



2017 Annual Report

Uncovering Passion. Exploring Potential.

Dear Friends,

2017 was certainly another great year of growth and evolution for us. For 14 years, Adopt A Class has strived to connect local businesses and civic groups with students in our schools with high percentages of poverty as mentors. In celebration of the journey thus far, we launched a new brand that we believe better connects to our story today. "SPARK! Uncovering Passion. Exploring Potential." Our bright new colors and new spark logo symbolizes the inspiration our program sparks in the lives of the students and adult volunteers involved.

This year, we adopted 80 new classrooms, allowing us to reach 2000 more children than before – ending the year with 267 classrooms in 31 schools across Greater Cincinnati. We also expanded our program to the Lockland School district and partnered with three more Cincinnati Public Schools: Hughes High School, Woodford Paideia Arts and Culture Academy, and Hartwell School. Additionally, we are very excited to establish new adopter partnerships with Procter and Gamble, Cintas Corporation, Cincinnati Bell, World Pay, and E.W. Scripps – bringing on more than 250 new mentors.

In addition to growth, we are continuing our focus quality. Our group mentoring model is built on four keys: monthly visits, pen palling, educational activities and field trips. Each year we work to find better way to implement each key and resources to support our mentors in the execution of each. With the support of two lead grants from the Dater Foundation and the Ohio Department of Education, we were excited to again provide mini grants for field trips. We know that students gain valuable experiences by participating in field trips but that not every team can afford to provide an out of the classroom experience to their class. Thanks to our Dater Foundation and the Ohio Department of Education, we provided grants to adopters so that they could take their class on a field trip. We were also able to bring a STEM focused curriculum to many of our classrooms through the support of our PHD STEM advisor, Karen Meyer.

In closing, this year has been a formative year for Adopt A Class, as we have grown our organization and introduced deeper ways to be the spark in the lives of our students in our community. There will always be more work to do, but we continually strive to create an environment where each student we interact with has the tools to be able to establish a life lived to their fullest potential. We are incredibly appreciative of the community you have helped us build through your support for Adopt A Class. Without you, we would not be able to provide these children with the experiences and opportunities they deserve.

We look forward to sharing the next part of our journey with you.

Warm regards,
Rick Chouteau
Board of Directors Chair



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Adopt A Class...



Reaches over
6000
students



in
32
schools



partnering with over
150
organizations



providing over
3000
adopters



giving over
25000
hours



sharing over
\$150k
in resources

Partnerships

Life Skills

CCHMC Safety Awareness & Injury Prevention Kits Children's Hospital offers injury prevention education boxes to present to your class. The boxes are easy to use, interactive, fun and age-appropriate. In this toolkit, students will learn about playground and pool safety, how to discern between candy and medication, or to recognize safety hazards in the home.

Financial Literacy

Teach Children to Save (TCTS) is a free national program sponsored by the ABA Foundation, organizes banker volunteers throughout the year to help young people develop a savings habit early in life. US Bank, one of our adopters and one of the developers of the program, has shared this curriculum with Adopt A Class so that many mentors in our program can offer financial literacy lessons to their students.

STEM

iSpace STEM Learning Opportunities
iSPACE is local nonprofit providing interactive learning programs for students pre-K - 12th grade. It is a great place for field trips, as many of the programs offered focus on STEM, career exploration and of course, fun! If a mentoring group is unable to take a field trip to iSPACE, there is an option to bring the program to the classroom.



Our Partners

Schools

Academy of World Languages
Bond Hill Academy
Ethel M Taylor Academy
Evanston Academy
Glenn O. Swing Elementary School
Hartwell School
Hays-Porter School
Holy Family
Hughes High School
John G. Carlisle Elementary School
John P Parker School
Lincoln Heights Elemnetary School
Lockland Elementary School
Mt. Airy School
Newport Intermediate School
Newport Primary School

Norwood View Elementary
Oyler School
Parker Woods Montessori School
Riverview East Academy
Roberts Paideia Academy
Rockdale Academy
Rothenberg Preparatory Academy
Sayler Park School
Silverton Paideia Academy
South Avondale School
St. Francis Seraph
St. Joseph School
Westwood School
William H. Taft Elementary School
Winton Hills Academy
Woodford Paidiea Academy

Adopters

4C for Children
Adopt A Class
American Payroll Assn
Anderson High School Key Club (2)
Antioch FBH Church
Apple
AtriCure
Bethel Baptist Church
BHDP Architechture
Brighton Center
Burke & Schindler, PLL
CAI
CarStar Center City Collision
CBT Company
CCHMC (17)
Centric Consulting
C-Forward
Chase
Christ's Chapel
Cincinnati Bell
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Cincinnati Fire Department
Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy



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Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union
Cincinnati Reds
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
Cintas Corporation
Citi Bank
Consolidated Metals
Cornerstone
Cornerstone Broker Insurance Services Agency
Covington Partners
Crossroads Men's Group
CTI
Danis
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Adopters, continued

Dewey's Pizza
DHL
Dinsmore
Directions Research
Duke Energy
Duke Realty Inc.
E&Y
E3 Local
Eagle Savings
Empower Media
Enerfab
Federal Home Loan Bank
Fifth Third (5/3) Bank
First Financial Bank
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Hubbard Interactive
INEOS
Innova Education Planning
JCPenney
Jewish Federation
Jones Lang LaSalle
Junior League
Junior League Sustainer Council
Kaiser Pickles
KAO Collins
Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae
Kate Gallagher Team
KDM POP Solutions Group
Keating, Muething & Klekamp
Kemba Credit Union
Kenwood Management Team
Kroger
Ladies Auxiliary
Macy's
Maketewah
Mars
Marsh
MCM CPA
Med-Surgical Nurses & Visiting Nurse Assoc.
Mercantile Library
Merrill Lynch
Messer
Metlife Group
Michelman
Mitchell's Fish Market
Movement Church
MSA Architects
MTCI
National Marketshare Group
New Riff Distillery
Neyer Holdings
Nielsen
Norwood Fire Department Charity
Norwood Police
Office Key
Ohio National Financial Services
P&G
Patty Brisben Foundation
Paycor
Pioneer Vending
Plante Moran
Postal Family Credit Union
Price Waterhouse Coopers
Prosource
Red Hot Promotions
Riverfront Kiwanis
Ronald McDonald House
Rudemiller Family Medicine
Scenario Learning
School Outfitters
Scripps
Shoptech
Sims-Lohman
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
St. Xavier High School
Steinhauser, Inc.
Steven Schaefer Assoc, Inc.
TiER1
Towne Properties



TriVersity
U.S. E.P.A
UC Ohio Kappa Chapter of Pi Beta Phi
Union Savings Bank
United Audit Systems, Inc.
United Way of Greater Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati
Unlimited Systems
US Bank
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Hengehold Capital
Sims-Lohman
Neyer Holdings



Unlimited Systems
Eagle Savings
Prosource
E.W. Scripps
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From all of us at Adopt A Class, thank you for helping us make a difference. We are looking forward to another great year!

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