



President's Notes

My Fellow Rotarians,

Your Rotary Club has had another excellent week. There has been continued work on projects here and abroad and behind-the-scenes initiatives to make your next social fun and interesting as well as a productive meeting for your own in-house charity, Dilworth Charites. Finally, we enjoyed an excellent program by our own Kevin Kendrick on his time and work with the FBI.

On the Service Project Front: I am delighted to see the high level of activity with our service project signups. We have had six Rotarians fill up the volunteer spots for our February 20 Adopt A Street event. We have all eight slots filled for NC MedAssist on February 23. And we have all 10 slots filled for Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you to all of you!

Sustainable Growth of Rotary: RI President Knaack says "Increase in membership is meaningless if next year those new members leave our club. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways beside traditional meetings."

Loneliness: Incoming Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has spoken about the epidemic of loneliness. In the August 2020 edition of the *Rotarian* he noted that its prevalence is greater than that of diabetes. The pandemic has further exacerbated loneliness with the necessary social limitations we are following in order to protect each other and ourselves. Please invite others to our meetings as a way to foster connection!

India Project Update: We are in the final phase of the approval process with Rotary International! They have requested additional census data on the project. We are hopeful to have this wrapped up and to hear from Global Grants in March 2021.

Virtual Social Valentines Day: We will have a virtual Valentines Day Social this Sunday Feb 14 at 5 pm. We will see you there!



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We meet the first three Fridays of the month via Zoom link ([this link includes virtual socials](#)):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4511745271> Meeting ID: 451 174 5271

We will have in-person or virtual social meetings on the fourth depending on COVID restrictions.

Meeting Schedule

[Click here for our Google calendar](#)

2/12 No Meeting Presidents' Day Weekend

2/14 5 pm Valentine's Virtual Social

2/17 Board Meeting

2/19 Greenlight Planet with Radhika Thakkar

2/23 Rotary's 116th Birthday

2/26 UNCC Center with Jerald Coughter

People of Action

2/18 Second Harvest Food Bank

2/20 Adopt a Street Clean Up

2/23 NC MedAssist

[For YouTube videos of past meetings click here.](#)

Club Officers

President: Ranjit Rawley
Immediate Past President: Kevin Kendrick

President-Elect: Kelly Cates
President Nominee: Jay Berube

Treasurer: Joy Rucker
Secretary: Jenny Kendrick
Club Director: Rosemary Hill
Club Director: David Hodgkins
Club Director: Bob Teague



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Spotlight on Dilworth Charities

As many of you know, Dilworth Charities is the non-profit arm for the Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club. Dilworth Charities was recognized as a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization by the IRS in 2009, meaning that we have more than ten years of experience in supporting charitable causes advocated by our Rotary Club. Past support has gone to fund initiatives with Levine Children's Hospital, several projects in Peru, a project at Promising Pages and funding a scholarship at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. All donations go toward projects our Club has identified and fall into one of Rotary's seven areas of focus:

- Basic Education and Literacy
- Community Economic Development
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Maternal and Child Health
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
- Supporting the Environment
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Angie Rikard has been a Corporate member of our Dilworth Rotary Club for five years. She makes a recurring monthly donation to Dilworth Charities through PayPal because as she shared with us recently, she knows her funds are going to worthy projects that she supports based on our areas of focus. She also shared that she loves the ease with which she can make these payments and doesn't have to worry about how the money will be used as all of our proceeds go toward projects. Angie loves the variety of projects the Dilworth Rotary Club supports!

If a recurring donation is something you would like to consider, please feel free to contact us at dilworthrotary@gmail.com, attention: Dilworth Charities.

For those who weren't able to attend last week's meeting with our own Kevin Kendrick speaking, here is the link to view his presentation. [Click here to view.](#)



Mike was a member of the Gastonia East Rotary club, and had served as an Assistant (Area) Governor. His heart of service and love for his family, church, community, and Rotary will be deeply missed. Please keep his wife Beth (who was with him in Hawaii) and their family in your thoughts, heart, and prayers during this time.

[Click here for Michael's obituary.](#)



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

04 Ret Turner
12 Jay Patel

Partner Birthdays

07 Chris Webb (Amarja)

Anniversaries

Rhet Turner—25 years
Dave Miller—41 years
John Barringer—32 years
Kelly Cates—4 years

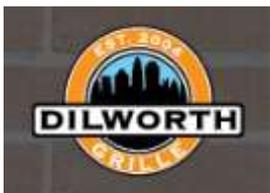


To access the on-line contribution portal for *Coins for the Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Fund*, go to www.mycartfund.org

1. Log in and use your DACdb login credentials.
2. Use MAKE A CONTRIBUTION to make future contributions.
3. Contact any of these District CART Co-Chairs if you have any questions:

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annadavis@bellsouth.net
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Checks for CART should be made payable to the *CART Fund* and mailed to Post Office Box 1196, Mooresville, NC 28115.



