



Lafayette School Mentoring Project

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Dear Friends,

It is with deep sadness that we must inform you that while the Lafayette School Mentoring Project (LSMP) has been kept alive since 1997 through the generosity of donors, we must look to those closest to us for the financial support necessary to maintain operations. With the current economic situation, our efforts to secure grants have been slower than anticipated and **LSMP must secure funds by December 2009 in order to keep our doors open.**

For the past 11 years, LSMP has worked relentlessly with the hopes that each of our current 91 students- in addition to the 1,470 past students whose academic and social paths we impacted- fully utilize and develop the character tools and drive that they already possess to succeed in life.

It is not easy for us to request much more from those who have given so freely the most important gift: time, energy, and commitment to a child. **We need your help now more than ever to protect the future of LSMP.**

Tutors fill a critical void in a child's life and we are deeply grateful for your generous time commitments and ongoing efforts in shaping your students' future. You have offered warmth, understanding and compassion needed by our children to develop the self-esteem and confidence to succeed in life

Join us in making a tax-deductible donation to keep alive the educational opportunities provided by Lafayette School Mentoring Project. If you are unable to give at this time, we ask that you advocate on our behalf to those who can. We have made tremendous progress in the past 11 years in the most important task of all: *encouraging at-risk youth to develop a life-long love for learning.* **Together our efforts will continue to impact a community one child at a time.**

Please continue your commitment to us so that we can continue our commitment to them.

Warmly,

The LSMP Advisory Board