

# The Study Club

## Southwood Tutoring Program – January 2011 Mid-Year Review

### Introduction:

Southwood Mobile Home Park is located just south of I-64 off 5<sup>th</sup> street extended and behind Covenant School. With over 350 trailers, the actual number of residents is unknown and many estimate 1,500. All residents are low income with over half being Mexicans, Salvadorans and Hondurans, twenty five percent African American and around five percent Caucasian. There are approximately 250 students from kindergarten to twelfth grade enrolled in Albemarle County Public Schools and living in this neighborhood. The majority of students count Spanish as their first and most fluent language. Because of this, academic success in core classes, English, science, math and history is a challenge. Students in this subdivision attend Cale Elementary, Burley Middle and Monticello High School.

### Objective

The objective of the Office of Community Engagement is creating a community of lifelong learners and providing tools to compete in the global economy. This objective facilitates an opportunity for students to study, complete homework and learns to excel academically. It provides tutoring in core classes as well as test taking skills. This initiative is primarily connected to the division's goals of eliminating the achievement gap and establishing systems of aligning resources to support the division's mission.

### Partners

Albemarle County Public Schools, Habitat for Humanity, Madison House UVA student Volunteers , UVA Latino Student Alliance and The Boys and Girls Club partner to provide one on one tutoring to students. Habitat for Humanity provides the community center conference room for instruction and Madison House students provides tutoring. The Office of Community Engagement provides structure, and vision for tutoring aligned with teacher's summative and formative assessments, pacing guides and grade level curriculum.

### Key Performance Indicators

- A total of **forty nine** students were tutored between September and December of 2010. All students attend Cale Elementary school.
- Thirty two University of Virginia students volunteered their time totaling 522 hours. This contribution translates into **\$10,925** dollars in volunteer hours (The 2009 Virginia Average Hourly Value of Volunteer Time is \$20.93)\*.
- Study Club tutorial support based on teachers Professional Learning Community's (PLC) recommendations for each student.
- Identify and recruit tutor volunteers to replace Madison House Volunteers during their school breaks. October 11 and 12, January 3 – 21, March 7-11, May 2 – June 3.

*\* The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), Economic Information Services Division, uses the Current Employment Statistics annualized average hourly earnings for all production and non-supervisory workers on private non-farm payrolls in Virginia. The figure is an estimated value and is increased 12% to allow for benefits (effective April 2009). Contact VEC by phone at (804) 786-5880 for more information.*

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