



Footprints

September 2019

Coming in Hot!



Michey Okuwoash and her mentee, Nahriya, pose for a victory shot after winning a round of Tusker Tag during the Summer Mentoring Program this July at the STEP Family Outreach Center in North Little Rock's Eastgate Terrace neighborhood.

As the temperatures start to rise, so does excitement about the STEP Summer Mentoring Program. Do you remember July? It was HOT!!! But so was the Summer Mentoring Program. We had over 70 mentors from churches across Central Arkansas commit to meeting one-on-one for three consecutive nights with a child from the Eastgate Terrace community in North Little Rock. For three weeks, nights were filled with games, crafts, and the Word of God. We took off-site field trips to the Heifer Urban Farm, Burns Park, and even got to do a Bible study at the Arkansas Dream Center next door. None of this is possible without our faithful volunteers.

The Summer Mentoring Program is a great way to try out mentoring without signing on for a year-long commitment. Sometimes folks serve in the Summer Mentoring Program for years before deciding to joining us for the school year. Either way, we're grateful for your pursuit of the Great Commission alongside the rest of the STEP Family!

Getting Up to Speed

Take yourself back to when you were in elementary school. July is wrapping up. The August heat is really starting to kick in. You know school is right around the corner. Wouldn't it be easy to just relax in front of the TV for the last few days before classes get started?...

Well, that means you aren't a STEP kid!!! They want to be as ready as possible to tackle the upcoming year. For the two weeks leading up to the first day of school, they were hard at work with their tutors reading, crafting, listening to stories, reading, journaling, playing games... and then reading some more! We like to think of STEP Literacy Camp as the "on-ramp" to the school year. As with everything that happens at STEP, this program is one-on-one between tutors and students. What better way to get ready for a great school year? Thanks to everyone that came out and helped make it a great summer!!!



Lakelvis, Tra'tavious, Naqualo, Ja'Shawn, and Kenterious are ready for story time with Ms. Kathy at Literacy Camp this year. Please pray that Literacy Camp served as a head start to an amazing school year!



Evan Jacobs and David Holsted take a selfie with Anthony and Amir during this year's Burns Park Photo Scavenger Hunt. Thank you to all our summer mentors for going all in on being a kid alongside their mentees.

**Come...
Serve...
Grow!!!**

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



Meet Jeremy Jeffery

Serving Christ through STEP is one of the most important things in the world to the Jeffery family. Jeremy and his wife, Casey, serve as mentors in Eastgate and are members of Fellowship North. Jeremy is Vice President of Strategy & Business Analytics for Jefferson Regional Medical Center and serves as the Chairman of STEP's Board of Representatives. Jeremy's long-time mentee, Kevin, graduated from North Little Rock and the STEP Mentoring Program in spring of 2019, wrapping up ten years together in the program. "The relationship I have with Kevin continues past STEP. Our discipleship relationship started simply enough, meeting once a week during the school year, but over time it organically grew into a brotherhood. God's work in me through STEP has been one of the most impactful things in my life over the past decade. I look forward to serving for the long-haul through mentoring and my work on the board."