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Winners Circle Educational Program Seeking for Community Volunteers

August 2008, OMAHA, Neb. — Winners Circle Educational Program is in need of volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year. The school based non-profit program is designed to improve the academic achievement and citizenship of over 4,300 participating inner city elementary school students.

The components of Winners Circle include, bringing together parents, teachers and the community to improve student performance in math, reading and citizenship. Volunteers for Winners Circle known as Goal Buddies visit the students' classroom twice a school quarter (once a month), to encourage them to pursue math, reading and citizenship goals.

All GOAL BUDDY visits dates are provided to volunteers in September for the entire year. Two-Three Goal Buddies are assigned two specific classrooms for the full school year. Each classroom visit lasts about 30 minutes. With travel time, each Goal Buddy spends about 1 ½ hours away from work.

The 12 OPS elementary schools represented are: Belvedere, Conestoga Magnet, Howard Kennedy, King, Mount View, Saratoga, Franklin, Kellom, Miller Park, Fontenelle, Field Club and Jackson. At the ceremony, each student will wear a uniform polo shirt that features their school logo. The Winners Circle donates a uniform polo to each student and staff member in the 12 schools it serves.

For more information about how to apply to be a volunteer, contact Siobhan Duffy at (402)557-6376, or by email at sduffy@winners-circle.org

The Winners Circle Program was founded in 1996 by Cookie & Jerry Hoberman. The Winners Circle strives to improve access to educational opportunities through a program of early intervention that targets disadvantaged elementary students from Omaha Public Schools by providing goal setting, positive role models and incentives to recognize academic achievement and good citizenship. More information can be found at www.winners-circle.org.

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