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CENTRAL TEXAS 2018



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The easiest way to understand how we live out our mission is to remember the **3 C's**: College Students, Children, and COLLEGE AGE YOUNG ADULTS Churches. Since our founding in 1998, this ministry has been addressing these three challenges with one unique program.

Project Transformation Central Texas has been transforming the lives of children and young adult interns since its establishment in 2016.

In 2018, **76%** of the young adult intern alumni reported that Project Transformation helped them develop a more holistic understanding of vocation and calling in life.





"OUR FOCUS ON LITERACY AND SOCIAL -**EMOTIONAL HEALTH PREPARES** CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS IN

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Did you know that only 33% of third graders in Fort Worth are reading on level? Low-income students, like those served by Project Transformation, lose an average of 2 to 3 months of literacy achievement over the summer while their higher-income peers make gains. Thanks to supporters like you, 188 children participated in our 2018 summer learning day camp where they not only avoided the "summer slide," but the vast majority of them actually made academic improvements!

Kyobe Cooper, Site Coordinator at FUMC Bedford, shared a story about one of their participants: "At the beginning she wanted to see how much she could get away with; each day she would push the limits repeatedly until she got the attention she was seeking. She was constantly disrupting, not participating in activities, and even refusing to read with volunteers. One day we had the idea to let her write a letter to an intern she connected with the previous summer in exchange for her participation in camp activities. Throughout the summer, she wrote letters to several interns, and we wrote back to her. Through her letters we gained insight on her thoughts and feelings, and our letters allowed us to share our care and concern for her. She began to participate in activities, encouraged others to participate, and even began volunteering to help during her recess time. During Reading Rockstars, she was so outgoing with her reading, more confident in her knowledge of words, and open to critiques from the volunteers. Her thirst for knowledge grew more and more every day! Being able to experience a change in a child of that magnitude is incredible. We watched her grow to become open, confident, and ready to learn. Although, she still has a long way to go, I do believe that Project Transformation impacted her in such a positive way!"

Because of the intern's persistence and creativity to meet her where she was, this child improved three levels in reading ability!

Your faithful support and partnership make stories like this possible.

Our goal is to reach 25% more children in 2019. The average cost of childcare for the summer is \$1,500, but parents of Project Transformation participants pay only \$25. As a mother of two elementary children, I know that the program we provide is far superior to the programs my own children have attended.

The phenomenal program that we provide could not happen without you. You make a real, lasting impact on the lives of children and their families in under-resourced neighborhoods in Tarrant County. Thank you, and may this Christmas season be one of peace, love, and joy for you and your loved ones.

Jelie Harde

JULIE HARDING Executive Director

RUDOLPH THE READING REINDEER

Join us in celebrating Rudolph the Reading Reindeer, December 17th to the 31st, 2018.

All proceeds of this campaign will go toward funding our reading program, totaling in a goal of **\$15,000**. Help us prepare for our kiddos to come next summer!

Donation levels:

\$600: Sponsor a child for the summer
\$300: 1 month of camp for 1 child
\$150: Sponsor a child for 2 weeks
\$75: Sponsor a child for a week
\$50: Reading program for 1 child
\$22: Sponsor a child for a day

Donations can be made on our **Donate** page at https://projecttransformation.org/ central-texas/get-involved/donate/



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