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NC MedAssist February 8, 2021

Small group. Huge works! Thank you for all you were able to do as a small group. You are awesome Rotarians!



David Hodgkins (Dilworth), Lydie Surget (International), and Jerry Coughter (Charlotte)

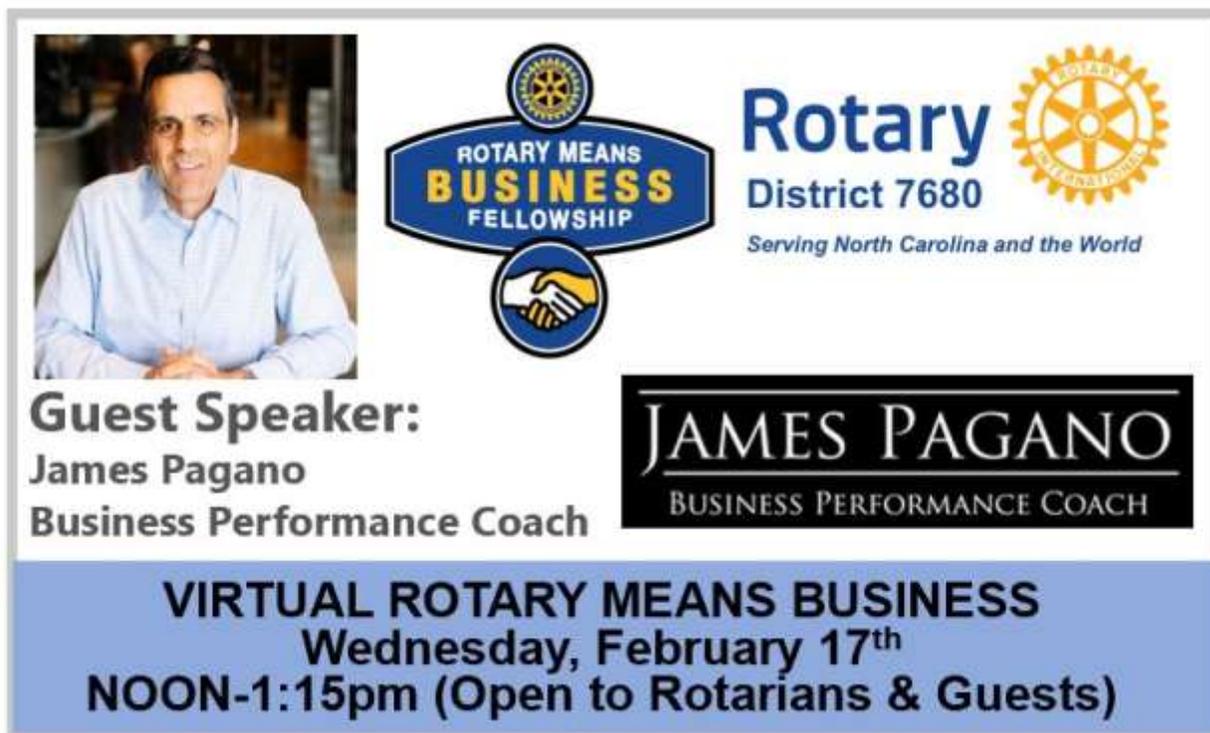


WiFi Access for Students

We had our community partners meeting with Sedgefield Middle School today. The librarian of the school noted the following:

The State Library of North Carolina has installed parking lot Wi-Fi at six of our locations as part of the first phase of the NC Student Connect project. This Wi-Fi is on 24/7 and is filtered to be in compliance with CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act). The State Library selected these locations for the NC Student Connect Wi-Fi project: Allegra Westbrooks Regional, North County Regional, South Blvd, Sugar Creek, West Blvd, and Independence Regional. The Wi-Fi network has the name: NCGuestWifi and does not need a password. Please share as needed with the families you serve.

ZOOM with Rotary Means Business



Guest Speaker:
James Pagano
Business Performance Coach

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JAMES PAGANO
BUSINESS PERFORMANCE COACH

VIRTUAL ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS
Wednesday, February 17th
NOON-1:15pm (Open to Rotarians & Guests)

Wednesday, February 17th!

