

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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LEND-A-HAND
to youth

Preparing Our Students for High School

Chicago's selective enrollment high schools (Whitney Young, Walter Payton, Lane Tech, etc.) are among the best in the nation. Getting into those schools is a highly competitive process, requiring near perfect grades and very high scores on an entrance exam. Our students have historically struggled with the entrance exam—only three Lend-A-Hand students have been accepted to selective enrollment programs.

Thanks to the generous supporters of our 2025 Spring Awards Celebration, Lend-A-Hand can now provide our students with some assistance in that area. I'm pleased to announce that the Lend-A-Hand Board of Directors has set aside funds from this dinner to provide our older students with high school entrance exam prep classes at Test Prep Chicago.

Seventh graders Messiah Williams and Serenity Turner were the first Lend-A-Hand students to take advantage of this opportunity when they took a one-day test prep boot camp in mid-August. They will work on the boot camp materials with their Lend-A-Hand tutors this school year, and then they will take an eight-week course in Summer/Fall 2026.

Even if they don't get into a selective enrollment school or choose not to go, our students will benefit from this program because it introduces them to testing concepts that will be covered again on the SAT and ACT tests for college.

I want to give a special shoutout to Chicago Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren for donating three Bears Experience packages containing tickets to his personal suite to our dinner's live auction, which helped raise the funds for this project.

As we enter our tenth year of tutoring, I want to extend a special thank you to all of our stakeholders. Without your support, our work tutoring and mentoring hundreds of students would not have been possible.

Megan Fahey Monty
Board President



Megan tutored Caleb when he was in kindergarten. This fall he will be going to St. Rita High School.

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is a 501(c)3 organization that empowers
Chicago youth to achieve academic
excellence through individualized
tutoring and mentorship.*

Chicago Bears President & CEO Kevin Warren and Greta Warren were honored with the 2025 Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Philanthropic Award. Pictured with the Warrens are their children: Peri and Powers.



Hon. Janet Brosnahan (Ret.) of ADR Systems was on hand when her student, Mariah Jones, was named the valedictorian of The Montessori School of Englewood's 2025 graduating class. Mariah will attend Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep this fall.

Lend-A-Hand alumnae Krista (2nd left) and Kenisha Turnage (2nd right) recently reunited with their former tutors: Stephanie Rosen (left) of Premier Management Services and Jordan Matthis (right) of Takeda Pharmaceuticals. The Turnage sisters recently graduated from Hansberry College Prep and will attend Illinois State University in the fall. Their mother, Annette Heidelberg, also joined them at their reunion.



Lend-A-Hand student Messiah Williams will never forget the night he met Chicago Bears President & CEO Kevin Warren. Messiah is part of the first group of students who will start taking prep classes for the high school entrance exam this year, a project made possible by the success of this year's Spring Awards Celebration.



Executive Director Kathryn McCabe became a Certified Dyslexia Practitioner this spring. The Children's Dyslexia Center awarded the certification, which required 100 hours of tutoring with dyslexic students and 90 instructional hours. Lend-A-Hand's curriculum for its dyslexic students have been adapted from this program.

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