Leaders of Change

Youth growing up today face considerable challenges, especially in our most at-risk neighborhoods of the Bay Area. It’s hard to believe that 1 in 7 children live in poverty in the prosperous region we call home.

Lincoln believes that every child and family can succeed when they have the resources and support they need.

We’re excited to announce the expansion of Lincoln’s membership into a new recognition circle, ChangeLeaders for Lincoln. This new giving circle recognizes donors who make a significant impact on strengthening families and changing lives in the East Bay, and replaces Lincoln’s former membership dues program. Now, all donors making gifts of $100 or more to Lincoln will become members of the ChangeLeaders for Lincoln giving circle.

Benefits of ChangeLeaders for Lincoln are described below. Your generous investment as a ChangeLeader helps our children learn to read by third grade, ensuring Lincoln is there to guide their path towards academic achievement and high school graduation. Through therapeutic intervention provided by trusted Lincoln staff, our youth will remain in stable and permanent families, eliminating their risks of dropping out, unemployment, homelessness, incarceration, and mental health problems. Lincoln families will gain the support they need for their teens to regularly attend school and build skills and knowledge for college and the workforce.

Thanks to you, Lincoln children, youth, and families will do more than beat the odds: they will change the world.

ChangeLeaders for Lincoln

$100 | [Friends] | Promote Early Childhood Development in Schools
Provide assessment tools to expand mental health services for young students in the classroom, in order to enhance social and emotional development, increase school and life success, and minimize the need for more intensive and costly services in the future. In appreciation, you will receive:
Lincoln lapel pin
Complimentary marking of Lincoln updates and advisory boardings
Invitations to annual special events
$100 | [Contributors] | Develop Your Future Workforce
Provide 20 loans for Lincoln’s CEO Youth program with entrepreneurial and financial literacy education, paid internships, and exposure to local business leaders for college, career, and life achievement. In appreciation, you will receive:
All Friend benefits plus
Recognition in the Lincoln Annual Report and websites
$1,000 | [ChangeLeaders] | Support Lincoln’s Healthy Families Initiative
Provide supplies to support families in Lincoln’s Family Resource Center, including counseling, computer and job training, and wellness and nutrition classes for economic stability, active parenting, and healthy living. In appreciation, you will receive:
All Contributor benefits plus
Invitation to networking and recognition event before Lincoln’s inaugural James Mann ChangeLeaders for Lincoln luncheon in the fall of 2016

$1,000 | [Partners] | Provide Essential Literacy Foundation
Provide five first-graders in Lincoln’s Oakland Freedom School with summer literacy programming to eliminate learning loss, close achievement gaps, and ensure essential reading proficiency by third grade. In appreciation, you will receive:
All ChangeLeader benefits plus
Recognition in the James Mann ChangeLeaders for Lincoln luncheon program

$10,000+ | [Allies] | Get Kids to School
Provide one family in Lincoln’s School Engagement Program with individual case management, crisis intervention, and mental health counseling, which helps get kids to school and empowers them to realize their potential. In appreciation, you will receive:
All Partner benefits plus
Private lunch with Lincoln President and CEO

Any Amount | [Strengthens Families and Change Lives]
Provide Lincoln’s free or low-cost programs to thousands in impoverished Alameda and Contra Costa County communities each year to increase every child, youth, and family realize their full potential and achieve greater well-being and success.

Congratulations to Lincoln’s 2015 James Mann Service Award Recipients: Lincoln Community Partner, Pittsburg Unified School District, and Lincoln Supporter, Diane Goodhue, pictured here with Lincoln President & CEO, Christine Stoner-Mertz.
At age 6, David’s family became part of Lincoln’s Family Resource Center (FRC) located at the campus of his elementary school in East Oakland. Impacted by a traumatic migration journey, David was sad and not adjusting well to his new country. Not understanding English, he didn’t play at recess with the other children and wasn’t eating. Determined to help her son, David’s mother Gabriela shared David’s story with a Lincoln clinician, who immediately advocated for a transfer for David from his community school to a bilingual dual language immersion school and Lincoln to create a community place for students and families where healing and profound improvements in family and neighborhood life could happen. Today, the FRC offers a wide range of programs and services focused on health and wellness, learning, family engagement and support, including parent leadership development classes, healing circles, food giveaway programs, mobile bike repair, asthma prevention, and stress management activities like yoga and Zumba.

Annie Flores, Program Coordinator, is inspired by the strength and resilience of FRC caregivers every day, and their ability to create change in their children’s school in such a short period. When parents and caregivers are first engaged with the Family Resource Center, they come ready with ideas for improvements the schools can make. What they lack initially, however, is the ability to communicate those concerns and ideas to those who are actually able to implement the changes. Soon, the parents learn the skills and strategies to communicate with and influence school administrators, board members, and other community leaders. “It’s one thing to come before a school board as an individual to advocate for a cleaner school for students,” according to Ms. Flores, “and another to come together as a group of parents with similar concerns and communicate the larger impact of a dirty school environment on the education and development of students.” We’re excited to help parents develop the tools and skills they need to create a stronger school environment and neighborhood for their kids and families. We’re also excited about plans to expand the program into West Oakland. Stay tuned!

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