Join our ZOOM call with Guest Speaker and Certified Executive Coach, James Pagano. James has experience which includes business ownership and corporate management positions spanning more than 30 years. Utilizing his experiences and training, he will be highlighting SCENERIO PLANNING including some discussion on the Pandemic Recovery Timeline and economic outlook. We will include some break out sessions and open discussions so be ready to learn and share.

Agenda:

- 12:00-12:05 Socializing
- 12:05-12:50 James Pagano on Scenario Planning & Q&A
- 12:50-1:15 Networking & Wrap Up

Join our MeetUp Group: <https://www.meetup.com/RMB7680/>

RSVP for the event: <https://www.meetup.com/RMB7680/events/276312660/>

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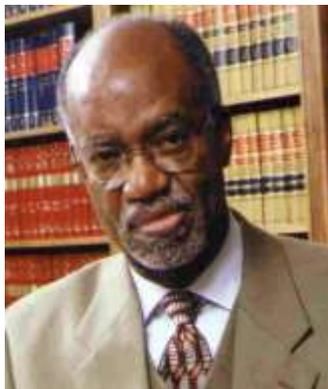
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Several Articles from the Dilworth Express, HOA Communication

Education, Civil Rights, Equality, Homan Service

A Local Voice on Charlotte's History



Webinars are back! The DCA's Diversity & Inclusion committee is excited to announce our next webinar. Mark your calendars for 6:30 pm on February 18 to hear [Dr. Pamela Grundy](#) host a very interesting conversation with [James "Fergie" Ferguson](#). Mr. Ferguson's dedication to justice and equality began in high school. He was the 7th African American lawyer in Charlotte and a founder of the first integrated law firm with a mission of giving voice and opportunity to those in need. Mr. Ferguson has worked on high profile civil rights cases, founded the Trial Advocacy Program in South Africa during apartheid, won numerous prestigious awards, and served on boards of many socially conscious organizations. Dr. Grundy is a historian, activist, and author of several books including *Color & Character* and *West Charlotte High School's history and educational equality*. Dr. Grundy has also curated many exhibits at the Levine Museum of the New South.

[For access info for the webinar, click here.](#)

Latta Park Gets Black Gums



Photo: Myron's crew: Roberto Salazar Castro, Roman Lopez Valdez, Sean Fisher, and Tony Putnam

Our Dilworth neighbor, Myron Greer, just donated two beautiful Black Gum trees, and his Garden Design Horticulture team planted them at the entrance of E Park Ace and Park Road in Latta Park. They may not look so beautiful to you unless you are a gardener and know that winter is the time to plant during dormancy. But stay tuned ... The native Black Gum, *Nyssa Sylatica*, grows to 30-50 feet and are considered to be a spectacular mid-size shade tree, turning orange, red and yellow in the fall. Their fruit is a favorite to many birds, and they are a host plant for black and white Hebrew Moths.

Local Online Film Festival



The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival runs through the end of February. This online film festival provides an illuminating and entertaining cultural opportunity by bringing together a diverse group of film lovers to enjoy stories, characters, and themes with universal appeal, viewed through the unique lens of the Jewish experience in America and around the world. This year's films will make you laugh, cry, think, and feel ... and you will be able to enjoy them right from the comfort of your own home. To quote from Friday's Creative Mornings event ... Shalom y'all. [To view the films, click here.](#)

February is Black History Month

Black History Month is a celebration of the contributions African Americans have made to this country. African American culture, and is a time to reflect on the continued struggle for racial justice.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library has a number of events celebrating Black History Month that are available to all—from [Connecting with Black Creatives](#) in our community every Tuesday this month to [Equity Impact Circles](#) and more. [Access their calendar for info and registration here.](#)

Central Piedmont Community College also has virtual events going on this month. These include storytelling, a mid-day zoom on spirituality, Black History trivia complete with prizes, and more. [Click here for info.](#)

The Museum of the New South also invites you to celebrate Black History Month with us through virtual exhibit tours, lunch & learn with our historian, story times for families, evening programs, and much more. [Click here for details.](#)

Infinite Possibilities: Series 2

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Presented by Rotary District 6960

Darryl Keys, Governor, District 6960 and Cyndi Doragh, Chair, Infinite Possibilities

We hope your New Year is off to a great start! We have some exciting news to kick off 2021. District 6960 is launching **Infinite Possibilities Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** with our first webinar taking place on January 29.

We had an outstanding response to **Series 1: Women in Rotary**, engaging thousands of Rotarians from around the world! Diversity, Equity & Inclusion promises to be just as amazing.

