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**ABOUT E.R.E.**

Educate. Radiate. Elevate's purpose is to strengthen the educational achievement of underserved students by providing high-quality instruction from experienced tutors who will assist them with academics, enrichment, and test prep, as well as essential learning and life skills.

In just 4 months of tutoring, 5 students:

- Improved **Math** scores an average of 71 points (17 months of school)
- Improved **Language Arts** scores and average of 86 points (13 months of school)
- Improved **Reading** scores and average of 77 points (8 months of school)
- Experienced decreases in: **Attention Problems, Openness, Anxiety, Depression, Sense of Purpose, Withdrawal, and Social Skills**
- Experienced improvements in: **Self Esteem, Emotional Self Control, Executive Functioning, Leadership, Intrapersonal Relations, Attitude to School, and Self-Reliance**

E.R.E. is currently tutoring 8 students in the Summer 2022 Term. We look forward to seeing their improvement!

*"The meetings have been great and very helpful. [The tutor] is wonderful, patient and kind. She has helped me with my college applications process and preparation. I look forward to continuing to meet with her!"*

- 11th grade student in Chicago

*"We have created a really strong relationship with each other and it has been a pleasure getting to see her succeed in small and large ways. [The student] has been communicative, enthusiastic, and open to improving her methods of learning."*

- Tutor of 11th grader in Chicago

We are excited for even more success in the second half of 2022!

**E.R.E. UPDATES**

Participate in our First annual back-to-school fundraiser!

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to provide tutoring services for 10 low-income students in the upcoming term, at no cost to their families. Learn more in our blog [Online Silent Auction: Funding Dreams](#).

**EDUCATE. RADIATE. ELEVATE.**  
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Help underserved students have a positive start on the new school year, opening the doors to a brighter future.

Knowledge is Power!

**Donate an item or service to be auctioned off!** This is ideal for business owners and consultants looking for a feel-good, tax-deductible, marketing opportunity. Just complete [this donation form](#).

**Help us Fundraise!** Simply sign up as an Ambassador (it's free) to create a unique URL that you can share with your family and friends. Top the leaderboard with the contributions you bring in and win a prize!

**Attend our livestream events on Mon 8/7 at 6-8pm CST and Fri 8/19 at 11am-12pm CST!** Hear from our donors, volunteers, tutors, and students! Plus fun games to play. Check out our performers:

**Buy raffle tickets!** Each raffle ticket you purchase gets you closer to winning the cash prize.

**Browse auction items!** From \$15-\$21, you can bid on these unique items and experiences. **Here's a sneak peek:**



A HUGE thank you to our fundraiser sponsors!



Read our recent Blogs for students, parents, educators, and more!

- [Meeting Our Student: Mental Health](#)  
*Spice Indication*  
 Culturally Responsive Teaching  
 When Spirit is on Fire  
 Tutor Spotlight on Job

**RECENT NEWS IN EDUCATION**

**Kids Are Back in School - And Struggling with Mental Health Issues**

Publisher: NPR  
 Date: January 7, 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an emotional toll on youth, especially those in underserved communities. Many low-income children who have felt anxious that such a long period of isolation do not have access to mental health support from counselors or healthcare professionals. Furthermore, social distancing measures caused higher death rates in communities of color, many children are grieving the loss of loved ones. These are just some examples of the emotional upheavals that has led many students to hurt others or themselves, causing a rise in violence and suicides.

What practical solutions do you think ought to be put in place to help children in need with mental health issues?

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**Kids Are Far Far Behind in School**

Publisher: The Atlantic  
 Date: May 22, 2022

Pandemic school closures have caused a volatility in achievement gaps. Students in low-income neighborhoods have fallen the furthest behind. Studies show that, during the pandemic, Black and Latinx students lost 6 more weeks of instruction than white students. To mitigate these losses, researchers and educators suggest options such as high-dose tutoring, voluntary summer school, an extra period each day of instruction in core subjects, or extending the school period for the next two years. However, each option has its challenges when administered on a large scale.

What do you think is the best solution to bridging pandemic learning issues among underserved communities?

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**E.R.E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board of Directors**  
 We have an open seat with our Board of Directors that we would like to fill with a professional who has a connection with Texas. As a member of the Board of Directors, you will be assisting with the major decisions that will lay the foundation for our program. [Learn more!](#)

**Fundraising Committee**  
 We are searching for new members to join our dedicated fundraising team! As a member of our Fundraising Committee, you will play a significant role in our early phases of development and help ensure our sustainability for many years to come. [Join today!](#)

**Volunteers**  
 We are looking for volunteer [ambassadors](#), [interns](#), [tutors](#), and operational [professionals](#). As a member of Educate. Radiate. Elevate, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with a varied group of people and make a real difference in society. [Apply now!](#)

**Donors**  
 We must work together to achieve our objectives of educating equitably, relieving stress, and elevating society. Your contribution will provide children from less fortunate backgrounds with the opportunity to succeed in school and beyond. [Become a donor today!](#)

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We will continue to keep you in the loop with updates about Educate. Radiate. Elevate as well as about education, equity, community news, and the like. If you know someone who is also passionate about helping youth, supporting educational equity, and fostering community development, please forward them this newsletter so they can sign up!