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June 2019

The STEP Class of 2019



Join us in congratulating the STEP Class of 2019. Pictured left to right: Ms. Phyllis & Abrianna Adkins, Mr. Dwight & Teon Burton, Kevin Hill & Mr. Jeremy, and Xavier Austin & Mr. Jonathan.

Graduation season is a bittersweet time for the STEP Family. As excited as we are to see what God has in store for the next stage of their lives, the STEP Gym in North Little Rock will seem a little too quiet for the next few months.

Abrianna, Teon, Kevin, and Xavier have all been a part of the STEP Family for several years, and we're pleased to tell you that all four have concrete plans for how to move forward after high school. Two are continuing their education at institutions of higher learning, and two will be entering the workforce.

It's been a joy to watch their relationships with their mentors blossom into friendships. We pray that you will pour into the next generation the way your mentors have poured into you, and we're excited to see what Jesus has in store for your next STEPs!

Encourage One Another

Meanwhile, our Encourager Programs across central Arkansas have been hard at work all school year. So hard at work, in fact, that one of our very own Encouragers from Pine Forest Elementary, Jackie Parrish, was awarded the Susie Roberts Award at the Pulaski County Volunteers Breakfast. This award is given annually by People Assisting Local Schools, PALS, "For Positive Promotion of the Pulaski County Special School District."

We have Encourager Programs in schools in the Pulaski County Special, Little Rock, and North Little Rock School Districts. Like everything we do, it's one-on-one. Through these relationships, we hope to motivate the student to consistently show improvement in attitude, self-confidence, behavior, and academics. Contact us for more information!



Jackie Parrish, an Encourager at Pine Forest Elementary in Maumelle, received this year's Susie Roberts Award. Congratulations Jackie and thank you for serving our students so well!



Some students from the STEP Tutoring Program celebrating at their end of year party with their tutors. Thank you to all the students that came and volunteers that served!

Interested in mentoring?

The Summer Mentoring Program is the best way to dip your toe in the water. Sign up for a three day, six hour session:

July 9-11

July 16-18

July 23-26

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We appreciate your faithful support and prayers more than you can know!



Meet Matt Stagg

The Stagg Family has a huge heart for what Jesus does here. Both Matt and his wife, Jessica, have served as mentors in Eastgate. He is a member of Christ Community Church, serves as the CFO of Splash Carwash, and has recently joined the STEP Board of Representatives. Matt and his mentee, Greg, have been a part of our Mentoring Program for seven years. "I am very blessed to have been a part of STEP. I started out just thinking about how I could help my mentee, but along the way, I have seen how much God has worked on my heart too. I look forward to seeing what God has planned for STEP in the future!"