



ENCOURAGING SUCCESS WITH EACH MOVE... ...A CHESS PROGRAM FOR DC YOUTH

MISSION

Our program seeks to promote the personal, academic, social and leadership development of underserved youth in the District of Columbia. Using the game of chess in an educational, but fun and non-threatening environment, children learn to think strategically; to develop self-discipline and positive social skills; and to increase their self esteem.

RESULTS

Chess is a proven educational tool that gets results!

- ❖ This program attracts both girls and boys and shows success in working with children whose primary language is not English and children with special needs.
- ❖ A longitudinal study funded by Congress and completed in 2006 showed that Chess for Success (Portland, OR) participants, compared to other students, exceeded standards in math by 17% and in reading by over 10%.

NEXT STEPS

Summer '08: We will be partnering with Project My Time (a city-wide initiative through the Trust) to implement two pilot programs at Kelly Miller (Ward 7) and Lincoln (Ward 1) Middle Schools.

Fall '08: Two more sites will be added.

- ❖ Chess club will be offered at least twice a week, for an hour, plus
- ❖ All programming, chess sets and chess club T-shirts are free to youth participants

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ❖ **Volunteer** -- Volunteers are needed to assist coaches. High school and college students are welcome, as are retirees! We are not looking for chess masters – rather, caring individuals who are committed to helping DC youth succeed.
- ❖ **Funding** – Richard and Lois England are providing seed money for this program.
WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY!

If you are interested in supporting this chess program, please contact:

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