

Project Transformation Tennessee



Fast Facts

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volunteers from Middle Tennessee and beyond gave their time and talents serving with PT this summer.



Inaugural Summer Report

Summer Day Camp Program

222 children and youth participated in our eight-week summer program, 9 a.m.-3p.m. Monday through Thursday, at three locations in East and West Nashville. Highlights for children grades 1-6 included:

- Reading one-on-one with a volunteer to improve fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. On their first day, each child completed a reading assessment and, as their skills improved throughout the summer, their reading level was adjusted upward. **100%** of children improved or maintained their reading levels over the summer, and participants read a total of **4,006 books!**
- A nutritious breakfast and lunch served daily to each child attending the program, totaling more than **7,900** meals served in partnership with the Metro Action Commission.
- A daily Bible story, arts and crafts, physical exercise, and afternoon enrichment activities such as sports, music, games and special speakers from the community.



Project Transformation's program for youth grades 6-9 was designed specifically for their unique needs and included components such as:

- Training in team-building and leadership development;
- Bible study focused on applying scripture to daily life;
- Book clubs and literary discussion groups; and
- Awareness of community needs and empowerment to address needs through service projects.

End of program parent evaluations showed that parents overwhelmingly found PT essential to their children's spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social development during the summer. **100%** of parents reported

satisfaction with the program and activities.

98% of parents agreed that time at PT has helped to improve their child's reading skills and **100%** of parents agreed that time at PT has improved their child's confidence in reading aloud. **100%** of parents reported that their child benefited from interaction with the young adult staff.

Internships

24 college-age interns completed PT's ministry exploration and leadership development experience. This hands-on ministry opportunity empowers young adults to explore their own calling as they serve low-income

communities through the local church, live with peers in intentional Christian community, and interact

with church and community leaders. After their term of service, **54%** of interns reported a high likelihood that they would pursue a vocation in a ministry-related field and **25%** reported a high likelihood that they would pursue ordained ministry. **96%** of interns reported that as a result of their experience at PT, they would continue serving their community.



Volunteers

The vision for Project Transformation Tennessee's inaugural year of ministry was made possible by the time and talents of more than **550** volunteers from **27** partnering churches and **41** community organizations.



“Behold, I will do a new thing.” –Isaiah 43:19

Transforming Lives through Relationships

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I've had lots of fun and I feel loved.
 -- 3rd grader, Tulip Street

I learned that helping people is good.
 -- 8th grader, 61st Avenue

PT helped me read better.
 -- 4th grader, Nancy Webb Kelly

My children enjoyed themselves and came home every day after camp with something new that they had learned.
 -- Parent, Nancy Webb Kelly

The program has been a true blessing to the West Nashville community.
 -- Parent, 61st Avenue

This summer has completely transformed me and I do not know how I could go back to school and not continue serving.
 -- 2012 Intern

My faith has changed greatly over the summer. It has been so eye-opening seeing the power of God's love work, and it has been great to be part of a program where everyone around you understands that love as well.
 -- 2012 Intern

I witnessed the dedication of the young interns and the children's joy from being loved and fed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The end result was abundant blessings for all involved in even the smallest way.
 -- Nancy White, Volunteer

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Celebrating Our First Year

What an inaugural year for Project Transformation Tennessee! During the last year, we have witnessed what God can do when a community says “yes” to God’s vision. Because of you, transformation is happening.



Because of you, 24 young adults have received gracious Christian hospitality through home-cooked meals, cards of encouragement, and uplifting prayers. Because of you, more than 200 children and youth in underserved neighborhoods have strengthened their reading skills during our summer reading program, encountered God’s love in new ways and places, and been mentored by these amazing young adults. And because of you, our sister churches in urban and underserved communities have become stronger beacons of hope and catalysts for change in neighborhoods in need.

It is with great joy that we celebrate all that God already has done through Project Transformation Tennessee, and it is with great anticipation that we prayerfully look to the future, embracing new opportunities to grow and impact our community. As we continue to lean into God’s growing vision for Project Transformation Tennessee, we ask for your financial support of this new ministry. Together, we continue to say “yes” to God’s vision, and together we continue to be vessels through which transformation can and will occur.

On behalf of the entire Project Transformation family, we thank you for being part of the unfolding story of Project Transformation Tennessee. Indeed, our story is just beginning!

With gratitude,

Courtney Aldrich
 Executive Director



Help our Story Continue!

We invite your financial support in caring for the participants we serve. Your gift means that children in our program will be nurtured by caring young adults, and that college-age young adults will have the opportunity to explore their spiritual gifts and passions. Here are just a few ways your donation can make a difference:

- \$55 one week of summer programming for a child
- \$250 provides a month of housing for an intern
- \$1,500 sponsors an intern for the summer

Whatever you can give, know that it means a life is transformed through experiences shared, meals served, and love given. Mail your tax-deductible donations to Project Transformation Tennessee at 522 Russell Street, Nashville, TN 37206. Secure online donations can be made at www.pttennessee.org.

Levels of Giving

- Visionary**
(\$10,000+)
- Leader in Transformation**
(\$5,000-9,999)
- Intern Sponsors**
(\$1,500-4,999)
- PT Partner**
(\$500-\$1,499)
- Circle of Readers**
(\$100-\$499)
- Friends of PT**
(\$0-\$99)

Intern Spotlight: Drew Lamb



Hometown: Boerne, TX
School: Belmont University
Year: Sophomore
Major: Entrepreneurship
PT Partner Church: Belle Meade UMC

As part of our inaugural class of interns, Drew exemplified servant leadership with his endless energy and patience. While serving at Tulip Street UMC, Drew was moved by the relationships he built with both the children and church congregations members—so moved that he decided to rearrange his fall schedule so that he, with the support of the Tulip Street congregation and fellow interns, could launch a one-day a week after school program for some of the children of the neighborhood.