

VINE HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER 2017

Volunteers in Education

Dear Friends of VinE -

2017 was a great year for students working with VinE tutors! We ended the 2016-2017 school year strong, reaching 604 kids through the work of 81 dedicated volunteers. This school year, VinE introduced our redeveloped Tutor Training. After working with the Minnesota Literacy Council, local teachers, and representatives from the school districts we serve, we have a comprehensive preservice training that will ensure all tutors walk into the classroom with tools proven to help students succeed.

Your commitment to education has helped provide the support tutors need to make a difference in the lives of our students.

Tutors not only help the student with whom they work, but also give the teacher additional time to work with other students. A Nelle Shean teacher shared, "It was so helpful to have another adult assisting this needy student with his writing. I could continue to assist others knowing this boy wasn't lost because he had someone there to guide him."

Students benefit from working with a tutor and are able to receive the one-on-one attention they need. This past school year, 82% of students that worked with a tutor reported that they felt better about school because of their tutoring sessions. In the words of a Tower-Soudan Elementary student, "My tutor is kind. She lets me work at my pace."

We help students succeed, we build student confidence; you help make that happen. Thank you.

*We look forward to the coming year,
Cassandra Hainey
Program Director*



End of Year Giving

To make a tax-deductible donation for 2017, please visit www.vine-mn.org/donate or send a check dated on or before December 31 to:

Volunteers in Education

PO Box 668 Virginia, MN 55792

Plans for the New Year

In 2018, we will be using feedback from tutors, teachers, and students to continue to improve VinE. We look forward to sharing stories from students with you at the end of the year!

In June 2017, the Virginia School Board voted to begin a partnership with VinE. Starting this winter, we will be training and placing volunteer tutors in Parkview Elementary.

We will continue to share VinE's mission to *engaging the community in the education of its students, supporting their growth and preparing them for productive citizenship*. If your service group or congregation would like to have VinE present at a meeting, please contact us at 218-404-5742.

Thank you for your continued support!