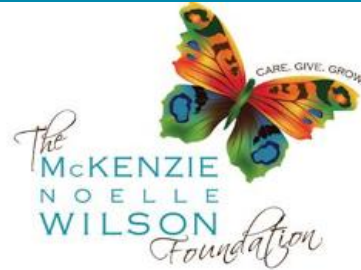


SUPPORTER UPDATE



April 2012

Dear Mercedes,

Thank you so much for your support of The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation. In this Supporter Update we are highlighting the start of our new and very important annual fund campaign and introducing you to one of our wonderful volunteers. We hope you enjoy reading about our progress, and what, as a supporter, you are making possible.

Gratefully,

Blake & Stephanie Wilson

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Since its establishment in the fall of 2010, the Foundation has achieved incredible results. It's important that we continue advancing our programs and reach out to our youth. Through your continued support, there is so much more we want to accomplish. We are building a boy's orphanage and an abandoned baby home in Uganda. We are developing a second McKenzie's Academic Resource Center in Jacksonville. We also plan on furthering our "Care, Give, Grow" teen development programs to encourage youth to care for others, give to those-in-need, and grow in their own spirituality. Information about our efforts and programs can be found on our website at www.caregivegrow.org.

To accomplish our goals and to keep this positive momentum going, your financial support is critical. Please continue your support in our "Care.Give.Grow." Annual Fund. You can make a contribution using a credit card through our secure website at www.caregivegrow.com/donate.

Thank you for your inspiring generosity which is helping more young people recognize their full potential.

Did you know?

Vote for us on JAX Boldest!

Vote for the Foundation on the JAX Boldest contest at <http://jaxboldest.com/> by March 31st! The nonprofit with the most votes receives \$500.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the new McKenzie's Academic Resource Center, especially those good at high school math! Sign up at www.mckenziegives.org

The Reason album is available on iTunes

All proceeds from the sale of this praise and worship CD goes towards building orphanages in Uganda. So get your album today! <http://qoo.gl/zyxOy>

Join Our Mailing List!

Upcoming Events

April 16, 6 - 8 p.m. - Student Spirit Night
at Chick-fil-A at Beach & Hodges.
Join us for games, dancing, a DJ and more! 10% of the sales will go to the Foundation.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet one of our student volunteers, Elizabeth. Elizabeth volunteers as an after-school mentor at McKenzie's Academic Resource Center. She loves to volunteer as a mentor because the children are so much fun to work with. Along with other student volunteers,

UPDATES



The new McKenzie's Academic Resource Center, or MARC, is moving forward full throttle! We have seen tremendous growth in the number of students we serve as well as in teen and teacher volunteers. Because of the overwhelming response at MARC, we've hired staff to help us expand our programs. A full-time site coordinator and a part-time early learning coordinator have joined our team. We are also partnering with Duval County Public Schools to fund an educational liaison, who will work through Chet's Creek elementary and with other schools to find out where programming and support is most needed.

Our goal is to open an additional MARC this year in a Jacksonville community to reach more students and to provide them with programs that will help them reach their full potential.

To volunteer as a tutor/mentor, sign up at www.mckenziegives.org

McKENZIE CLUBS

McKenzie Clubs are making a difference in our community! Recently, three of our clubs participated in a book drive contest to collect book donations for McKenzie's Academic Resource Center. During this one week book drive, over 1,000 books were collected! The McKenzie Clubs also participated in Teal Day on March 22nd by fundraising for the Foundation. Over \$7,000 was raised due to the efforts of our club members!

We are also happy to announce the addition of two new McKenzie Clubs. The MARC McKenzie Club and the Mayport Middle McKenzie Club. A McKenzie Club Committee has also been created to facilitate in communicating with schools about starting new clubs.

McKenzie Clubs unite and mobilize students to care for others through volunteering and charity. Club members meet once a month at their school, plan group volunteer and fundraising projects, and participate in our monthly Teal Day. If you are interested about starting a club, please contact mercede@caregivegrow.org for more information.

Elizabeth teaches younger children lessons on how to be respectful and kind to others. She is grateful to be a role model for younger students to look up too.



Elizabeth is a senior at Sandalwood High School. Join Elizabeth in volunteering at the MARC. Sign up to volunteer at www.mckenziegives.org.

Vision

The Foundation is dedicated to helping young people find their purpose in an increasingly complex and challenging world.

Mission



Our mission is to help young people recognize their full potential by providing programs that encourage caring for others, giving to those in need, and growing in their own spirituality.

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