

What is Socrates?

The *Socrates AfterSchool Project*, now in its eighth year of operation, provides free tutoring, homework assistance and mentoring to K-12+ students in Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs and Buchanan.

Why Socrates?

Impacts our local community.

Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith, Change the World.

Work of education and the work of redemption are one.

Embodies spirit of JN Andrews, missionary-scholar.

Brings hope and improved standard of living *via* education.

Empowers by increasing self-reliance.

Serves community needs – uplifts educational attainment.

Provides role models of success.

Treatment appropriate to diagnosis.

"You are the solution for someone's problem, the prescription for someone's needs, and the bridge for someone's future." – desmond Murray

The Need – Our Mission

- Michigan ranks 47th nationally in 25-34 year-olds with post-secondary education (PSE).
- Only 42% of Michigan 9th graders enroll in college four years later.
- Only 18% of Michigan 9th graders graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- Only 32% of Michigan high schoolers graduate with college-ready transcripts compared to 36% nationally.
- Only 15% and 18% of Michigan's Hispanic and black youth are college-ready.
- Only 4% of Benton Harbor residents have a college degree compared to 24% (US), 22% (MI) and 20% (Berrien County).
- Decade-long trend in Benton Harbor of *increasing underachievement* by most state and national educational measures.

This is not simply 'the need,' this is our *mission* field!

Socrates . . . provides the opportunity,
You . . . provide the hope!

VOLUNTEER TODAY

What Can I Do?

We need boots on the ground, hands on the wheel, minds on task, and hearts and souls ablaze with a mission. If you can read, write or count, you can help. If you can't, you can still provide a caring presence or adult supervision.

Tutor at least two hours once a week
Show a boy how to become a man

Build and maintain a Socrates website
Show a girl that she can dream big

Do public-service announcements
Inspire personal greatness

Take photos & write stories for the *Socrates Page*
Teach self-worth and values

Participate in the Socrates School Supplies Drive
Provide adult presence and supervision

Encourage family, friends, faculty and staff
(active and retired) to get involved
Model positive attitudes and life skills

Write short "lay" articles about your field
Adopt-a-School

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