This four-part webinar series offers you the opportunity to hear from several very dynamic speakers who will offer vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership. We encourage you to invite not only your fellow Rotarians, but prospective members as well.

Register now for the first session: **Strength in Diversity**, with a very special host, Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Chair, who will lead an esteemed group of panelists through discussions on how strength lies in differences, not similarities. Joining Valerie are Joshua Innis, Paul Amoury, and Rea Vrandecic.

As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is our series schedule:

February 26, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Embracing our Differences hosted by Rotary International Director Stephanie Urchick, with featured speakers Past RI President Barry Rassin and Rotarian Brian Rusch of District 5150 in California. [Register here.](#)

March 26, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Investing in Equity hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago. [Register here.](#)

April 30, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Celebrate Diversity with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekack. [Register here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.



Mission: Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

The Project: The first Rotary Works program to launch will be our Career Development Professional Series, which will be offered via Zoom. Each month, [beginning December 9](#) at noon, with an overview of our Series, we will collaborate with business professionals in career development, exchanging ideas and having conversations with experts in their field. These “mentors” will provide information and inspiration for those in attendance seeking opportunities of self-exploration, self-improvement and ultimately seeking employment or entrepreneurial prospects.

Coming in the spring, Zones 33 and 34 will provide a “Job Board,” where you will be able to search for employment opportunities, post open positions, request a mentor, become a mentor, and find valuable and relevant career transition resources.

Finally, we are establishing an Impact Fund designed to assist Rotarians and Rotaractors in Zones 33 and 34, who may have experienced financial stress an opportunity to apply for a one-time grant of \$500.

The potential to help those in need is a top priority for us. More information on these programs will be available soon on the [Rotary Works website.](#)

There are an estimated **60,000** children in Meck Co. that have few, if any, **books** in their homes and almost **48,000** children who live with **food insecurity**. A Parent shouldn't have to choose between nourishing their child's body and nourishing their child's brain.

Let's help them do both.

Feed the Body, Feed the Mind



Charlotte Dilworth South End



Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary and Promising Pages are joining forces to donate book pantries to organizations supplying meals to local families and throughout food insecure areas of our city. You can be part of nourishing the most vulnerable members of our community by donating to help us supply books, bookshelves, and bookmarks to food pantries.

Corporate donations:

- \$100 - Bookworm (recognition in our promotional materials)
- \$250 - Librarian (Bookworm + name/logo in newsletter)
- \$500 - Reading Champion (Librarian + name/logo on bookmarks)

Individual donations above \$50 will be recognized by name listed in newsletter

For more information, contact: Promising Pages at info@promising-pages.org or Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club at dilworthrotary@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Dilworth Charities and in the note section, add Feed the Body, Feed the Mind. Mail to CDSERC, PO Box 30473, Charlotte NC 28230*

*Dilworth Charities is a 501(c)(3)

Rotary



Gastonia Evening Rotary

PRESENTS



Mardi Gras Trivia Night & Raffle

When: Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 7:30 pm EST

Where: On Zoom from the comfort of your own home!

How: Use our [reservation form](#) to claim admission for your virtual table of up to 10 people. Make a donation through our [PayPal](#) link and you will receive log in instructions for this event in Zoom.

Try Your Luck at our popular raffle:

Grand prize: 3 night stay at The Ashworth in Ocean Drive Beach, SC between 09/28/2021 thru 03/27/2022, based on availability. 4 BR, 3 Ba Ocean Front in the heart of OD (\$700+ value)



2nd prize: \$150 Visa Gift Card for Dinner at a Local Restaurant

3rd & 4th prize: Gift Card to Total Wine Company

Additional Prizes: Cases of Assorted beers

Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.gastoniaeveningrotary.org

THE QUEEN'S CUPBOARD CHALLENGE

WHAT IF YOU ONLY HAVE \$10 TO
SPEND ON NON-FOOD ESSENTIALS?
WHAT WOULD YOU PURCHASE?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITHOUT?

We challenge you to take \$10 and go shopping
as though:

- you have **\$10** to spend on non-food essentials for a **month**, for you and your family
- you are shopping for a **family of 4**
- you have run out of **non-food essentials**
- you need toilet paper, bath soap, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, diapers, laundry detergent, etc.

