



Midtown Educational Foundation 2015 Fact Sheet

Midtown Educational Foundation guides low-income urban youth in Chicago along pathways of success. Our proven enrichment programs embrace the dignity of the person by focusing on academic excellence, virtue development, individual attention, and parental engagement.

MEF operates through its Metro Achievement Center for girls and Midtown Center for boys in grades 4 – 12. Programs focus on Hispanic and African-American youth, offering after-school and summertime growth opportunities that help students of average academic ability to achieve above-average results. Programs are rooted in Catholic moral and social teaching and embrace students regardless of their religious, racial, ethnic, or familial status. MEF received its original inspiration from Opus Dei, an institution of the Catholic Church, and continues today its partnership with Opus Dei.

MIDTOWN CENTER

Director | Dr. Jerry Shepherd
1819 N. Wood Street
T | 773 292 2664

478
students
served
in FY14

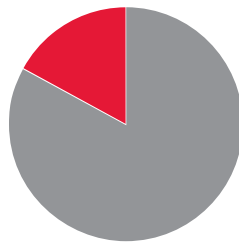
137 total
volunteers

6,899
volunteer
hours

- Founded in 1965
- 6 full-time staff
- 4th to 12th grade students

STUDENT STATISTICS

- 83% Hispanic
- 17% African-American



METRO ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

Director | Erin Aldrich
310 S. Peoria Street
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545
students
served
in FY14

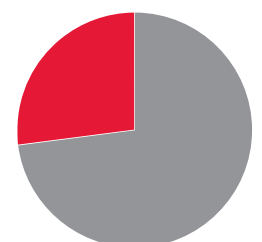
174 total
volunteers

8,780
volunteer
hours

- Founded in 1985
- 6 full-time staff
- 4th to 12th grade students

STUDENT STATISTICS

- 73% Hispanic
- 27% African-American



In FY14, 89% of MEF students came from low-income households, according to HUD standards.
Sponsoring Organization: Midtown Educational Foundation; Glenn Wilke, Executive Director

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Walgreens One-on-One Program | 4th to 6th grade

- Exceptional individuals serve as volunteer tutors/mentors for students. Weekly sessions aim to assist students with homework, present them with positive role models, and develop in them the study habits associated with high achievers.

Midtown/Metro Achievement Program | 7th & 8th grade

- Math, science and English courses prepare students to enter college preparatory high schools and ultimately, college. Character development enables students to begin to form a decision framework and vision for their future.

College Orientation Program | 9th to 12th grade

- College, career, and social readiness are emphasized in this program, which offers ACT prep, rigorous academics, enriching character classes, and help with college and scholarship applications. Students also engage in extracurricular offerings such as apprenticeships, community service projects and cultural and college field trips.

The Parenting Program | parents of Midtown/Metro students

- This program provides seminars, support groups and individual counseling to support parents in their role their role as the primary educators of their children.

MIDTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION



For 15 consecutive years, **100% of MEF students have graduated from high school and enrolled in college.**



Of 900 MEF alumni identified in an ongoing study, **91% reported college graduation or current college enrollment.**

- Listed in the Guide to Effective Compassion, which **“recognizes the nation’s most compassionate and effective human service initiatives.”**
- Named **“the most exemplary youth mentoring program in Chicago”** by the Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation’s Lend-a-Hand Program.
- Named by Philanthropy Magazine as **“one of sixteen cutting-edge programs . . . doing exceptionally effective work”** in the United States.
- Listed in the College Board Advocacy and Policy Center’s 2012 CollegeKeys Catalogue of Effective Practices.
- Executive Director Glenn Wilke serves on the Board of Directors of the Character Education Partnership and the Program Leadership Council of the Illinois Mentoring Partnership.

FY 2014 ANNUAL REVENUE



CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Foundations and Corporations	\$1,708,302
Individuals	\$863,946
Rental Income and Investments	\$616,289
Program Fees	\$214,719
Public Grants	\$0
Total	\$3,403,256

FINANCIAL STATISTICS & FACTS

- Total expenses for FY 2014 | **\$3,381,323**
- Estimated value of volunteer hours in FY 2014 | **\$390,942**
- Volunteer-to-staff ratio | **16 to 1**
- Actual cost to serve one child for one academic year | **~\$3,000**
- Metro and Midtown charge a nominal tuition, largely to elicit family commitment.
- MEF receives virtually no government funding.

MAJOR SUPPORTERS IN FY14

- Walgreens
- William Blair & Company
- Hollister Incorporated
- AbbVie
- GE
- Polk Bros Foundation
- Coca-Cola
- ITW
- Unilever
- The Canning Foundation
- PepsiCo
- JP Morgan Chase