

# HEART Tutoring | Tutoring with heart

If the sold-out **1st Annual HeartThrob** event at Draught on February 6 is any indication of the enthusiasm that the tutors of **HEART Tutoring** put into their volunteering efforts, then the organization's fast success should come as no surprise. Geared toward young professionals, HeartThrob was one of a few planned events to recruit new volunteers and thank current ones.

What began as a pilot in 2010 by Social Venture Partners Charlotte with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and **Communities In Schools**, HEART Tutoring—an acronym for "Helping Ensure Academic Results through Tutoring"—developed

into its own organization in 2013. By using targeted, one-on-one instruction, it decreases conceptual gaps in mathematics for economically disadvantaged students.

"While teachers do all they can to address student needs," said Emily Elliott, Executive Director of HEART Tutoring, "their ability to work individually with struggling students will always be limited."

To combat this limitation, HEART uses an untapped resource—volunteer tutors.

Volunteers, who commit an hour a week to the program, have proven effective. Last year, there were 117 tutors for 105 students. Of those 105

students, 99 percent met program growth targets, showing significant growth in two or more foundational concept areas. This year, there are 250 tutors for 230 students.

"Our goal is to grow as quickly as we can," Elliott said. "We know that there are thousands of people in Charlotte who would be willing to spend an hour per week in schools if it's an effective and positive experience."

"You see the same student each week, and you develop a relationship with them," said Padgett Sullivan, Program Coordinator. "You watch them grow in academics and confidence." ■

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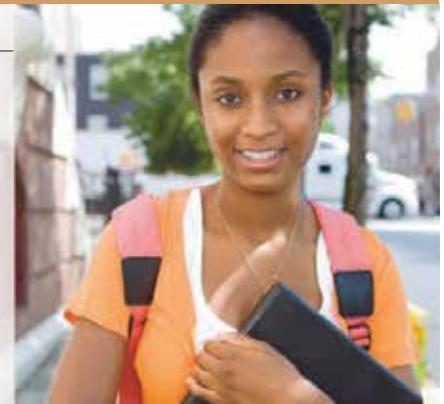
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