

Our Purpose

We are an urban ministry in Washington, D.C., seeking to open doors of opportunity, empowerment, and friendship. Our focus is on the children and youth in the city, and their families. We welcome the participation and support of all who want to serve and share in building communities of inclusion and hope.

YOU

Everyone has a role to play in shaping the hearts and minds of today's underprivileged children. How could you participate?

US

For over 15 years we have worked to empower at-risk children through transformative, science and technology-based education, which was borne out of our vision that justice and equity for all persons begins with enabling them to function and compete in the workplace.

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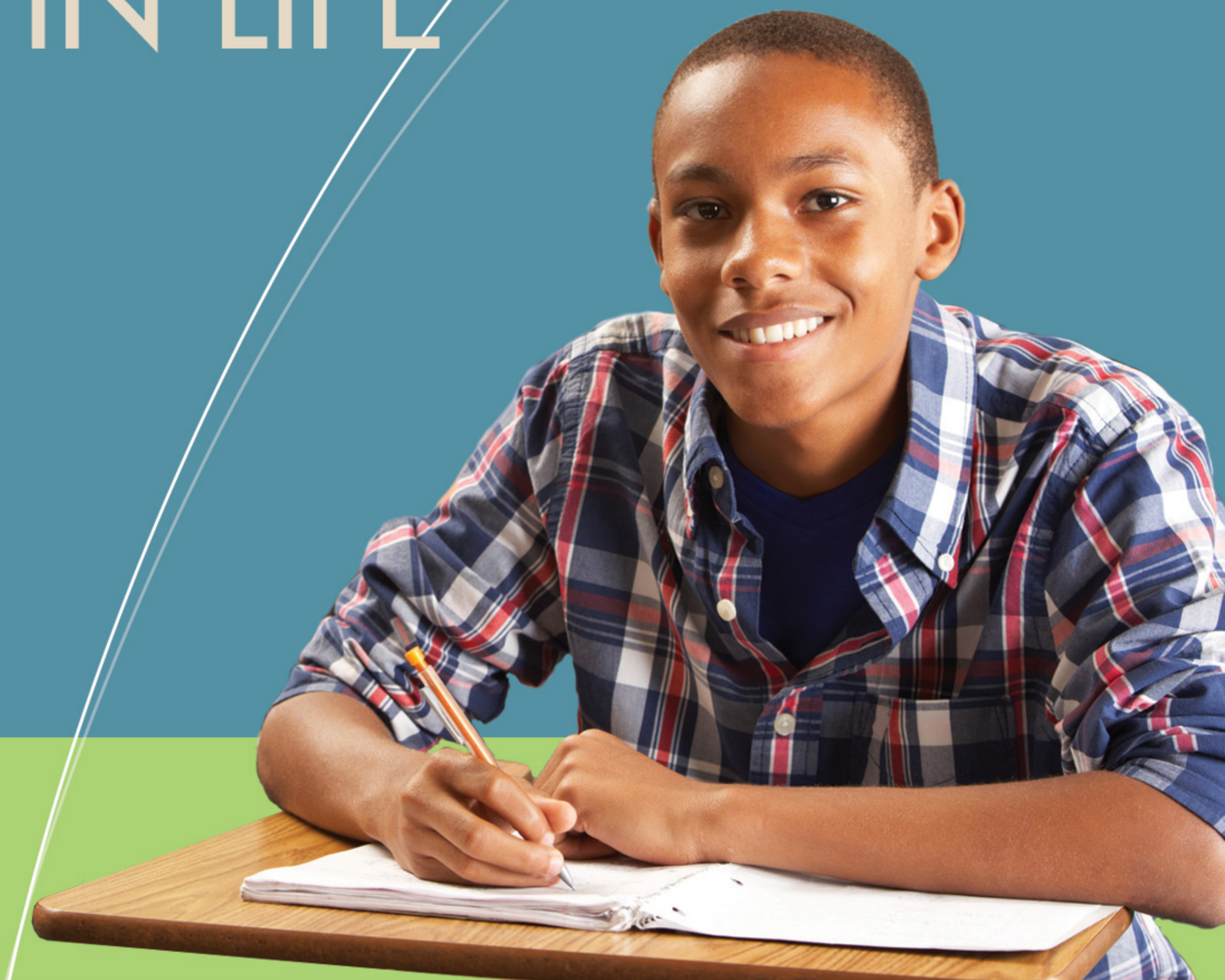
We have the privilege of serving some amazing kids. They are the aspiring leaders of tomorrow, learning life values today.



Engaging, Enriching and Empowering
our Children, their Families and
our Communities.



ENABLING
YOUNG PEOPLE
TO BE
SUCCESSFUL
IN LIFE



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Our programs reflect a vision of the ancient city gate - welcoming the immigrant, and empowering the poor, widows and orphans to share in the life of the larger community.

After-School Programs

City Gate provides a safe place for children to learn and grow at multiple sites (community centers, schools, subsidized housing complexes and churches) in DC and MD. Our free programs provide help with homework, academic enrichment, a

chance to explore subjects like art and science, computer-based learning, recreation, and a nutritious dinner to keep their minds fueled and active.

Most children come from high-need, low-performing schools, families at poverty level, and perform below grade level.

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STEM focus (science, technology, engineering, math) engages children in hands-on inquiry-based learning, critical thinking skills, and career opportunities often closed to disadvantaged youth.



Summer Day Camps

Summer programs expand to a full day schedule (with 3 meals) for 6-9 weeks.

Our camps expand horizons through field trips, service learning, varied enrichment activities, sports, and other opportunities that these children often miss out on. Together, camps and afterschool programs serve over 400 children and provide over 30,000 meals annually.

Urban Hands

Our Urban HANDS volunteer program involves local individuals, groups, and mission teams from across the country in hands-on service, while providing vital human resources to meet the needs of our communities.



Volunteer opportunities include special events, ongoing tutoring, or mission groups which often come for a week - effectively engaging hundreds of volunteers in outreach to varied urban needs.

The value of this program is two-fold: our ministries benefit from the gifts and talents of Urban HANDS groups, and volunteers find themselves changed by their experience and empowered to meet needs in their own community.



Adult & Family Programs

Our programs with children have naturally evolved to include Summer Youth

employment and adult education, also including literacy, work readiness, and in-depth parenting programs.



With the help of church and community partners, donations of food and clothing are distributed to families in need.



Special holiday and outreach events are also held to distribute school supplies, new shoes, Christmas gifts, and food baskets.