



A message from our Director

Hello volunteers, donors, partners, and friends of Above & Beyond for Change,

As we look ahead to the new school year, I am excited about the opportunities to expand the impact of Above & Beyond for Change.

This year, we are launching a co-ed basketball program, bringing back our STEM Club and karate program, and continuing our special Dinner Experience. While we are proud to serve Pinewood Elementary, we also hope to expand our programs to additional Title I elementary schools in the months ahead.



Growth takes a community, and every contribution makes a difference. Whether you can volunteer your time, share a skill, offer a connection, or provide financial support, your involvement helps create meaningful opportunities for children and families.

Children remember the people who invest in them. Parents see the impact.

Communities grow stronger when people choose to care.

I invite you to take the first step and connect with us, send me an email —

nisha@aboveandbeyondforchange.org. We'd love to learn how your time, talents, or resources can help us create lasting change.

Together, we can open doors of opportunity and build a brighter future for the children and families in our community.



Pinewood Basketball Initiative

This year, approximately **40 student-athletes** will participate in Pinewood Elementary's co-ed basketball program led by Dean Neal. The season runs from **September through November** and provides students with an opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and confidence while building positive relationships with coaches and mentors.

For many students, this program gives them a safe and supportive environment where they can stay active, build friendships, and be part of a team.

We're currently looking for support with:

- Team shirts and athletic apparel
- Water and hydration drinks
- Pizza and snacks for practice and games
- Volunteer coaches and mentors

Want to make an impact?

For just \$25/month, you can sponsor a student-athlete, helping provide equipment, program supplies, and enrichment opportunities throughout the season.

SUPPORT NOW!

Student Spotlight



Tracy and Stacy are excited to return to STEM Club for a second year! Their STEM engagement began in third grade and continues as they head into fourth grade, eager to keep learning and exploring.

When asked why STEM is important to them, the sisters shared that they hope it will help them "get good grades, get into a good college, and eventually get a great job." We love their forward-thinking mindset and excitement for the future.

We celebrate Tracy and Stacy's ambition and curiosity. With volunteers like you supporting our students, we can help make dreams like theirs a possibility and inspire the next generation of innovators.

Your Impact - Updates

Back-to-School

Thanks to your generosity, **119 students**

started the school year with the supplies they needed to succeed.

Students received essential school supplies, including notebooks, binders, pencils, markers, erasers, glue sticks, and more.

One grateful parent shared:

“This helps so much. It is a blessing, especially right now.”

Hearing comments like this reminds us why these efforts matter. A backpack filled with supplies may seem simple, but for many families it brings relief, encouragement, and one less thing to worry about as the school year begins.



Feeding the Unhoused

We had the honor of sponsoring breakfast and lunch for **150 of our unhoused neighbors**.

In partnership with the nonprofit **Caravan of Love**, our team spent the day shopping, preparing, and serving fresh meals while creating meaningful connections with those we were privileged to serve. This meal service quickly became an opportunity to share kindness, conversation, and dignity with members of our community who often go unseen.

The experience filled our hearts and reinforced our commitment to showing up for others in meaningful ways.

We are incredibly grateful to all our donors and for the opportunity to partner with Caravan of Love.

We plan to have several more service events throughout the remainder of the year.

Connect with us if you'd like to serve.

Together, we can continue making a difference, one meal and one connection at a time.



Upcoming Events



Our STEM Club is a free bi monthly, after-school enrichment program offered for students in grades 3-5. Through hands-on activities and engaging learning experiences, students explore the exciting worlds of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. They learn about robotics, coding, engineering

design, problem-solving, and other STEM-related concepts that spark curiosity and creativity.

By providing these enrichment opportunities, we are building confidence, strengthening academic skills, and helping students discover new interests and career possibilities.

How You Can Help

We welcome:

- STEM professionals willing to share their expertise
- Volunteers interested in assisting during sessions
- Donations to help purchase STEM supplies, materials, equipment, and student refreshments

Love ❤️ and Light ✨

Michelle Sanchez- FOUNDER



Your generous donation will help bring joy and support to students and their families. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and spread love, hope, and kindness throughout our community.

Thank you for your support!

Please feel free to share this opportunity with your friends, family, and network to help us make an even greater difference.

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family."

— Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General

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