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The weight of responsibility is a good thing. That's what we work to instill in the young people that walk through our doors every day. Rarely does a day go by when a headline or a video gone viral does not highlight a person or group of people buckling under the pressures of responsibility. The kids see it and we see it. A young man deciding he doesn't have to earn money, instead he can just take it from an elderly woman crossing the street. Or an entire group of young men and women making the decision to drop out of school because teachers and school administrators are "doing too much". And most crippling, watching fathers walk away from their duties leaving behind a trail of father hungry boys and girls. Our young people see it, live it, every single day.

So when Jason, Suraya, Dijon and many others walk through our doors we get straight to work on processing the day's responsibilities. From homework to frustrations brought on by the day, we help to sort through what is theirs to carry and what needs to be let go. We want them to learn that the weight of responsibility is something they need to learn how to walk with. And, we want them to know what it is to take on responsibility and thrive because of it. But, we also want them to understand the difference between what expectations are theirs to carry and what is not theirs to bare.



THANK YOU!

So many of you are responsible for all the success that we are having in 2017. Your call to action through your giving and commitments have raised just over \$90,000.00 to date! All of this support is allowing us to continue to provide programs such as:

- Upper Hand- A program designed to increase academic excellence by providing individualized educational support through subject assessment, customized tutoring instruction and 1-1 homework help.
- R.O.A.D.S.- A goal oriented program aimed at teaching kids the significance of setting and working towards achievable and realistic standards.
- Better to Give- A program designed to engage our participants in the community through giving back from their personal resource bank.
- Script- A writing based program created to engage participants in the art of storytelling and the narrative process through the written word.



Because of you we are seeing results like:

- Increased academic performance.
- Decreased behavioral reports both at school and in-home.
- Boost in positive self-confidence.
- Improved work ethic.
- Improved relationships with authority figures (e.g. teachers, officers, store management.).
- Increased awareness of surrounding community issues and areas of need.
- An interest and desire to pursue higher education/trade school.
- Improved attitude towards accepting responsibility for decisions made.
- Growth in an overall desire to improve the quality of life for themselves and those in their life.

Thank you for investing. You're doing a good thing and we are grateful.

If you are not already a supporter and would like to become one, you can click [here](#) to make a contribution.