

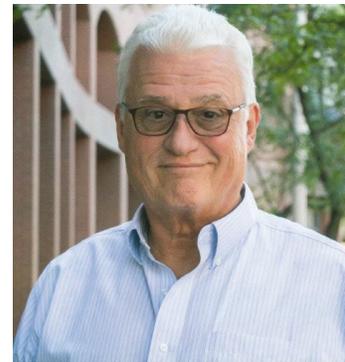


Working in public schools to surround students with a community of support

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

Letter From the Executive Director

We are excited about this inaugural issue of our electronic newsletter! We are fortunate to have Holly Haneke on staff who took the lead on this project. We are interested in keeping all of you up to speed on what we've done and where we're going. As much as anything the first item of business is to thank our individual and institutional partners, mentors and supporters. Such support includes the public and private sectors including small and large businesses. That support allowed us to offer services to more than 7,000 students this year in 12 different schools.



Our current school district partners include Central Valley, Cheney, East Valley, Medical Lake, and Spokane Public Schools. Next year we have been invited to open a new site with West Valley School District at Dishman Hills High School and we are talking to other schools about expansion. We take this as an indication that our model is effective.

Our site coordinators are helping provide these students with the resources they need to stay in school. These include academic support such as tutoring, relational support through mentoring, and they are also working to meet physical and mental health care needs in addition to meeting their basic needs such as food, clothing, life skills, and college and career preparation. A lot of what we can offer is directly attributable to donations. We cant' thank you enough for what you give. Next year we will serve even more students!

Program Spotlight

At McDonald's Elementary in the Spokane Valley there are several students that have disabilities that hinder them from safely participating in recess games that are on the blacktop. One of the students that has been having a hard time is a survivor of a brain tumor. He has always been athletic, but after removing the tumor and chemo treatment his physical ability took a drastic decline. He had a dream of building a human Foosball game that can be played in the grass. This was a safe way for him to participate in an activity with his peers. The cost to build the game was \$350.00. The school

didn't have the budget for it so the Communities In Schools site coordinator reached out to community partners Target, Pete's Hardware and Lowe's. They donated all the materials and the student was able to build the game with his mentor. The impact of the donation helped build confidence and it gave him an activity that he could participate in.

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.



McDonald Elementary student Boaz with his mentor Matt building a human Foosball *game*.



Advocacy for Kids- Everyday Hero's

CIS Spokane's PrimeTime Mentoring Program is an incredible way to make a difference in a child's life in our community. In one-hour a week you can have a lasting impact on child who may not have one caring adult in his/her life. Mentor Brittany Stevenson is a CIS PrimeTime Mentor who has brought a ton of joy and fun to her mentee's life. Her recent project with her mentee included putting together a model airplane. Brittany is passionate about helping kids in our community which is evident in the time she commits to building a relationship with her mentee each week. A quote she attaches to her mentoring experience is "a candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

Upcoming Events

Our 3rd Annual Northern Quest Charity Golf Tournament is just around the corner and we want to thank Northern Quest for choosing Communities In Schools of Spokane to be the beneficiary of this wonderful event! Please join us at this event in support of Communities In Schools of Spokane!

We have one **\$2500.00 Par Sponsorship** or two **\$1250.00 Sponsorship's** left.

Please contact Pam Raymond at pam@cisspokane.org for details of sponsorship's.

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KALISPEL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018



We want to thank the following sponsors for their partnership for this event!

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Volunteer Needs

Site Coordinator Assistant- We are looking for volunteers to help our site coordinators at schools in Spokane and Spokane Valley.

Mentors- Make a difference in a child's life by becoming a PrimeTime Mentor.

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

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CISSC Wish List

As the new school year approaches please stay tuned for our upcoming wish list needs.



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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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