Earlier this month, 150 K-12th graders, plus families and volunteers, filled our sanctuary with applause and cheers. We were closing out the school year with a big awards ceremony to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our S.O.S. Afterschool Family.

Students in S.O.S. ("Set On Success") come to UV every Monday-Thursday afternoon for an intensive academic and life skills program designed to provide every child with the same opportunity: to set themselves on success.

Just like every UV program, S.O.S. is a "hand up," not a handout. Our job is to provide this opportunity — feed kids a healthy meal, check over homework, match them with a one-on-one tutor for a tough subject, offer enriching electives like poetry, cooking, or robotics — but it's the students’ job to actually take that opportunity and put in the work required to succeed…

…and boy, did our students work hard this year! Check out page 2 (inside left) for a breakdown of some amazing academic achievements.

But what we really want you to know is… this is only possible with a lot of help. Our team of dedicated S.O.S. volunteers has worked very hard this year to come alongside each of our students— building relationships with a child, reading with a child, doing homework with a child, encouraging them and challenging them… it’s amazing how much difference these personal relationships can make in the life of a student.

To our 2018-19 S.O.S. Volunteers: thank you! And to those who would like to help us keep providing the opportunity for 150 hardworking students to set themselves on success: We’d love to have your help. You can serve as little as half an hour a week and still make a big difference! Get in touch with Regina Lewis, our Volunteer Coordinator, to find your fit in our 2019-20 S.O.S. Family.

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Look at Them Learn!

We’re still waiting on 4th quarter report cards and Spring MAP scores, but we’re excited to share some details about our students’ progress this year:

Grades & GPA track achievement per subject, and UV focuses on Math, Reading/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies:

- 4 students received straight A’s in these subjects, all year! (Monday, Payton, and TawLah pictured at right.)
- 24 students earned all A’s & B’s, and 39 earned all A’s, B’s, & C’s!
- Another 10 students struggled initially, but worked hard and improved their GPA all year!

MAP Scores measure growth and performance in Math and Reading, to gauge whether students are “on target:”

- Our students’ average Reading score increased 12 points from fall to winter (2.4 times the normal improvement of just 5 points)!
- The average Math score increased 16 points (2.7 times the normal 6-point improvement)!

LEADing a Legacy

This year’s focus is inspired by 2 Timothy 2:2 – “and the things you have heard me say… entrust to faithful people who will also be qualified to go out and teach others.”

In every UV program, we work to train up the next generation into faithful servant leaders who will make an impact for Christ.

This year, UV is impacting about 720 children and families! Each participant represents about $990 in program and operating costs, and we need your help:

Will you partner with us as we LEAD a legacy by building up the next generation of Christian community leaders?

Update: As of May 22, 588 of our 720 participants have been sponsored. Could you help us provide for the last 132? Our fiscal year ends August 31.

But the job isn’t done...

We know students lose knowledge if they don’t keep it fresh, and the average child affected by poverty loses twice as much over the summer than other students! So we plan to work hard over the 5 weeks of Summer S.O.S. to help every student retain what they’ve worked so hard to learn this year.

Please keep Summer S.O.S. in your prayers!
A Delicious Taste of UV

Were you able to join us for “A Taste of Urban Vision” in April? This was a new type of fundraiser for us, but after lots of positive feedback, we already plan to bring it back next year!

Over 600 guests sampled 22 traditional (and delicious) American, African-American, Italian, Karen, Mexican, Nepali, and Persian foods!

Missed the event? Already hungry for more? Mark your calendar for next year: April 18, 2020
School just let out, but it’s time to plan for the “Back to School with Dignity” Store!

Saturday, August 10, we’ll welcome hundreds of children and families into our building.

Our participants work hard all year to earn “UV Dollars.” At the Dignity Store, they can “buy” their own rewards: Backpacks, school supplies, bikes, and household items (like socks, laundry detergent, and toilet paper)!

It’s a great way to provide for our kids—not with a handout, but by empowering our neighbors to meet their own needs.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Can you help us collect items to stock our Dignity Store?

Can you serve at the Store, or help us set up?

Visit “Support” at [WWW.URBANVISIONMINISTRY.ORG](http://WWW.URBANVISIONMINISTRY.ORG)