



PARENTLINKS

Students are **AMAZING** because Parents and Community are at their **B.E.S.T.**



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Columbus (OH) Chapter



About The Links, Incorporated

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation established in 1946. The membership consists of nearly 14,000 professional women in 283 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to leadership, friendship and service. The programming of The Links, Incorporated has five facets which include: *The Arts, Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services and Health and Human Services.*

The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was chartered on March 20, 1950 as a not-for-profit community service organization. For more than, 66 years, its distinguished members have provided programming which has and will continue to impact the Central Ohio community and the world.

With over 50 active members, the Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has a long history of illustrious service and making a difference in the community through various programs and initiatives including:

◆ DONOR SABBATH

This partnership with Lifeline Ohio focuses on awareness and communications to Central Ohio churches to increase the number of African American Donors. The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was recognized as the Lifeline of Ohio 2016 Community Partner of the Year.

◆ THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY LINK SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT

This endowment represents scholarships available for students at the university that meet academic, community service and leadership requirements. The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is the first African American women's organization in Central Ohio to establish a \$50,000 endowment.

◆ CONGRESSIONAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in partnership with Congresswoman Joyce Beatty of the 3rd Congressional District and the Columbus Museum of Art provides scholarships to high school students to further their artistic endeavors.

◆ READ BABY READ

A literacy program implemented by The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in partnership with Read Baby Read, A Culture Exchange. This program created two reading book clubs for third graders at Trevitt Elementary School in Columbus, Ohio.

◆ PRELUDE SCHOLARS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

For more than 20 years, The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has recognized the outstanding academic accomplishments of high school scholars. This program joined the efforts of The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and The Ohio State University in honoring selected high school students from private, public and parochial high school in the Columbus metropolitan area.



Our Focus



As of 2016, the percent of students at this school who pass the Ohio's State Tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies was significantly lower than average for Ohio: Trevitt Elementary School: **14.6%**; Ohio average: **68.5%** and Franklin County average: **51.8%**.



"The Links, Incorporated is a phenomenal organization that have provided direct support to the Pre-K students and families of Trevitt Elementary School. The collaboration of this dynamic group of leaders have yielded life changing mentorship to parents and have greatly enriched students' educational experience!"

*- Dr. Patrese A. Mason, Principal
Trevitt Elementary*

The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is focused on ensuring Pre-K students have a solid foundation and that their village (parents and teachers) are actively engaged so that students will achieve reading at grade level by the third grade.

We have targeted Pre-K students at Trevitt Elementary School (Pre-K – 5th grade) located on the Near East Side in Columbus, Ohio. 99% of the students are classified as "economically disadvantaged. In addition, the majority of the students at Trevitt Elementary School participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and receive free lunch.

On August 26, 2015, the Columbus City Schools (CCS) and Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), on behalf of The Ohio State University, partnered to launch the Health Sciences Academies (HSA). Health Sciences Academies exists to foster successful outcomes for the children and families and to transform the Near East Side community into an education destination of choice. Trevitt Elementary was selected to participate in PACT's Health Sciences Academies.



Our Program

In August 2016, the Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, established a partnership with two partners – Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT) and Trevitt Elementary (Columbus City Schools) – to launch ParentLinks.



Literacy and early childhood education are issues of concern in our community. The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is committed to this work with the support of its reputable partners. ParentLinks, is a five-year, in-school and out-of-school program that targets Pre-K students and their parents/caregivers at Trevitt Elementary through the third grade.



The primary objectives of ParentLinks are to:

- Focus on assisting the Pre-K teacher in ensuring that each Pre-K student can read by the end of the third grade
- Promote the Pre-K students' social, emotional and physical development
- Encourage Pre-K students to see how reading can be rewarding and relevant to their lives
- Provide tutoring 1:1 and in groups to Pre-K students
- Support parents in understanding their role as a partner in their children's education and the impact that they can have on their children's learning ability
- Assist parents in assuming their partnership role in their children's education
- Provide mentoring to parents
- Offer monthly Parent Sessions on relevant topics



Link members have generously donated their time, talents and treasure to the ParentLinks program including:

