local church as a minister, has a driver's license, and recently became an American citizen. "I now have a good life and I have a lot of opportunity in this country," says Abe. "I am happy now. Praise the Lord."

The Literacy Connection is one of the many organizations that have received grants through Chicago Tribune Charities. They serve sixteen northwest suburban communities, helping individuals acquire fundamental literacy. With more than 250 adults currently in their program, they provide the tools for many adult learners to follow their dreams.

I am thankful for the building that the program is in.

Thank you for this Program its been helping be keep of the streets and make new friends

DOMINIQUE IS PAVING A BETTER LIFE FOR HER DAUGHTER. AND FOR HERSELF.

Pregnant at fourteen, Dominique could have given up on life. Too many teens do. But instead, she found strength through the Chicago-based One Hope United, an organization dedicated to strengthening families and keeping children safe, and a Chicago Tribune Charities grant recipient.

Says Dominique: "One Hope gave me a different point of view on how to raise kids: spending time with your kids; nurturing them, and most of all, being patient."

Dominique makes sure her daughter has the love and attention she needs, and the opportunities Dominique never did—things that many of us take for granted, like school dances and after-school activities. Dominique imagines a better life for herself, too, with plans to go back to school. Now married and with her third child on the way, Dominique has made a life for herself and a future for her family.

Dominique's is just one of many success stories made possible by organizations assisted through Chicago Tribune Charities. And One Hope is one of hundreds of organizations we are thankful for.



To encourage Chicago's youth to write, read, learn and understand news, Chicago Tribune publishes The Mash, a teen literacy program that provides students the opportunity to develop their reporting and writing skills under the direction of Tribune editors. The Mash is published once a week throughout the school year and delivered to more than 220 high schools. It is also available online at themash.com.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING SO MUCH.

Through Chicago Tribune Charities, the McCormick Foundation granted \$4 million in 2012 to programs and initiatives in the city and suburbs that help improve the lives of at-risk youth and families. These programs include the organizations below, plus many nonprofit organizations that address the issues of hunger and housing.

The funds raised to support these nonprofit organizations came from our generous donors throughout the year and particularly during the Chicago Tribune Holiday Giving

campaign. Each donation received a match of 50 cents on the dollar from the McCormick Foundation, allowing for even greater impact from each donation. Chicago Tribune and the McCormick Foundation cover all administration and promotional expenses, so that 100% of each donation goes to support nonprofit programs and help people in need.

We thank you for your support in helping further our vision of a brighter tomorrow for everyone.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Advocate Charitable Foundation (Park Ridge)
Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home) (Chicago)
Between Friends (Chicago)
Bridge Youth & Family Services (Palatine)
Casa Central Social Services Corporation (Chicago)
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (Chicago)
Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County (Hoffman Estates)
Children's Research Triangle (Chicago)
Christopher House (Chicago)
Connections for Abused Women and Their Children (Chicago)
Crisis Center for South Suburbia (Tinley Park)
Family Focus, Inc. (Chicago)
Family Rescue (Chicago)
Hektoen Institute for Medical Research, LLC (Chicago)
Housing Opportunity for Women (Chicago)
La Rabida Children's Hospital and Research Center (Chicago)
Lydia Home Association (Chicago)
Metropolitan Family Services (Chicago)
Mujeres Latinas en Accion (Chicago)
Near North Health Service Corporation (Chicago)
One Hope United Northern Region (Lake Villa)
SGA Youth & Family Services (Chicago)
South Suburban Family Shelter (Homewood)
Teen Parent Connection, Inc. (Glen Ellyn)
Voices for Illinois Children (Chicago)
Women's Treatment Center (Chicago)
Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center (Gurnee)

CHILD & YOUTH EDUCATION

Association House of Chicago (Chicago)
Cabrini-Green Tutoring Program, Inc. (Chicago)
Center for Companies That Care (Chicago)
Centro Romero (Chicago)
Changing Worlds (Chicago)
Chicago Lights (Chicago)
Chicago Youth Programs, Inc. (Chicago)
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois (Chicago)
Children's Literacy Initiative (Chicago)
El Valor Corporation (Chicago)
Erie Neighborhood House (Chicago)
Glen Ellyn Community Resource Center (Glen Ellyn)
Howard Area Community Center (Chicago)
Little Village Community Development Corporation (Chicago)
Metropolitan Family Services (Chicago)
Midtown Educational Foundation (Chicago)
OneGoal (Chicago)
Reading in Motion (Chicago)
Umoja Student Development Corporation (Chicago)
University of Chicago (Chicago)
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago (Chicago)
Youth Guidance (Chicago)

ADULT LITERACY

Albany Park Community Center, Inc. (Chicago)
Aquinas Literacy Center (Chicago)
Asian Human Services of Chicago, Inc. (Chicago)
Association House of Chicago (Chicago)
Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition (Chicago)
Chicago Commons Association (Chicago)
Christopher House (Chicago)
Corazon A Corazon (Chicago)
De La Salle Institute (Chicago)
Erie Neighborhood House (Chicago)
Family Focus, Inc. (Chicago)
Heartland Human Care Services, Inc. (Chicago)
Howard Area Community Center (Chicago)
Institute for Latino Progress (Instituto del Progreso Latino) (Chicago)
Korean American Community Services (Chicago)
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center (Chicago)
Latin Center - Universidad Popular (Chicago)
Literacy Chicago (Chicago)
Literacy Connection (Elgin)
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley (A Proliteracy America Affiliate (St. Charles)
Literacy Volunteers of America - DuPage, Inc. (Naperville)
Literacy Works (Chicago)
National Latino Education Institute (Chicago)
Oakton Community College Educational Foundation (Des Plaines)
People's Resource Center (Wheaton)
Poder Learning Center (Chicago)
Pui Tak Center (Chicago)
RefugeeOne (Chicago)
Safer Foundation (Chicago)
Township High School District 214 Community Education Foundation (Arlington Heights)
World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals (Wheaton)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Association House of Chicago (Chicago)
Chicago Jobs Council (Chicago)
Chinese American Service League, Inc. (Chicago)
Erie Neighborhood House (Chicago)
Greater West Town Community Development Project (Chicago)
Harborquest, Inc. (Chicago)
Inspiration Corporation (Chicago)
Institute for Latino Progress (Instituto del Progreso Latino) (Chicago)
Jane Addams Resource Corporation (Chicago)
Jewish Vocational Service and Employment Center (Chicago)
Literacy Works (Chicago)
National Able Network, Inc. (Chicago)
National Latino Education Institute (Chicago)
North Lawndale Employment Network (Chicago)
OAI, Inc. (Chicago)
Polish American Association (Chicago)
Public Private Ventures (Chicago)
Safer Foundation (Chicago)
St. Leonard's Ministries (Chicago)
Women Employed (Chicago)
Year Up, Inc. (Chicago)
Youth Guidance (Chicago)
Youth Job Center of Evanston, Inc. (Evanston)

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