

RESILIENT



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The sounds and sweet scents of spring are with us and Resilient is filled with hope for fresh starts. We are deep in prayer for relief from the tragic changes in our world. We have hope that our Lord and Savior will bring about healing in His Kingdom, growth in our ministry and the many lives that will be touched by new opportunities and volunteers!

Over the winter months, Resilient was busy coordinating volunteer placements for our Kids Hope program, working with our many school partners to prepare for this ministry and expanding our connections with the surrounding community and potential new programs.

Our second Upstart class began in January. The nine selected students participating in this class have been attending sessions which have included mentoring, instruction and tutoring. Fine Christian volunteers dedicate themselves weekly to assure that the participating students are guided, valued, challenged and taught what they will need to enter an apprenticeship program with the Trades. Our "Soft Skill" volunteers have increased to alternate employers, OSHA safety managers, police officers, financial experts and more. In addition, we have dedicated volunteers who are steadfast in their prayers for these striving students. We thank each and every person that has dedicated their time to Upstart.

We are eager for our volunteers to finally enter back into the high schools in person for The Mentors and the Empower Hour programs. Kids Hope has also been given approval to enter back into the schools by the end of April for the first time since the onset of the pandemic. Kids Hope is a program that helps ensure children build resilience and a brighter future with the assistance of a trained mentor in the grade school setting. We are very excited to be able to offer our Christian dedication, care and listening ears and hearts to the kids that need it the most!

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We also want to thank all our donors for their gracious gifts to Resilient. One such funder was the DuPage Foundation. They awarded a grant to Resilient to pursue and expand its Upstart program, as they too see it as a major need in the community. It is through such generosity that we are able to offer flourishing and sustainable life changes for growth to our youth! The DuPage Foundation fosters philanthropy, connects donors to area needs and builds community partnerships. If you are interested in more information, please go to DuPageFoundation.org

Resilient's Thursday Night Community Dinner program continues to serve those in need of a warm meal and a friendly face. So far this year, Resilient has served dinner to over 100 people. We are offering one-on-one prayers and also taking prayer requests from our patrons. Our Resilient volunteers are committed to praying for those that we serve. With the loosening Covid-19 restrictions, we look forward to returning to in-person meals.

With the arrival of the Easter season, Resilient is focused on our commitment to build the well-being and faith of the community. We have seen God's hand in the success of this ministry. By the end of April, we aim to launch a community survey to further assess current spiritual and community needs.

This July, we will once again be offering Vacation Bible School in partnership with Children's Evangelism Fellowship and New Life Church. Plans are being made and VBS will take place in the early evening and it will go from 5-6:30pm on Monday-Friday. Last year the volunteers worked with the young children making sure they were safe, helping them with crafts and being prayerful and supportive. We would love to have you be of service to God's children! If you are interested, please contact us.

To all who have supported Resilient, whether that be through your monetary support, volunteering hours, prayers or an interest in learning more about this ministry, we thank you.

Gratefully,

Dagmar Porcelli, Executive Director

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