

Who We Are



In 2005, a group of volunteers from North Chatham County saw an unmet need. Right down the road from their homes was a mobile home community that housed more than 200 low-income families whose children attended local schools. Many of these children struggled with the English language (Spanish generally being spoken exclusively at home) and were often academically behind in school. Thus, they began an after-school tutoring program that has grown to serve more than 50 children each year, utilizing the services of more than 50 volunteers.

The Learning Trail is governed by a Board of Directors and guided by an Advisory Council made up of lead tutors and other educators and professionals. In 2014, The Learning Trail was incorporated as a non-profit 501 (c) (3), recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt charitable organization. In addition to receiving donations from individuals, we have received grants from local providers who recognize the value of our programs.



CONTACT US

Please contact us today to learn how your donation or volunteer support will help us provide low-income children with needed academic and social support to reach their full academic potential.

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Making a difference in the
lives of children

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What We Do

The Learning Trail offers academic tutoring to children in preschool through 8th grade in their own community by local volunteers.

We serve a primarily Latino population in the Nature Trail, a community of approximately 200 mobile homes in Chapel Hill, NC.

All tutors are volunteers with college degrees and many are former educators. They coordinate with the public schools and generally work one-on-one with students.

Our goals are to:

- Reinforce concepts in language arts and math
- Develop and extend vocabulary
- Teach organizational and study skills
- Build self-esteem and confidence as learners



Our Programs

Early Childhood

Recognizing the importance of early intervention, our program for 3- and 4-year-olds meets 5 days per week and focuses on language acquisition, developmental skills, and school readiness. Our K through 2nd grade program meets one afternoon per week after school and reinforces lessons in reading, writing, and early math.

Elementary School

Grades 3-5 receive one-on-one tutoring once per week. This program is skill-oriented, emphasizing reading, writing, math proficiency, vocabulary development and background knowledge acquisition.

Middle School

Grades 6 - 8 receive one-on-one after-school tutoring once per week. This program is similar to the Elementary School program but at more advanced levels. Eligible 8th graders are assisted in applying for the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which helps low-income minority students prepare for college admissions.

Summer Enrichment Camp

Our 4-week, half-day summer program provides weekly field trips to local destinations with a curriculum that enhances each trip. The program is staffed by volunteer tutors and assisted by paid teenage camp counselors, many of whom reside in the community.



How to Donate

We are a volunteer-run organization and funds are required to maintain and supply our classrooms and sponsor our camp. For this, we rely on financial gifts from individuals, foundations and corporations.

Financial gifts provide an array of supplies and equipment. Please consider a donation to help us continue our work and expand our services. Every amount helps, for example:

- \$50 provides extra books for use in the after-school tutoring program
- \$100 buys educational computer programs and games
- \$250 buys a new tablet computer
- \$500 helps underwrite the cost of summer camp
- \$1,000 helps underwrite the cost of the early childhood program

To make a donation, please visit thelearningtrail.org and select 'Donate'.