

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club

Volunteer Tutorial Program

—FACT SHEET—

HISTORY: The Mathews-Dickey Volunteer Tutorial Program was initiated in 1986 in conjunction with the St. Louis Public School System. Since inception, the Club has assisted more than 4,000 students with math, reading and language arts skills. This one-on-one tutoring program targets youngsters in grades kindergarten through eighth, in their formative years when study skills are beginning to develop. The program is free.

WHO: The program is open to all young men and women, and it matches them with volunteer tutors. Tutors meet with a student one-on-one at least one hour per week throughout the school year, and help children in their areas of weakness, as identified by a teacher.

TUTORS: Tutors are recruited from various corporations, educational institutions, sororities/fraternities, and business and civic organizations. Tutors provide more than teaching assistance; in many instances they serve as role models and mentors to the children.

STUDENTS: Students are referred to the program by their teachers and coaches, as well as by their parents. Some students enter the program with poor grades, needing remedial assistance, while others simply need motivation and guidance to perform at higher levels.

PARENTS: Parental involvement is strongly encouraged, and there is a list of guidelines by which parents are asked to abide.

WHY: Martin L. Mathews, president and CEO of Mathews-Dickey, has called illiteracy “a fast-growing widespread dilemma,” citing that there are millions of Americans who cannot read the warnings on a can of pesticide, a note from their child’s teacher, or the front page of a newspaper. Through the Volunteer Tutorial Program, the Club is bringing an end to this unfortunate crisis.

WHEN: Orientation — 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 24, in the Girls’ Program Annex at Mathews-Dickey.

The Tutoring session will meet Monday through Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fall Session — October 31 to December 2, 2005

Spring Session — February 20 to May 5, 2006

[Note: There are no classes during the following periods: Orientation Week — October 24-28, 2005; Thanksgiving Break — November 21-25, 2005; President’s Day — February 20, 2006; and Spring Break — March 20-24, 2006.]

GOAL: The Club meets the needs of thousands of youngsters through the St. Louis metropolitan area, instilling in them the “Three R’s: Respect, Restraint, and Responsibility.” The Mathews-Dickey Boys’ & Girls’ Club is dedicated to serving youth through various educational and enrichment programs giving our kids a chance for the future.

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