

## L.A.M.P – LEARNING ASSISTANCE AND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP



**Prayer Needs:** L.A.M.P. (Learning Assistance and Mentoring Partnerships) is a collaboration among the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Family Guidance, and area churches like North Way to impact the city of Pittsburgh one student at a time by matching a church (or churches) with a specific Pittsburgh public school to serve and provide mentors to that school's students. North Way is paired with Pittsburgh Faison K-5 School in Homewood.

- Pray for the students of the Faison School and the Homewood community.
- Pray for the relationships that are developed through mentoring.
- Pray about how your group can partner with L.A.M.P. and God's work through it's ministry.

### Descriptions of Volunteer Opportunities:

**Donate Candy for the Harvest Party** – *Annual event* -- North Way organizes an annual Harvest Party each fall at the Faison School in Homewood. One highlight of the event is “trunk-or-treating” and huge amounts of candy are distributed to hundreds of children. Small groups can participate in North Way's effort to gather this candy in the weeks leading up to the event.

**Imagine Conference** – [www.imagineconferencepgh.com](http://www.imagineconferencepgh.com) – *Annual event* – Imagine what would happen if followers of Jesus took a stand for the hungry, the hurting, and the fatherless. The Imagine Conference brings to life what it looks like to serve and love our neighbors near and far through inspiring speakers, educational breakout, and practical ways to engage in caring for the fatherless, the refugee, single moms, and trafficking victims.

**Volunteer at the Harvest Party** – *Annual event* -- There are many ways to help with making the annual Harvest Party a success. Small groups can gather around one of their vehicles and hand out candy to the hundreds of kids that attend. There are also opportunities to help with registration, lead games, and crafts, or serve in the kitchen.

**Prayer Commitment** – *Ongoing need* -- “Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition”(Ephesians 6:18). Commit to praying for L.A.M.P., the students at the Faison School, and the Homewood community on a weekly or monthly basis as a group. Pray about how each individual in your group can be used by God to help impact our city, one life at a time.

**Mentor through L.A.M.P.** – *Weekly commitment for at least one year* -- Mentoring students from the Faison School is the primary focus of L.A.M.P. Encourage individuals from your group to consider if they could commit to mentoring a child. There are three primary types of mentoring relationships through L.A.M.P. Each requires a commitment of at least one year. Training is provided.

- **One-to-One Mentors** – One-to-one mentors meet exclusively with one young person for about three hours on a weekly basis for excursions, meals, or just hanging out. These mentors commit to at least one year of mentoring, and the time spent together, week after week, is invaluable in shaping a young person's confidence, trust, and character.
- **Family-to-One Mentors** – In family mentoring, an entire family works with one young person, with the same gender parent as the primary mentor. Families meet with students once a week for at least three hours, and we stress the need for one-on-one time with the primary mentor. The family mentor model has become popular because of the important lessons families and mentees learn together.
- **School-Based Mentors** – School-based mentors are trained specifically for working with a mentee in the school setting. While there may be an occasional need for academic support, the main focus is on building a relationship over the course of the school year. Mentors are matched with a specific child, and weekly time spent together occurs on-site and during school hours.

**The Open Table** – *Weekly commitment for at least one year* -- Through L.A.M.P., North Way may be connected with a young adult or family that needs some help escaping poverty. The Open Table is a national ministry that North Way is partnering with to come along side an individual or family over the course of a year to create real and lasting life change. Each Table is composed of a group of volunteers that make a year-long commitment to act – through relationship — as a team of life specialists, encouragers, and advocates. Over the course of a year, the Table works together to set goals, foster accountability, and implement a plan to create change.

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