

SPRING GREETINGS

FROM THE DUBUQUE DREAM CENTER



"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds today." — Indian Proverb

We have all heard the phrase "It Takes a Community to raise a Child." Our community here in Dubuque has some of the most generous and caring people any community can offer. The Dubuque Dream Center has experienced tremendous impact of youth and families as evidence. Low income youth and families facing difficult life challenges are provided support from a caring community and as a result develop a sense of community.

The Dream Center offers a holistic approach to impacting youth we call IN YOUR LIFE MENTORING. Our focus is the quality of impact with manageable ratio's of adult to youth served to provide in-depth relationship building to influence outcomes. We partner with local Dubuque school teachers, parents, and volunteers providing a strategic and coordinated strategy to assist youth towards Grade Level Reading, Math Proficiency, and Character Development.

The Dream Center model is designed to increase student motivation towards academic achievement and character development. We also provide what we call "Spark" activities, which are activities youth have interest and passion for that can be leveraged for accountability. We provide youth quality Music & Arts instruction, Sports training, competition and performance opportunities.

Our Annual Spring Banquet Fundraiser will be held on April 26th, 2018 at the Hotel Julien from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. We will highlight some success stories from the children and parents that we serve. We will also have performances by our very own "Dream Choir!" It will certainly be a night to remember, and we would love to have your presence there. The cost is \$75 per person or \$600 per table. If you would like to RSVP please email Cori Lieb at cliebdreamcenter@gmail.com. Without our generous donors, we would not be able to impact lives at this capacity. We appreciate our community support.

We hope to see you on April 26th!
The Dubuque Dream Center



Girls enjoying themselves at our Annual Family Valentine's Dance.



Parents came out to the dance to show us their moves!



Our January employee of the month, Jenna Holst, Music and Arts School Connector



We started Guitar Lessons in January!

142
YOUTH

Participating in the 2017-2018 school year programming.

Our goal is to serve

200
YOUTH

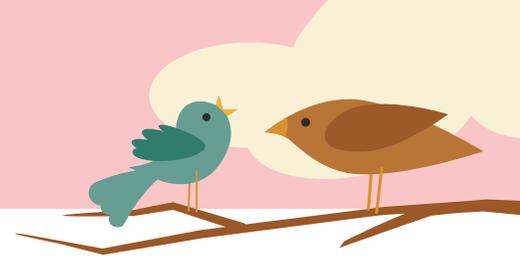
78%
OF STUDENTS

Increased their reading MAP scores and

88%
OF STUDENTS

Increased their math MAP scores during the 2016-2017 school year

DREAM CENTER IMPACT



STACY & JAYDEN

LONG TERM EFFECTS OF THE DREAM CENTER

Jayden, 14, is a great example of how the Dream Center can positively impact a child through consistent attendance. Jayden has participated in Dream Center programs since 2014. Stacy, Jayden's mother, believes that, "consistency shows dependability." Stacy says, "what I love the most about the Dream Center is that my children's grades have improved, and I know they always have moral support." It is with great joy that we announce that Jayden is now an employee of the Dream Center! He assists our younger students throughout program time, and he is always eager to help wherever he is needed.



CANDACE, CHARLIE, & SUSIE

SHORT TERM EFFECTS OF THE DREAM CENTER

Susie, 9, has made tremendous behavioral gains since she started attending the Dream Center in 2016. Susie's school office interventions have significantly decreased from September 2017 to February 2018. Susie had no office interventions for the month of February! Her Reading MAP test score increased by 18 points, which put her above her grade level. Her Math MAP test score increased by 8 points. Candace, Susie's grandmother, feels that the partnership between the Dream Center and Susie's school (Fulton Elementary), contributed to Susie's recent success. Candace said, "Since the Dream Center and the school is on the same page, Susie is being held more accountable."



SHEENA & LACORTLAND

▲ Pictured above: Will, (School Connector), Bridgett Boone (Music & Arts Coordinator), and Gabby (Academic Center Coordinator) with children and parents.

LaCortland, 11, has specifically improved academically and behaviorally this school year. The transition from elementary school to middle school is not always easy, but we believe when students have a support team it makes the transition easier to manage. LaCortland struggled academically in the past, but with consistent attendance at the Dream Center, we have seen an increase in his GPA. Sheena, LaCortland's mother, says that she has also seen behavioral improvements in LaCortland. Sheena said, "LaCortland was having a hard time in fifth grade. I was receiving phone calls every day from school from his teachers regarding his behavior. Now that he is coming to the Dream Center, he has learned that he needs to respect the adults in his life."

A WORD FROM A SCHOOL CONNECTOR

"It's a joy to watch the boys that I connect with grow academically, socially, and on the court. Working with them is a tremendous blessing, and I learn something new from them each day!" — Will McClellan, Third & Fourth Grade Dream Center School Connector



We provide in-the-classroom experiences for our youth, also continuing the school day curriculum in our Academic Center.