

Volunteer Your Time

The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center is seeking volunteers to assist with its after school and summer tutoring.

Daily attendance, which averages more than 50 children during the school year, requires the support of many volunteers who are led by the Resource Center program director. High school students and adults, individuals and groups, can volunteer for one or multiple days. From September through May, tutors are needed weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School, 380 Greenfield Ave., Glen Ellyn. The summer program needs vary. To volunteer, call the director at 630-899-9919.

Support The Resource Center

In addition to becoming a member or donor, and volunteering, there are many ways to support the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center. Here are just a few:

- Attend an event! The organization's major fund raiser is a community spelling bee called "Spellapalooza!". Enter a team...become a sponsor...purchase tickets! Visit the website for more information.

- Purchase greeting cards designed by Resource Center children. Sets of 12 are available for \$10 at Renaissance Art Studio, 481 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn.

- Spread the word! Pass this brochure on to family members or friends. Refer acquaintances to the website. We need your help to let others know about this great program.



Join & Donate

Help make a successful local program even better by becoming a member. When you become a member, you will:

- Receive our monthly newsletters
- Help elect our executive board
- Have the opportunity to serve on committees
- Receive news about events and activities

For those who would like to make a one-time investment, donations are welcome. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Contributions of resources including books and healthy snacks are always welcome.



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HELPING THE WORLD'S CHILDREN IN OUR OWN BACKYARD



The mission of the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center is to provide literacy and life skills to children living in low-income households in Glen Ellyn.

About the Resource Center

The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center is a nonprofit organization providing after school and summer literacy programs for children who reside in Glen Ellyn and who meet low-income and academic risk guidelines. Tutoring is provided in all academic subjects, with an emphasis on educating students for whom English is a second language. A variety of enrichment and recreational activities are also featured. Founded in 2002, the program served more than 100 children in 2008.

The Children's Resource Center is open Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. at space provided by Elementary School District 41 at Lincoln Elementary School, 380 Greenfield Ave., Glen Ellyn. The summer program varies.

Meet the Children

The children of the Resource Center are a combination of those born in the United States and immigrants, defined as those who were born in other countries and relocated here.

More than half of students served are refugees, representing families from 14 different countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Refugees are defined as those who flee their homeland and cross an international border because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, social group or political opinion. Unless the situation changes, refugees are unable to return home and must find another country in which to permanently resettle. DuPage is one of only three Illinois counties that are the focus of government sponsored refugee resettlement activities.

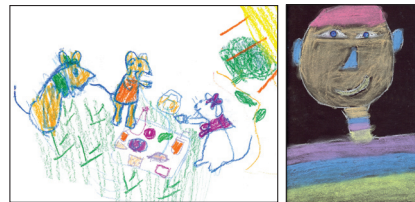
About The Need

- More than one third of the children served at the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center in 2009 are refugees and another 38 percent are immigrants.
- English is a new language for nearly 75 percent of those served by the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center.
- The average income for families of children served by the Resource Center is just half of what the U.S. Census Bureau considers the poverty line.



Three GECRC students share reading and friendship

Enrichment programs such as Art add fun to the after school program



Our Support

As a nonprofit organization, the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center relies on the support of local donors and grantors. Thanks go to the McCormick Tribune Foundation and the DuPage Community Foundation who have made major donations to the program. Ongoing support has also been provided by Tyndale House Foundation, the Community Bank of Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Glen Ellyn Infant Welfare Society, and the Glen Ellyn Rotary Club and Foundation.

Membership & Donation Form

Join and donate online by visiting www.gecrc.org. Or, complete this form with payment information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donation options

\$_____ Make me a member
(minimum annual donation is \$50)

\$_____ Accept my donation
(please fill in amount you wish to donate)

Enclosed is my check made payable to the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center.

I'd also like to help by:

Making a donation of snacks or supplies; call me to make the arrangements

Having you add me to your list for email communications

Volunteering my time; please call me

Sharing copies of this brochure with friends; please send me _____ copies

Please return this completed form with your check to: The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center
P.O. Box 354 Glen Ellyn, IL 60138

Questions?

E-mail: director@gecrc.org or call the program director at 630-899-9919