



Dream Leaders Program:

Dream Leaders is a unique student leadership program, which we developed to celebrate and enhance the unique ability in every child by giving them opportunities of service while working alongside children of diverse background.

The program brings together young people of all abilities, from every race, gender, social status and religion and gives them opportunities to work together on cooperative community service projects.

Creating cooperative projects which serve both the local and world communities connect our youth to others in a way which encourages compassion for those who are both close to home and also a world apart from their daily lives.

Working with Schools:

Our program compliments the curriculum of the participant's school programs and includes workshops to enhance leadership skills such as meeting organization, media relations, community outreach, team building, and social activism.

We will be assisting schools by helping students achieve their community service requirements. Our leadership training will reinforce and enhance a school's programs, and there is no additional work required from the school. In fact, our objective is to do the work of increasingly overburdened teachers so they can have more time for their many other important responsibilities. Dreams for Kids facilitates and monitors the progress of all our programs.

Goals and Objectives:

Long before walls can be built, prejudices can be formed and isolation can result, children who work together in diverse groups are given the opportunity to see past any perceived differences among them and to recognize and appreciate our common humanity.

Diverse groups of children who work on cooperative projects are given the opportunity to learn that even though a child in a wheelchair cannot walk, he or she may have ability as a gifted speaker or creative writer. When working together, someone from a different religious, racial or socio-economic background may not seem so different after all, and they can offer a unique and expansive perspective.

While practicing skills such as organizing meetings, letter writing, public speaking, team building and different ability awareness, the Dream Leaders become active members of the local community.

By reaching out to their less fortunate peers in developing countries, Dream Leaders become involved in global issues and learn to become true citizens of the world.

Actions that will Accomplish Goals:

Our objective is to form small, 7 student, diverse, groups of youth. Our interns will facilitate the training workshops which establish three pillars – Leadership Skills, Social Issue Awareness and Take Action Skills.

Our fundraising initiatives for the participants include our one of a kind Adopt a Dream Program, a hands-on project that inspires students to pick a dream on a 55x48 inch Global Village, which features sport and social activities for children in their local communities who have physical and developmental disabilities, and the dream of freedom and education for children in developing countries who have been forced into child labor.

Local Community Service

A few examples of the many initiatives our Dream Leaders will embrace:

- **Halloween for Hunger:** Children keep the fun but put social awareness into trick or treating by canvassing their neighborhoods for non perishable food items to support local food banks and help fight hunger.
- **Socially Responsible Birthday Parties:** Instead of gifts for themselves, children notify their family and friends to bring donations for a need within the local or world community.
- **Forever Friends:** The great wisdom of our elders is connected with the energy and wonder of youth. With regular visits to nursing homes and retirement communities, a young person finds a friend who will listen. An elder is renewed by the opportunity to share time that is valued.
- **Holiday for Hope:** Participating in Dreams for Kids long standing tradition and volunteering for the world's largest holiday celebration for homeless and underprivileged children.

World Community Service

- **Hosting International Dinners:** Children choose a unique culture, and then research its customs, food and traditions and invite their friends to their home to share in the cuisine, dress and experiences of a soon to be familiar culture.
- **Create Pen Pals:** Reaching out to their peers overseas and establishing long term relationships and culturally enriching correspondence.
- **Volunteer Overseas:** Embracing the future of a global community, and responding to the needs of their less fortunate peers, children are given opportunities to volunteer in developing countries, such as Africa, China, India, and Thailand.

- **Adopt A Dream Campaign:** The strength of the Dream Leaders Program is in its sustainability. This powerful campaign is at the heart of the program. Adopt a Dream empowers children to make a life changing difference today and become immediate leaders at home and around the world.

The Global Village, a visual work of art, provides an opportunity to adopt a dream, and create fundraising opportunities to make the dream come true.

In part of the Global Village, participants will adopt the dream of Extreme Recess and give local children with disabilities the opportunity to come from the sidelines of life and into a world of companionship, new friends, the joy of sport, renewed confidence and self esteem, and just plain fun.

Across the ocean, a world apart, but part of their very same world, children will adopt the dream of freedom and education. By providing sustainable income sources for families in developing countries, children will be freed from life threatening child labor and returned to school.