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Tutoring Mentoring Helping



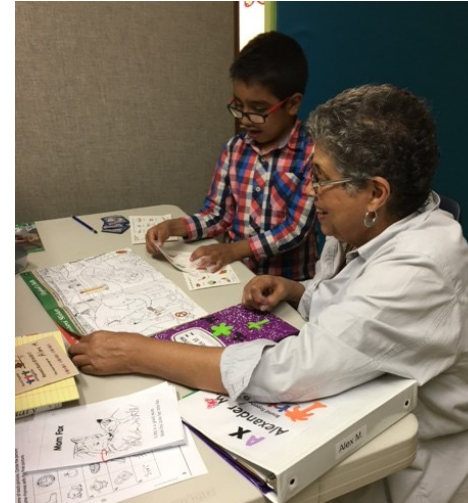
**For our children,
Bound Together is...**

- ◆ A safe, warm and comfortable environment, conducive to learning
- ◆ A place to eat hot, kid-friendly meals
- ◆ A place to express creativity in a positive way
- ◆ A place to explore the wonders of cooking



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Helping children in Pontiac since 1994



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Making a difference - one child at a time

Bound Together, a non-profit after school tutoring and enrichment program has served the children of Oakland County for over a decade. Our program is designed to target “at risk” children including economically disadvantaged students in grades one through six. Bound Together has evolved into a top quality-tutoring program that serves the needs of the children four days a week – 3 days academic help and 1 day enrichment opportunities (either art or cooking.)



Working together

Bound Together is a place that welcomes, nurtures and encourages all who are part of it's fabric. We have been entrusted with children who are actively working toward improving their academic skills and in the process forming strong bonds with each other and the adults who either tutor or cook. Bound Together is in session (after school) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the school year. After all sessions, we supply a hot meal – all this at no cost to families!

We see remarkable things during the tutoring sessions. Words are sounded out, meaning are discussed, multiplication tables are recited and friendships bloom. One on one tutoring is the goal and for the most part we achieve that. The

success of the program is a direct result of caring volunteers (both as tutors and as cooks.)

During dinner, the kids share stories and observations with each other. They celebrate, console and listen to their table mates and care! They all want to know what is for dinner and the most popular "chore" on the chore list is *Kitchen Helper!*

Bound Together keeps it's doors open and the program strong as a result of the generosity of many who feel supporting Bound Together is an investment in the life of a child. The children know that we are supplying an environment that fosters improvement and recognizes struggle. We stress kindness and empathy and are very pleased when we see evidence that these values are present with everyone. The joy on a child's face when they run in and proudly show a certificate of achievement is heart warming and affirming. When a parent grabs your arm and says, "Thank you," as they hold up a report card that shows improvement, is priceless and humbling. We delight in celebrating with these kids, during parties, held throughout the year. These are times when memories are made and cherished!

TUTORING

Bound Together is a volunteer based program concentrating in the areas of math, reading and writing skills. In partnership with surrounding schools (both public schools and charter schools), each child is individually assessed (and with the input and observations of the tutors) and then instructed according to their academic scores and needs. During the school year evaluations are given to access the progress of each student in the program.

Tutoring days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM. After all tutoring classes the children are served a nutritious meal through our Kids Cafe program. Because of the commitment of tutors, the generosity of private donors and the charitable grant contributions that help make our program successful, Bound Together is committed to the children of Pontiac and to Creating and Educating a Caring Community.



ART "CREATION STATION"

Feb.11, 2013, we began an art experience (Creation Station) for the children enrolled in Bound Together. We will meet two Mondays a month at 4:15-6 pm. The participants explore art through a variety of mediums. We experiment with watercolors, pastels, charcoal and clay. We offer suggestions for visual projects that enhance their assigned school projects. We discuss color and scale.



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Cooking "Kids in the Kitchen"

In October 2016, we began our healthy cooking class entitled "Kids in the Kitchen". This fun class will focus on nutrition, informed food choices and preparing simple, yet healthy meals.

