



February plants us firmly in the new year and reminds us to uplift Black history, focus on social justice, appreciate school counselors, and embrace digital learning. At E.R.E., we are all about recognizing and celebrating our students' backgrounds and building a network of resources and support for their long-term success.

Make a Difference this Month!

## E.R.E. Student Success Spotlights

**STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT**  
AFTER 4 MONTHS IN OUR PROGRAM

Adam (Symone's tutor)

**Symone E**

- Mastery of Writing Strategies improved by the equivalent of 2.2 years of schooling
- Improved activities of Daily Living by 13 percentile
- Reduced Locus of Control by 42 percentile.

**Jaliyah P**

- Mastery of Algebra improved by the equivalent of 6 years of schooling
- Improved her Leadership by 30 percentile
- Reduced her experience with Bullying by 63 percentile.

Ashley (Jaliyah's Mom)

Contribute to More Student Successes!

## E.R.E. Updates

At E.R.E., we are deeply committed to ensuring that students, regardless of their background, have equitable access to the resources and support needed to succeed in school, career, and life. Our professional, experienced, and trained culturally responsive and trauma-informed tutors work tirelessly to help their students grow academically and personally.

However, **none of this would be possible without your generous donations.** Your support fuels our tutoring program, driving our students on the path to long-term and far-reaching success. Together, we can make lasting improvements to the education, economy, and health of our nation.

Help Youth in Need!

# TESTIMONIALS

Before tutoring, I didn't have good grades and I was struggling in classes like math. But when I started tutoring, I got better grades and I learned a lot of different skills. Now, I have a good report card and I ask for help when I'm stuck.

- 9th Grade Student

My son now takes my accountability with his grades and work. Thank you so much!

- Parent of 9th Grader

She's really motivated and I could see lightbulb moments happening as we worked through problems. I'll work to get her feeling more comfortable with trying and failing in a safe environment.

- Tutor of 8th Grader



## 2024 E.R.E. UPDATES

- ✓ We raised over \$26,000
- ✓ Our 3rd annual Popcorn Fundraiser raised \$471.80
- ✓ 87 grants were submitted
- ✓ We published 27 blogs

## E.R.E. Announcements

Each donation helps ensure that no child is left behind, bringing us closer to a brighter, more equitable future for all! Plus, your **donation can qualify for a 2025 tax deduction**, amplifying your impact while lowering your taxable income. Give the gift of education today and make a difference in the world!

Invest in Our Children!

**Volunteers** : We are looking for [volunteer ambassadors](#), [interns](#), [tutors](#), and [professionals](#). We currently have an urgent need for a volunteer Website Editor. As a volunteer for Educate. Radiate. Elevate. you will have the opportunity to gain valuable skills, collaborate with a diverse group of people, and use your expertise to make a real difference in society.

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**Board & Committee Member** We are searching for new members to join our dedicated [Board of Directors](#), [Auxiliary Board](#), [Advisory Committee](#), [Development Committee](#), and [Fundraising Committee](#). As a member of our team, you'll play a large role in our early phases of development and help ensure our sustainability for years to come.

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**Read and share our recent blogs for students, parents, educators, and changemakers!**

- [Essential Resume Tips: A Comprehensive Guide](#)
- [How Gratitude Practice Can Help Reduce Stress in Students](#)
- [Supporting Children's Education: Tips for Family Involvement](#)
- [Educational Opportunities to Empower Underserved Students](#)
- [Increase Donations and Trust by Improving Transparency](#)

## Recent News in Education

**Here are the Members of Chicago's New School Board**

*Webz Chicago*  
January 15, 2025

Chicago's new Board of Education includes 10 elected members! Eight of the ten members have an extensive background in education.

*How do these newly elected members offer students more opportunities for advancement?*



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