

Adopt-A-School Program

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About Still Serving, Inc.



During Mario's 26 years serving as a United States Marine, he volunteered and sacrificed many hours demonstrating democratic values, promoting youth development, and helping people emerge from humanitarian crises overseas.

When he retired, he wanted to continue dedicating his life to make the world a better place for future generations. He originally founded Still Serving, Inc., during August 2018, to connect military veterans to communities through public speaking. But months later, he felt it was more important to inspire today's youth to influence worldwide positive changes and reduce behaviors that are detrimental to the advancement of mankind.

On April 25, 2019, Still Serving, Inc.'s Board of Directors approved the Adopt-A-School Program and Mario quickly realized his vision could become a reality if he, with the help of others, focused on youth development in underserved communities.

Our Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

Creating a better tomorrow by empowering today's youth in underserved communities.



Vision

To inspire a global community that fosters economic growth, diverse thinkers, and empowered action through positive youth development.



Values

- Integrity
- Civic engagement
- Fducation
- Relationships



Setting the Stage

Individuals with Disabilities Education and Improvement Act (IDEIA), Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act (WIOA) and state legislation each require that a plan be developed to assist students and youth with disabilities in bringing together information gathered through assessment and exploration to identify career goals and outcomes they wish to achieve.

The Challenge

While the activities presented in each law are designed to assist students and youth reach their academic and career goals, each one has specific requirements that often lead to multiple plans that are not aligned and that may or may not have similar goals. Well functioning School-Community-Partnerships coordinate time, effort and resources to that individual student academic and career goals are achieved.

Our Contribution

Provide access to comprehensive academic and career-readiness software, information, and resources. And improve skills-based learning and employment opportunities through our Adopt-A-School Program.

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Our Program Goals

1. Increase student access to comprehensive academic and career-readiness software, information, and resources.

Visit www.stillservinginc.com, click on the "Our Program" tab, and you can view a demonstration and message from one of our collaborative partners.



- 2. Facilitate student access to skills-based learning and employment opportunities.
 - ✓ Career exposure
- Service learning
- ✓ Apprenticeships

- ✓ Job shadowing
- Internships

- Work sampling
- ✓ Paid employment



Our Program Strategy

Facilitate
discovery
meetings with
school and
industry
professionals to
discuss program
benefits.

Provide a
Community and
Program Liaison
Officer to assist
with program
delivery,
oversight, and
support.

Implement and collaborate to achieve program goals during the school year.

Facilitate a midschool year partnership and program effectiveness review. Facilitate an endof-school year partnership and program effectiveness review. Students are better prepared to apply and achieve their comprehensive academic and career plans and goals.

The Impact



INNOVATION EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, GREENVILLE, NC

Current Stats

1 Schools Benefiting

195 Students Benefiting

> 11 Skills-based Opportunities

\$5,500
Donations
supporting students

Potential Collaborative Partnership Benefits

School

- Improved transition planning
- Improved graduation rates
- Decreased drop-out rates
- Increased college and career readiness rates
- Enhancements to curriculum

Community

- Improved civic engagement
- Improved youth community engagement
- Healthier community
- Reduction in violence

Industry

- Meet current workforce needs
- Better prepared future workforce
- Improved community engagement
- Increase workforce diversity and inclusion





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