- Purchased school uniforms, book bags, schools supplies and magnetic letters
- Hosted and catered monthly healthy dinners for Pre-K students and their families
- Purchased gift cards for holiday gifts at Target
- Purchased gift cards for healthy foods at Kroger
- Donated a computer for the Pre-K Classroom at Trevitt Elementary
- Purchased mommy time gift baskets for the parents
- Purchased 15 books for every Pre-K student
- Created three reading nooks at Trevitt Elementary to stimulate the senses and encourage reading



During the course of the school year, members of the Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated provide tutoring 1:1 and in groups two hours a month to Pre-K students at Trevitt Elementary. The tutoring builds upon the in-school areas of focus, integrates the promotion of social, emotional and physical development and helps students see how reading can be rewarding and relevant to their lives.

In addition, monthly meetings with the parents of the Pre-K students at Trevitt Elementary are conducted and focus on relevant topics that equip the parents to be better prepared to support their children in developing literacy skills as well as succeeding in school.

Relevant topics for the Parent monthly meetings include:

- Social and Emotional Wellness
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Holiday Celebrations with Families
- Healthy Meals On the Go and On a Low Budget
- Financial Literacy: Money Matters
- Medically Necessary: March Madness
- Enemy in Your Home: Perils of Social Media
- Moving from Better to B.E.S.T. (Bright, Excellence, Satisfaction, Timely) – Adult Education: What's In It For You?

“ParentLinks, a program of the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, is designed to make real impact over time by addressing every part of the ‘Education Equation.’ Everyone wants to tutor children, but what distinguishes ParentLinks from other programs, is the commitment of Link members to mentoring the parents of the students they tutor. The Links have given a five-year commitment to the children and their parents and are measuring the outcomes.”

- Tei Street

Education Program Director at The Ohio State University



Our Program

To ensure that Link members were prepared to tutor Pre-K students, Rebecca Daniels, Instructional Support Coach, The Office of Innovation and Improvement, Columbus City Schools conducted training that focused on teaching strategies in the areas of oral development, concepts about print and written skills appropriate for children at the emergent stages of literacy learning. In addition, the training provided Link members with a lesson plan to document activities for the purpose of tracking progress and identifying best practices.

Link members were prepared to mentor parents effectively, by Darlena Jones, Instructional Support Coordinator, The Office of Innovation and Improvement, Columbus City Schools who conducted training reinforcing the parent's role as a partner in their children's education and the impact that they can have on their children's learning ability.



Rebecca Daniels, MA, NBCT
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Darlena Jones,
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The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, commissioned the first sculpture "Nocturne Navigator" by African American artist Alison Saar, for the permanent collection of the Columbus Museum of Art. The 15 ft. African American woman is currently installed in its own gallery for viewing at the museum.



Your Donation

The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is committed to literacy and early childhood education. We solicit your support to assist us in continuing and elevating our programming.

BE THE CHANGE. HERE'S HOW:

Consider changing a child's life by making a donation to support our programs.

OUR GIVING LEVELS:

DONATE

The Columbus (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated relies on financial contributions to change lives, help students and families and improve the community. From sponsoring an event table to making a one-time donation, every dollar you give is essential.

- \$100 - Build Confidence
- \$250 - Empower
- \$500 - Inspire

HOST A PARENT SESSION MEAL FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES (\$1000)

Choose one month to donate a catered meal for 75 people at Trevitt Elementary.

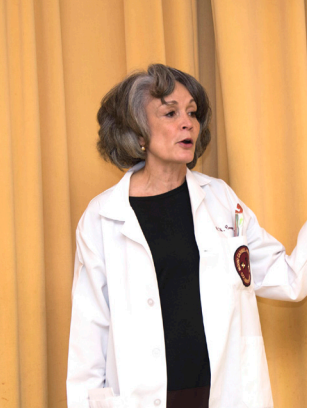
SPONSOR A CLASSROOM (\$1,500, \$2,000)

Purchase uniforms, back packs, books and school supplies for 25 students.

BE A CORPORATE HERO (\$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000)

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