



Learning • Leadership • Community

# WILLOW STREET FOUNDATION

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## OUR ROOTS

In 1900, a school, based on the principals of LaSallian education, opened its doors on Willow Street in Syracuse, NY. Then, as now, the school's aim is to provide quality education for all those qualified, regardless of economic status. The timeless values of education, leadership and community as a foundation for success, are at the heart of Willow Street Foundation and its mission to help underprivileged children.

## TODAY

The cornerstone of the Willow Street Foundation is the ongoing commitment to provide educational opportunities to underprivileged children, via partnerships with academic institutions. The Foundation, supported by volunteers, has as its primary goal the identification and development of prospective students who have shown potential in the areas of leadership, character, and community involvement.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Willow Street Foundation has as its primary goal, the identification and development of students who have evidenced potential to succeed beyond the opportunities their life circumstances would afford them. We have the ongoing commitment to provide educational and leadership development opportunities to financially disadvantaged children in partnership with the student's teachers, family and community.

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*“To provide academic and leadership development opportunities for in-need children who demonstrate quality character, social conscience and a passion for self-improvement”*



## OUR PROGRAMS

The basis of a quality education is rooted in a student's ability to have access to support, experience and tools. Encouragement, academic support, tutorials, and supplies are critical to developing a sound base for learning and leadership development. Willow Street Foundation supports the needs of a student's learning experience through an integrated set of programs designed to integrate the student, the teacher, the family and the community toward better outcomes.

- Our "**Laptops for Leaders**" program delivers on this mission by providing qualified students with a computer, Internet access, and a monitored teacher led development program. The program is designed to provide a student access to learning tools and content from their home, which would otherwise be unavailable.
- Our "**Scholarship**" program works with in-need students who have demonstrated academic and leadership potential, in partnership with college preparatory schools and teacher mentors, to provide scholarships, financial assistance, tutorial help, life skill mentoring and other ancillary support as a pathway to a successful secondary education.
- Our "**MAD (Make A Difference)**" program sponsors various projects that provide support to low-income communities with a focus on reinforcing the values of learning, leadership and community within those communities.
- In 2015 we intend to launch the "**Classroom Closet**" program, which will enable teachers to obtain needed classroom supplies and/or clothes for their in-need students in partnership with anonymous donors through an Internet on-line exchange application.
- In 2016 we will launch a Middle School Leadership camp to recognize students who have achieved exceptional academic efforts while exhibiting peer leadership skills in their school. Each Summit will provide workshops and task-building activities to incorporate life skills learning to include goal setting, team building, communication and leadership skills.