



Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

City Year is an education-focused, nonprofit organization that partners with public schools and teachers to help keep students in school and on track to succeed. In 24 communities across the United States and through two international affiliates, this innovative public-private partnership brings together teams of young AmeriCorps members who commit to a year of full-time service in schools. Corps members provide individual support to students who need extra care and attention, focusing on attendance, behavior and course performance through in-class tutoring, mentoring and after school programs.

City Year will use AT&T Aspire funding for its Whole School Whole Child initiative in Little Rock, Arkansas. Whole School Whole Child uses evidence-based strategies to deliver one-on-one and group interventions to struggling students to help them reach the 10th grade on-track and on-time, which research indicates makes these students four times more likely to graduate.



AT&T Aspire funding will allow City Year to expand its Whole School Whole Child program to J.A. Fair High School, considered one of Arkansas's lowest performing high schools because less than 60 percent of its students progress to 12th grade to graduate on-time. In addition to a focused support on off-track students, City Year will also work with all 436 9th graders as a part of Freshman Academy, helping them make the challenging transition from middle to high school. With AT&T's support of City Year, we can effectively leverage the strengths of our corps members to improve student attendance, behavior and coursework so J.A. Fair students will stay in school, succeed and excel.



Students:
436



Funding:
\$300,000

- Because City Year Little Rock/North Little Rock partners with two elementary schools and one middle school that feed into J.A. Fair High, **over 80 percent** of J.A. Fair students have attended schools with City Year support.
- In the 2012-2013 school year, over 2,500 City Year corps members will serve **over 150,000 students in 238 schools** across the U.S., in London, England and in Johannesburg, South Africa.

"As Superintendent of the Little Rock School District, I have seen the impact City Year has on struggling schools and I believe City Year is a truly unique organization committed to bolstering student and school success. Their deployment of teams of full-time, diverse national service AmeriCorps members in a structured and highly effective manner to support schools is distinctive in the field of education reform."

Dr. Morris Holmes, Superintendent of Schools