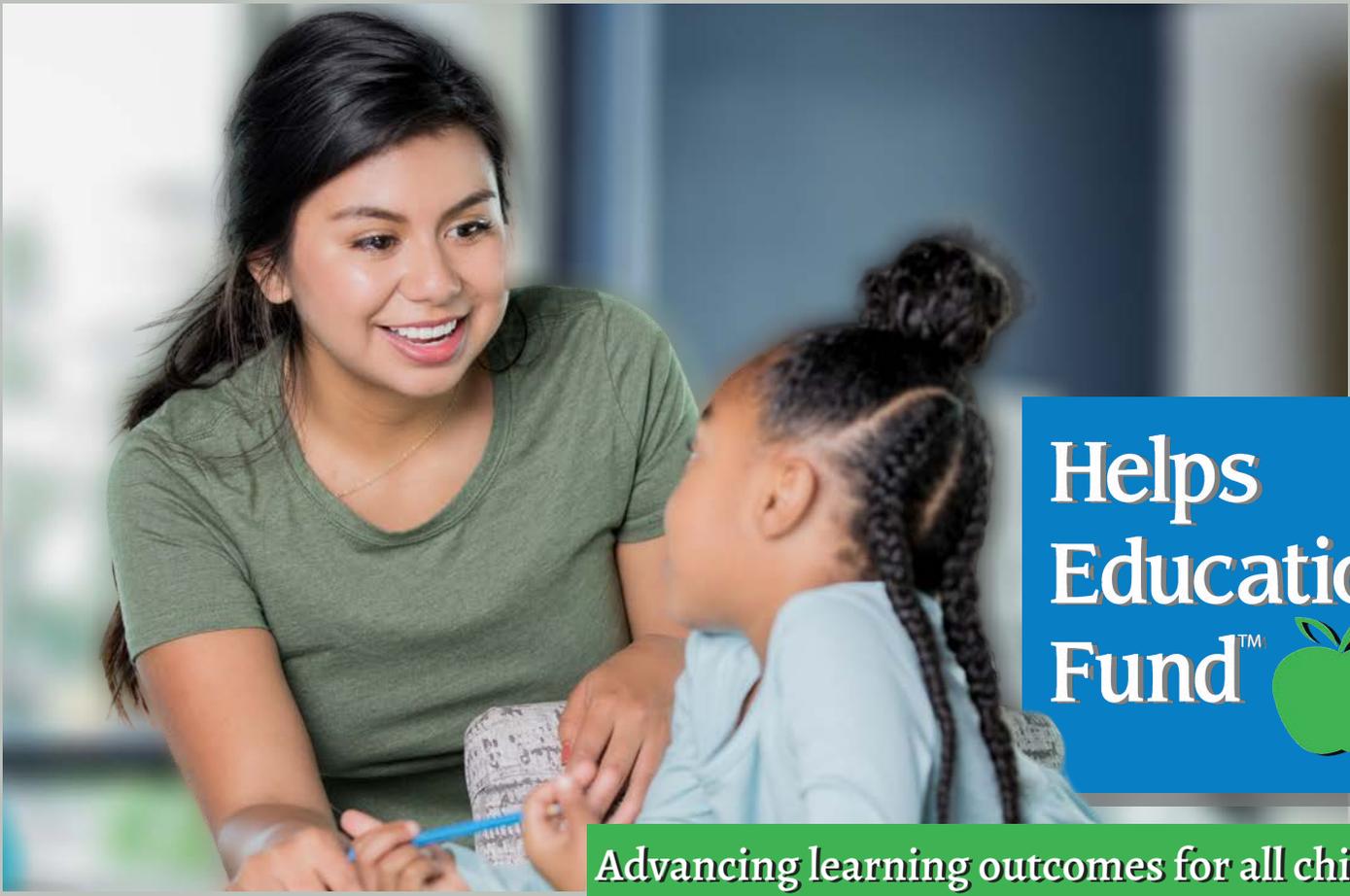
TAKE THE TQC CHALLENGE AND
HOST A MEETING TO DISCUSS
YOUR EXPERIENCE

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
YOUR CHALLENGE PURCHASES TO
THE QUEEN'S CUPBOARD



Club Of The
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Advancing learning outcomes for all children and promoting equity in education.

Helping Early Literacy With Practice Strategies (HELPS) is an evidence-based, research-validated program proven to improve children’s reading fluency.

The highly scripted program is prescribed to be delivered three times a week, with each session lasting 15 minutes.

Lightbulb icon **Training**

All tutors must complete a virtual HELPS training to learn how to implement the program.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Checkmark icon **Background Check**

All tutors must pass a school district background check to be able to tutor at one of our elementary schools.

[Submit CMS Background Check Here](#)

Open book icon **Tutor 1 Hour**

Our tutors serve at least 1 hour per week with 2 elementary school students.

[Create Volunteer Matrix Account](#)

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