

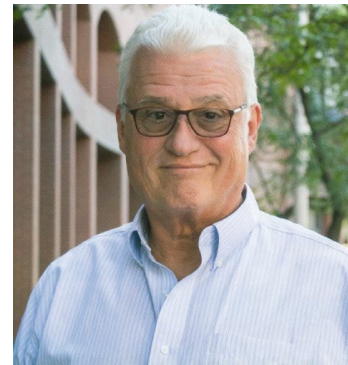


Working in public schools to surround students with a community of support

Empowering At-Risk Students to Stay In School and Achieve In Life

Letter From the Executive Director

Communities in Schools of Spokane County (CISSC) is celebrating 10 years in Spokane County! We have grown since our pilot year in 2008/2009 from 3 middle schools in Spokane and Cheney School Districts to 13 schools now including elementary and high schools in Medical Lake, Central Valley and West Valley School Districts. The successes of our longest standing partners in Spokane and Cheney were observed by our newest partners who want the same success in their schools.



Our highly successful Prime Time Mentoring Program has also expanded and is now in more than 46 schools! We have cultivated passionate, creative and resourceful staff and a hard-working Board of Directors. Together we strive to accomplish our mission of surrounding students with a community of support and empowering at-risk students to stay in school and achieve in life.

We are appreciative of the local businesses, foundations and individuals that find value in our CIS model and Prime Time Mentoring Programs and continue to support us financially. It is through this support that we are able to continue these vital programs that serve the kids in this often-forgotten population. Our wonderful mentors and site coordinators provide hope by encouraging students, setting goals with them, and offering them compassion and friendship. The results are improved attendance, behavior and grades.

There are a number of schools who would like to have CISSC at their schools. But resources are scarce, especially with the new tax laws and the impact on nonprofit donations. Please join us at our annual Spring Fundraising Event; The Blue Jean Ball on Saturday, February 23, 2019 and help us reach our goal of \$100,000.00.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Our mission statement at CISSC is being exemplified by representing some of the most impoverished and traumatized children in the state of Washington.

A young student at Shaw Middle School who was identified as a student who would benefit from CIS was struggling in class with disrespectful, explosive and disruptive behavior. It was a slow process trying to pull the student in and assist her with academic support and relationship building.



Through *continued relational connection* with the student, she began to open up about her living situation and the struggles she was experiencing outside school. As we gained her trust we were able to get this student *connected with mental health services* to continue her healing process. As a result the dialogue within her family was opened up as well.

From the time the student began receiving help and healing her grades have increased dramatically, her disrespectful behavior issues in class have ceased and her self-respect has soared.

As the Site Coordinator for CIS I was given the opportunity to bridge the relationship gap to help instill healing.

-Melanee, Site Coordinator at Shaw Middle School

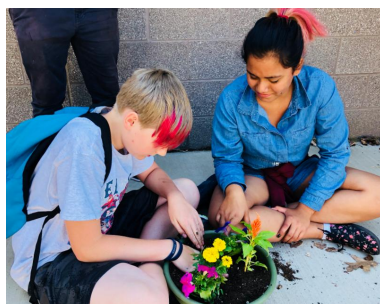


SUMMER PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT

Summer 2018 was busy in Cheney with Site Coordinator Justin Farley. They conducted four full weeks of summer program that included Safety, Archery, Cooking, Nutrition and Gardening. They also had a handful of field trips that included swimming at EWU, touring Avista Field, and bringing gifts to the Cheney Care Center.

CISSC school-based site coordinators help struggling students and their families navigate the maze of public and private services by

connecting resources with the schools to the students that need them most. Resources are brought into the schools where they are easily accessible, coordinated and accountable.



Gardening Activity



Swimming Safety at EWU



Games at the Cheney Care Center

UPCOMING EVENTS



We are excited to announce a fresh face to our upcoming spring fundraiser!

**Come Join us for a Heel Kickin' Good Time to Round up Funds
for At-Risk Youth!**

February 23, 2019
Spokane Convention Center Centennial Ballroom

Sponsorships, ticket and table sales or to volunteer for this event are available at
the link below

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

For questions please contact Debra Raub at debra@cisspokane.org.

TOOLS 2 SCHOOLS UPDATE

We had another successful year gathering and distributing backpacks and school supplies to local kids in Spokane, Spokane Valley, Cheney, Medical Lake and Coeur d'Alene. This would not have been possible without the following generous sponsors...

Coeur d'Alene Casino
NAC Architecture
Bernardo Wills Architecture
DCI Engineers
Coffman Engineering
L& S Engineering
Travelers
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2018 Backpack Totals

Elementary Schools: 1,257
Middle School: 377
High School: 120

Total Backpacks: 1,754

Thanks again to our generous
sponsors for making this year another
success!

Volunteer Needs

Tutors- we need your help coming alongside high school students helping them achieve in their classes.

Mentors- Make a difference in a child's life by becoming a PrimeTime Mentor. Click the link below to view upcoming trainings...

[UPCOMING MENTOR TRAININGS](#)

We are so grateful to our faith partners in supporting kids in our community. Check out mentoring in action with our partner Valley Assembly of God.

[MENTORING VIDEO](#)

Event Committee Spring Fundraiser-we need your help planning our spring fundraiser!

For more information please contact Rachel Millsap at rachel@cisspokane.org, Holly Haneke at holly@cisspokane.org or Jessica Deutsch at jessica@cisspokane.org



CISSC Wish List

Food Items:

- Canned protein (Chicken, Tuna, Beans)
- Canned fruit

Clothing Needs:

- Underwear- middle school size boys & girls
- Winter gloves- middle school
- athletic shoes-size 3 and up
- Socks
- Clothing in larger sizes- male & female
- Winter coats
- Blankets
- Winter baby clothes up to size 24 months
- Diapers

Please contact Rebecca Clemens at Rebecca@cisspokane.org for donation information

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Link arms with us to surround at-risk youth with a community of support empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Give a gift today!

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