

Community Outreach Volunteers, NFP

Summary of program service accomplishments.

Community Outreach Volunteers (COV) was started in October 2006 with ten south side high school students.

COV provides after-school services to disadvantaged youth and opportunities for volunteers in Chicago's Englewood community. **Its mission is to help residents become self-sufficient by providing opportunities that develop their innate abilities and skills to overcome cultural, educational, financial, and social barriers. To realize this mission, COV operates three programs.**

The After-School Program operates four days a week during the school year for 50 children and youth ages 6-14. The program is comprised of two groups, one for girls (Girls of Destiny) and the other for boys (Beyond Your Borders). In delivering this service, COV partners with Bass Elementary School and the Chicago Park District (Hamilton and Sherman Parks), Teamwork Englewood NCP, Imagine Englewood If, and Global Outreach. **The goals of this program are 1) provide tutoring and Mentoring to young people. Students are tutored in reading and math, algebra and Science. About 100 children have benefited in this program.**

Urban Fitness and Sports Program serves 100 children and youth. A total of 50 kids from the Bass School currently attend twice-weekly sessions from 3pm to 5 pm. Additionally, another 50 kids (different from the Bass School group) attend fitness and sports activities at two Chicago Park District facilities, Hamilton and Sherman, also twice a week for two hours. The program also engages the kids' parents: each quarter we conduct presentations on healthy living and lifestyles at the Bass School and Hamilton Park. **The goals of this program are 1) to reduce Obesity among Englewood children and their families. 2) Provide students and their families with the latest knowledge on nutrition and fitness. 3) to help Children increase their physical activities as well as improving their social behaviors.**

The Community Service Volunteers Program recruits, screens, and trains each year 40 volunteers who serve COV and other nonprofit organizations in Englewood. **The goal of this program is to empower volunteers with skills to help young people in the Englewood community by assisting in their own academic and social development, through after- school tutoring, recreation, and life- skills activities. About 40 Volunteers have been recruited and trained.**

Community Technology career

Community Outreach Volunteers NFP joined forces with Hamilton Park under Chicago Park District to start a community technology Center. The center provides the following services to the community residents.

Equip residents with the latest tools and software to make our community members proficient technology users.

Community members gain basic computer skills, make digital movies, music and photography, and learn graphic design and web development.

Community members are on the cutting edge of learning how to apply technology in their lives each day and learning how it will be an integral part of their futures.

Community members are provided with an opportunity to access computer for their school home work and research.

Equip community residents with the skill to refurbish computers in order to give back to those in their community who are less fortunate in purchase a computer themselves.

Provide free internet access to community residents.

The goal of this program is to help young people learn computer fundamentals, while improving their school work using computer knowledge.