

Lions Quest: 2022-2023 End of Year Report

Below is the final report of the afterschool and summer programs.

After School Program Overview:

For the 2022-2023 school year, Vox Invictus Mentoring used the Lions Club grant to serve the following schools through our Girl Talk and N.B.A Programs:

Pleasant Grove Elementary and Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary (DISD Sites)

The Invictus Kids after school program provides homework help, STEM, technology, art, sports, and many other engaging educational activities. The Lions Quest curriculum was implemented weekly, serving 84 students in grades K-5th. The program dates were September 5th, 2022-May 26th, 2023.

The Vox Invictus Mentoring programs incorporated the Lions Quest SEL curriculum into the Girl Talk program activities 2-3 times weekly with sessions running 45 mins to 1 hour.

The Young Men's Academy of Leadership (also a DISD Site)

The N.B.A Time program provided mentoring to young men through our basketball program. N.B.A. Time worked with 10 students addressing the "real life" issues of their communities while introducing concepts and ideas to provide skills for successful transition from young adulthood to manhood. The N.B.A Time mentoring program ran 2 days a week (Tuesdays/Thursdays), serving students in grades 6th-8th. The program dates ran through September 6th, 2022-May 25th, 2023.

The Vox Invictus Mentoring programs incorporated the Lions Quest SEL curriculum into the N.B.A Time program activities 2-3 times monthly. Students met for 1.5 hours each session.

After-School Program Collaborations:

- **Dallas Afterschool-** Provides professional development training, program quality advisement, STEM activity kits and other resources, program assessments/evaluations.
- **Dallas Independent School District-** Provides partnership opportunities for on-site programming.
- **Lions Quest/Lions Club Dallas-** Provides our SEL curriculum that teaches the skills to prevent risky behaviors while cultivating positive social behaviors. Curriculum aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS) standards.
- **Dallas Museum of Art-** Provides educational learning through arts & crafts.
- **Parkland CHAMPS-** Provides a 4-session program that helps children learn healthy behaviors, from exercise to nutrition and life skills.
- **Small Bites/Kids in the Kitchen-** Provide curriculum and resources on health & Nutrition, food safety and cooking activities.
- **Perot Museum "Tech Truck"-** Provides hands-on, science-based (STEM) experiences.

After-School Program Collaborations cont.:

- **First Tee Golf**- Provides educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf.
- **Recovery Resource Council “Sunshine Club”**- Provides a ten-week program for children living in high-risk situations, providing them with the skills needed to overcome adversity and stay drug free.
- **Chick-Fil-A**- Provides meals for special events, soccer clinics, school supplies, and Christmas events
- **Park Cities Presbyterian Church**- Provides snack and food boxes for our families.
- **Christ Church Plano**- Provides Thanksgiving turkeys and food boxes for our families and community members, as well as Angel Tree gifts for program participants.
- **Cornerstone Baptist Church**- Provides backpacks and Christmas gifts for our students.
- **Lunch Box of Love**- Provides snacks and various products and resources for students/families.
- **Carter House**- Provides school uniforms for program participants

After School Program Spring Session:

The after-school program closed the year with success at all three campuses. Students demonstrated an increase in social-emotional development and academic achievement as indicated by parent/school personnel/staff feedback, DESSA reports, and reports cards. Student achievement was celebrated with students, parents, staff, and LCIF representatives at our end of year awards ceremony which resulted in a great turnout and both students and parents excited about the accomplishments.

NOTE: The Dallas Independent School District also provided mandatory afterschool clubs for the students which resulted in students missing crucial segments of our programs that would aid in desired program outcomes. For the following school years, VIM and district personnel will work closely together to assure students will get the necessary dosages to make greater impact.

Program Achievements:

- Overall, 111 students were served (55 at PGE) (44 at NHE) (12 at YMA) through our programs.
- Overall, 65% of students improved in social-emotional development (38% PGE) (77% NHE) (80% YMA).
- 89% of students at our elementary school campuses, who participated in the Amplify Reading program during the spring session, improved in literacy (68% at PGE) (42% at NHE).
- 52% of students improved in academic achievement (42% PGE) (47% NHE) (66% at YMA).

After-school Program Training & Evaluations:

Vox Invictus Mentoring (VIM) partners with Dallas Afterschool who provides training/workshops, resources, program observations and evaluations (for all new campuses) to ensure high quality programming. All VIM staff are required to complete 15 professional development hours. The following is a list of program observations and evaluations for our newest campus, Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary:

- **Fall Program Observation:** December 14th & 21st, 2022
- **Spring Program Observations:** March 7th & 28th, April 20th, May 17th & 25th 2023
- **Program Evaluation:** April 13th, 2023

Summer Program:

Beginning June 6th, we registered 40 students for the Girl Talk and N.B.A Time mentoring summer programs. Since then, the success of the programs has increased the number of students served to 68 students. While we were able to accept additional students in the N.B.A Time program, due to the nature and structure of the Girl Talk program, we were unable to accommodate the influx of girls wanting to join. The program runs Tuesdays/Thursdays from 1:00-6:00 pm. Students engage in social-emotional learning focused discussions along with an array of fun, empowering activities (arts and crafts, cooking, STEM, motivational speakers, and athletics).

Program Achievements:

- 68 Students served (26 Females) (42 Males).
- 43% students demonstrated improvement in social-emotional development. The number of students showing improvement is also reflective of the number of students in regular attendance. Many students missed periods of the 8-week program due to family vacation or other factors.

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- **Small Bites/Kids in the Kitchen**- Provide curriculum and resources on health & Nutrition, food safety and cooking activities.
- **Perot Museum "Tech Truck"**- Provides hands-on, science-based (STEM) experiences.
- **M.O.M'S Tea**- Providing lessons on alternative entrepreneurship, as well as introduction to using herbs from nature to help build a healthy immune system. .

Updates and Plans for Fall:

- The remaining funds from the LCIF grant will be used for: summer program snacks and supplies, academic kits, and the end of summer awards party.
- As of June 26th, Dallas ISD officials decided that Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary will cancel all afterschool programs to focus on other initiatives for the upcoming school year. Vox Invictus Mentoring (VIM) will be invited to return for the 2024-2025 school year. As a result, Vox Invictus Mentoring will utilize the Hawthorne campus staff to increase the number of students served at the Pleasant Grove and Young Men's Leadership Academy sites. The Vox Invictus organization is working to secure other Dallas ISD campuses along with campuses from other school districts. Updates will be submitted as confirmation is acquired.

- Vox Invictus Mentoring does intend to apply for the Lions Quest Grant for the 2023-2024 school year. It is our hope that LCIF will continue to support our efforts in providing services to the Dallas area.

Updates and Plans for Fall cont.:

- Vox Invictus Mentoring will provide a video slide show of program activities by the fall of 2023.

Lions Club 2023 Grant Report Responses:

Response to question #6: The grantee should summarize activities for the reporting period. Provide the data requested below, as applicable:

- # of training workshops conducted **1 November 8th, 2022 at 3:00-5:45 pm.** (include dates of workshops)
- # of teachers trained: **1**
- # of others (non-teachers) trained: **7**
- # of schools implementing Lions Quest: **3**
- # of students benefitting: **111** (explain how this number was calculated)

The number of students benefitting was calculated by the number of students who attended the program for 30 days or more. The sum is a total of all three campuses (PGE 55 students) (NHE 44 students) (YMA 12 students).

Photos and testimonials will be submitted separately. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any other information regarding this report.

Thank you,

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Vox Invictus Mentoring