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Quarterly Newsletter - April 2021

Thank you GECRC Volunteers!


Thank you to the many volunteer tutors and community members who supported GECRC this year. Your dedication and care ensured that GECRC could provide the academic and social support that our students come to expect and value everyday. Aafia A., a GECRC 8th grader, best described the importance of the GECRC community in a Hadley class assignment that asked students to investigate an organization that helps their community. Aafia graciously allowed us to share this excerpt from her paper.



"It's the first day of the school year for Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC), and the kids are excited. They get to spend extra time with their friends and meet new friends and finish their homework. The library is crowded. There is a buzz in the air from all the chatting and hopeful energy. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are all separated into groups and wondering who their tutors will be. At the same time, the volunteers are wondering which students they will be assigned to and whether they will be smart enough to help them. It's time to learn.


Thankfully, this story is true and has played out every year since 2013. This program brings together volunteer tutors from many walks of life with students from as many places in the world, benefitting all participants in many ways. On a


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Tutoring in math for example might help students. A college student, interested in teaching, can gain some experience working with different students who are from different cultures. All of this could not happen without a lot of hard work and the support of an entire community."







Dr. Michele Borba

Thrivers:

Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine


7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14

Use this link to join the webinar:
<https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/81643628278>

Join us to learn how

Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center supports and encourages Dr. Borba's 7 teachable traits within GECRC programs.

Donations to the GECRC Alumni and Tutor Scholarship Fund will be matched up to \$2,000



Donate to GECRC Alumni and Tutor Scholarships Fund at:

www.gecrc.com/donate-today/

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get Involved with GECRC in 2021

Are you looking for a way to connect with GECRC this winter and spring? We are looking to fill a variety of volunteer experiences.

1. Volunteer Tutor- Those interested in tutoring, please fill out a [volunteer](#)

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2. Fundraising Events- Consider helping with a 2021 fundraising event. The GECRC Fundraising Committee is looking for community members who are interested in getting more involved in the following:

- Literary Event; moved to fall 2021
- NEW GECRC Golf Outing; scheduled for fall 2021

If interested, please reach out to Leah Harding at lharding@gecrc.com



Thank You GECRC Community!

Thank you to the following organizations who donated recently to support our four after school programs, either financially or through in-kind donations. We are very appreciative of your support of GECRC!

Barone's of Glen Ellyn
Glen Ellyn Lions Club
Staples- Glen Ellyn
Re:new Project
George M. Travers Foundation
Union Pacific

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DONATION IDEAS

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is an easy way for you to support GECRC with your everyday purchases! At smile.amazon.com, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation for GECRC.

GECRC Venmo

GECRC is now accepting donations through Venmo. Enjoy the ease of a quick scan of the GECRC QR code to make your donation to GECRC.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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Glenbard Parent Series- [Glenbard Parent Series \(GPS\): Navigating Healthy Families](#) is an educational consortium dedicated to presenting authors, clinicians, and educators who share practical research based knowledge, wisdom and personal experience to enhance students' (of all ages) positive youth development, social and emotional learning, and well-being. GPS is a free resource for parents, educators, students, and community members; no registration is required.

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry- [The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry](#) distributes 980,000 pounds of food annually to families in Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Lombard, Lisle, Wheaton and Carol Stream. This year they have partnered with Glen Ellyn Kiwanis to supplement Kiwanis snack packs that our students receive during weekly outreach.

The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn- One of the challenges to supporting independent reading during COVID is that students don't have normal access to books from the school library. [The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn](#) has helped GECRC respond to the challenge by ordering books that interest our students; thus building at home libraries. Also available for purchase in store are GECRC notecards, with proceeds going to the GECRC Alumni and Tutor Scholarship Fund.

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