



The Study Hall Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2009

The Study Hall is an afterschool and summer camp program that serves K-5th grade in the greater Peoplestown community, offering an educational and enrichment curriculum that equips children to achieve sustained personal and academic success. **Find out more about us.**

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Community Spotlight

Georgia State
University Helps
Our Scholars
With Reading


Dear Denise,

Greetings from Our Executive Director

Happy Holidays to everyone. We hope that you will enjoy our Fall 2009 Quarterly Newsletter. We are excited about this school year and happy to report that 90 children are being served through our after school academic and enrichment program.

Last school year ended with exciting news - we once again exceeded our academic goals for our scholars. Please join me in congratulating our scholars who gave an outstanding effort. The results include 100% of our scholars passed the CRCT standardized tests and 99% were promoted to the next grade level. By the way, we refer to all of our students as scholars regardless of their academic standing.

We have an action packed second half of the school year planned: including two academic pep rallies sponsored by Chick-fil-A; field trips, yoga and swimming classes for our parents and scholars; and our first ever Special Event to celebrate 20 years of service to the Peoplestown Community.

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For the last three years, The Study Hall has partnered with The Georgia State Literacy Program to improve our scholars reading performance. This semester, 30 of our scholars embarked on their first college experience!

Each Tuesday, our scholars are transported to Georgia State where they become college students for the day.

GSU grad students, working on their education degree, assist our scholars with improving their reading and phonetic skills.

Beginning in January, we will also have a Georgia State University undergraduate class

Thanks to a generous donation of time and resources from The Art Institute of Atlanta, you can stay tuned to what's happening at The Study Hall on our brand new website at www.thestudyhall.org.

Sincerely,

Jacquetta Watkins

Executive Director

The Study Hall, Inc.

Support the 2009 Annual Fund

Last year our fundraising efforts were impacted by tough economic times and we were forced to make a few tough decisions - including eliminating many of our enrichment activities. We realize that enrichment activities like our performing arts program, field trips and sports activities help keep the after school experience fun and exciting. Our goal is to motivate our scholars to learn and enrichment activities help us teach vital study skills and academic tools through non-traditional mediums like the arts and through hands on learning experiences.

Please consider a contribution to The Study Hall's 2009 Annual Fund Drive today so that we can maintain a full enrichment program schedule this school year. You can donate online at www.thestudyhall.org or mail in your check to The Study Hall at P.O. Box 6717, Atlanta, Ga. 30315.

undergraduate class coming to our campus to help our third, fourth, and fifth grade scholars with hands on learning techniques, and focusing on improving reading performance.

THANK YOU
Georgia State University for having a vested interest in our scholars!

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Why our mentor program?

The Study Hall wants to place compassionate mentors with each of our 90 scholars. Mentors have the unique opportunity to build long-term relationships with the children we serve. Mentors have a positive impact on the decisions our scholars make and the expectations they create for their futures.

Here are examples of two scholars who could benefit from a positive role model in their lives.

- **One scholar is a 5th grader who has been in our program since Kindergarten. He has endured a number of obstacles, including losing his father and struggling through school. He has the ability to learn and excel in school, but he lacks the confidence. He is shy and slightly withdrawn. He needs someone on a consistent basis to interact with him and bring out his amazing possibilities!**
- **Another scholar is a 2nd grader who has also been at TSH since Kindergarten. She is incredibly bright and thrives in the classroom. However, she seems to struggle in certain social situations. She could use a friend to help her blossom.**

MENTORING ONLY TAKES 4 HOURS OF YOUR TIME PER MONTH. If you believe you could change the lives of these or any of our scholars, please head to

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the lives of these or any of our scholars, please head to [our website](#), fill out a volunteer application, and get the process started!

A Huge Thank You to The Coca-Cola Company


The Study Hall received a wonderful and generous donation this past summer through The Coca-Cola Company. Lenovo, the IT and computer products company, donated \$20,000 worth of new computers and equipment to The Study Hall as part of their philanthropic commitment and relationship with Coca Cola.

Because of this generous donation, our computer lab is fully equipped for any and every thing our scholars need for academic success! We would like to give special thanks to our board chair, Ms. Elizabeth Finn Johnson, for helping cultivate this relationship.

TSH Volunteer Corner

The holiday season is upon us once again! This means plenty of volunteer opportunities at The Study Hall. Although we are always searching for classroom assistants, tutors, and mentors, we also have special programs that will be held before the December break.

These include our **Holiday Craft Day, December 16th, 2009 from 3:30-5:30pm** and our **Holiday Extravaganza!, December 17th, 2009 from 4:30-6:30pm.**

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scholars!

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Happy 2010:

A Note from our Board Chair

The New Year is upon us. At The Study Hall we have a lot to be thankful for this season and we are eternally grateful to each you for your donations of time and treasure in 2009. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2010. After all, next year we will celebrate 20 years of service to the Peoplestown Community. We will honor our founder Father Austin Ford and Chick-fil-A chairman S. Truett Cathy for his extraordinary work with and commitment to children.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I invite each one of you to join us in celebrating this milestone by becoming more involved at The Study Hall in 2010. Opportunities abound for you to join our efforts - become a tutor or volunteer at one of our enrichment activity events. As always, we encourage you to make a financial donation to further our mission. We wish you a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season and a Wonderful 2010!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Finn Johnson

Chair

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