

The Birth of Socrates

In a letter dated March 25, 2003, Rev. Yvonne Hester, Director of the Benton Harbor Street Ministry wrote to then Andrews University Vice-President Newton Hoilette, "Our community is yet in need of more structured programs and activities to empower children, youth and adults in Math, Science and Reading. With these programs in place, we can raise the standards in our community through educational programs. Andrews University has qualified staff and students to make this program available and successful."

Dr. Hoilette initiated the project by meeting with Bill Mutch, David Steen, Desmond Murray, and Mickey Kutzner. After several meetings with educators and community activists from Benton Harbor, the Socrates AfterSchool Project was born.

Judith Stanton, interim Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor wrote appreciatively: "Your students are very invested in our members. . . . They provide a mentoring role that can greatly influence and inspire our young people. We are proud to be associated with professionals and young adults who care so deeply for children."

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

WHAT CAN I DO?

Tutor at least two hours once a week

Show a boy how to become a man

Build and maintain the Socrates website

Show a girl that she can dream big

Do public-service announcements

Inspire personal greatness

Take photographs of Socrates in action

Teach self-worth and values

Write stories about Socrates

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

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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Socrates After- School Project

Andrews University
Humanities, Science &
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Biology

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Chemistry

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**Clinical Laboratory
Sciences**

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Computer Science

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Engineering

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English

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Mathematics

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Physics

What is Socrates?

The *Socrates AfterSchool Project*, now in its fifth year of operation, provides *free* tutoring and homework assistance to K-12 students in Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs and Buchanan at the following sites:

Benton Harbor Charter Schools
Benton Harbor Street Ministry
Berrien Springs High School
Berrien Springs Middle School
Boys & Girls Club - Benton Harbor
Creative Arts / Gifted & Talented Academy
HOYA
McCord Elementary
Mildred C. Wells Academy
MLK Freshman Academy
Moccasin Elementary
Ruth Murdoch Elementary
Sylvester Elementary
Virginia Edwards Community Center
YMCA Loft



Highlights

- **FREE! FREE! FREE!**
- Over 300 Andrews University tutors have volunteered during the last five years.
- Number of sites (15) continues to increase.
- Homework assistance in ALL subject areas.
- Open to **ALL** grades (K-12) in Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs and Buchanan.
- Grades are improved and friendships are formed.

Why Socrates?

- **SERVE** the needs of our youth
- **EMPOWER** others with your knowledge
- **IMPROVE** K-12 academic performance
- **GIVE** hope through education
- **BE** role models of success

The Need

- Michigan ranks 47th nationally in 25-34 year-olds with post-secondary education (PSE).
- 4% of Benton Harbor residents have a college degree.
- Berrien County is 2% below the state average of 22% PSE.
- 42% of Michigan ninth-graders enroll in college four years later.
- 18% of Michigan ninth-graders graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- 32% of Michigan high school students graduate with college-ready transcripts compared to 36% nationally.
- Only 15% and 18% of Michigan's Hispanic and black youth are college-ready.

