



Building A Dream

Concept: The “Build A Dream” Series gives inner-city children participating in the HOPE *worldwide-SC* mentoring and tutoring programs the opportunity to get a personal glimpse at various aspects of corporate America. More importantly this program is set up as an expansion of our character development curriculum allowing students to gain specific insight as to the true value and application of the character education components. This program also allows for caring individuals from the corporate world to invest a small amount of time and effort inspiring school-aged children from outside communities. The goal is not merely to impress our children, but rather to impress upon them the true significance of having a vision for their future and to encourage their pursuit.



Delivery: Various companies and corporate partners will host a select group of 8-10 school-aged children with chaperones on a company visit. Students will participate in a brief facility tour, meet company personnel, and gain information about job skill requirements and career opportunities. Each visit is conducted with the help of a representative from the hosting organization who will act as a tour guide providing a brief summary of information about him/her self and the company profile. We also ask the company representative to provide a short question and answer session with our students including background information in regards to education, training, job description, and the details of certain decisions made (based on character) that were necessary to get to where the employee is today. The entire visit should last no longer than two hours.



Student Requirements: Students participating in the 2004 “Build A Dream” are elementary and middle school children from select public housing communities and HOPE *worldwide SC* program sites. Each student is required to ask general questions and take notes during the visit and complete a writing assignment with details of what he or she learned for the day.

Corporate Visitations: All corporate site visits during the summer months will take place on workdays during lunch hours or Saturdays when applicable. Various corporations and potential partners in the 2004 Summer Series include local businesses such as: South Star Funding, Internet Security System, Waffle House Corporation, UPS, and the Columbia Airport.



Character Components: the host speaker may choose the character topics introduced during the interview session. Some of the more popular character components include:

Responsibility
Preparation
Commitment

Self-Control
Confidence
Respect

Discipline
Attitude
Integrity

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