

jaxTHRIVE

MAY 2018 END OF YEAR REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM GRACE AND CHASE:



Dear Friends,

Thanks to your support and generosity, this past year has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Your donations combined with two award grants of \$1,000 each, provided stability throughout the year and allowed us to focus our efforts where they are needed most: the kids.

The most profound moments we experienced were spent with the children we all serve. The opportunity to learn their stories, share in their joy when they learn something new and witness the impact our volunteers have made is truly a privilege.

On behalf of our refugee children and volunteers who benefit from this vital program, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks to you, we can proudly say...all of us are making a positive impact.

With Gratitude,

Grace and Chase
Founders

OUR MISSION:

JaxTHRIVE is a welcoming resource to refugee students who have come to this country under extraordinary circumstances.

Our aim is to provide a nurturing environment where tutoring, life skills mentoring, and friendship help them advance in the classroom and flourish in our community.



QUOTES FROM CHILDREN:

"I love coming to JaxTHRIVE because I like to make new friends. I like to learn and have fun"

Shahd (11) from Syria

"I like JaxTHRIVE because I can learn English and I made a lot of friends. They are like me and I'm like them."

Ahmad (10) from Syria



IMPACT ON CHILDREN:

- Mentor/Tutor 25 (and growing) amazing kids from Rwanda, Congo, Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan, Tanzania and Iran
- Incorporated games to instill the love of learning by awarding stamps for academic success, redeemed for toys and clothing at our on-site store (all items donated)
- Measured improved performance via parent and teacher feedback which cited the children being happier at both home and school, as well as advancement in the classroom via improved test scores and increased participation

ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS:

- Recruited over 118 volunteers rotating on Saturdays from 9:30am-1:00p throughout the school year
- Volunteers represent 8 High Schools (Ponte Vedra, Fletcher, Bolles, Episcopal, Stanton, Greenwood, Oakleaf, Creekside) 2 Middle Schools (Landrum, JCDS), and 1 college (UNF)
- Over 2100 community service hours
- Volunteers were inspired to create their own fundraising efforts in support of JaxTHRIVE, including a holiday fun run, school supply contributions, book drive, clothing collections, dance costumes and a LEGO donation drive
- Lives forever changed by interaction with these amazing children

