nations ministry

YOUTH PROGRESS

2018-2019
Your gifts provided

Trunk or Treat events
Movies to see The Grinch
TPAC to see Tinkerbell and Peter Pan
Cheekwood Holiday Lights
Westminster Presbyterian’s Joy in Learning
Ice Skating
Bloomsbury Farm visit

Studio NPL Robotics
Southern Word
The Puppet Truck
ARTstronomy Project with Adventure Science Center
Giving Smiles dentist visit

Junior Achievement Economics for Success financial literacy workshops
Turnip Green Create Reuse workshop
A visit from Coach Mason and Vanderbilt Athletics
Belmont University music graduate students’ music therapy
After-School Student Council STEM Activities
Visit from a dog trainer with Caring Connections with Crossroads Campus
Nashville Food Project chef visit
Visit from Kelly Berry, children’s book author
New shoes and Christmas presents

By the numbers

61
volunteers provided 2,037 hours of service

2,378
hours of individualized reading instruction

104
improved or maintained an A in at least one core academic subject

105
students improved, on average, by 1.25 reading grade levels
THANKS TO YOU

As this school year begins, we are thankful for YOU. Because of your generous partnership, we are going to be serving a record number of children this school year--110! We are adding a day of programming for elementary school children and will be providing recreational therapy to help the children develop emotionally in addition to the literacy gains we are pursuing.

You make all this possible.

We are also very excited to share with you the progress we made last school year and over the summer.

Futures are being changed. Refugee children who have fled persecution and have been given a change to rebuild their lives in our great country are now receiving the assistance they need not only to overcome their past but to build a life of meaning and productivity.

Isn’t that what we want for our children?

Thank you for making that possible.

P.S. We would love to share more. Reach out to our Executive Director Chris Lovingood at 615.828.9664.
SUMMER 2019

This summer you provided 7 weeks of reading instruction and fun for 85 refugee children. Every day they read, worked on Lexia (a cloud-based reading instructional program), took books home, ate nutritious snacks, and had lots of fun!

You also provided:
- Trip to McKay Book Store
- Trip to Grote Farm
- Zoo trip
- Ice skating with Gnash
- Cheekwood Storybook Houses
- Vanderbilt University as guests of the Commodores
- Splash Pad
- Soccer Tournament

75 students improved, on average, by 2.42 Lexia levels

Helene came as a refugee to the United States in October 2018. She grew up in a refugee camp. When she started our program, she was at a pre-k reading level but in less than a year, has advanced to reading on third grade level. Thanks to you, she’s getting the extra help she needs to build a successful life. She just started 6th grade; she still needs your help. With your support, she will become a grade-level reader and have a beautiful life.

Please continue to stand with us to support Helene on her journey.
We’ve served children from 14 nations and 17 ethnic groups.

In their words

"Nations has helped me with my English. When I first came here, I did not know anything or understand what I was learning in school, but as I kept going to Nations, I started knowing a lot of things. The activities like Lexia helped me understand what I learned in my classes, for example I learned about nouns, verbs, etc. The field trips are really fun too!"

- Ning Dim, 7th grade student who started attending our program at Lead SouthEast in June 2015

"I am extremely grateful to be able to volunteer with Nations Ministry Center for Refugees. I began my work with them in January of 2019 as an intern; I worked with the elementary kids. After my internship ended, I decided to volunteer once a week. I love being able to help the kids with homework or reading. They are so wonderful, and I’m very thankful for my growing relationships with the kids such as Jackie and Ladouce. Volunteering has opened my eyes to new cultures that I wouldn’t have experienced otherwise.

Thanks for letting me be a part of this!

- Seville Croker
Student at Harpeth Hall School
Partners

Our partners include these organizations and many others:

- United Way
- Nashville After Zone Alliance
- The Joe C. Davis Foundation
- The Washington Foundation
- Downtown Presbyterian Church
- Trinity Presbyterian Church
- Hugh and Charlotte Maclellan Charitable Trust
- Hillsboro Presbyterian Church
- St. George’s Episcopal Church
- Second Presbyterian Church
- H Evan Zeiger, Jr. and Margaret S. Zeiger Charitable Foundation
- TY2 Foundation

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- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
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- The Dorothy Cate and Thomas F. Frist Foundation
- Joy to Learning