

You are invited to visit our program, meet the children, catch the vision!



Imagine One Hour

Hours of Need

Just a few hours of your time in one of these areas will make a significant impact in the life of a child.

Imagine the sounds they hear and just some of the activities they witness: gunfire, gangs and drugs. Imagine growing up in such a high risk environment - a seemingly perpetual cycle. Imagine being confronted with poverty, language limitations and unhealthy surroundings.

Imagine one hour as a child in Central Phoenix. For these kids, each hour can be a struggle.

You can be a caring person in the life of an at-risk child... increasing their potential for success, hour by hour.

Yet the children you touch have the same needs and desires as all children. Each hour you share will increase their ability to make knowledgeable life choices, realize their God-given potential and break the cycle.

You will bring hope to children who live in Central Phoenix.

Your desire in life to have a meaningful purpose and touch individual lives will help perpetuate the special place DUCK has become.

Together, hour by hour, we are making a difference in the lives of these DUCK kids.

Won't you join us?

3 Hours After School

MONDAY – THURSDAY, 3:00PM – 6:00PM
SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

During the school year DUCK picks up the students from school and brings them to our facility at Historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown Phoenix. A typical day includes homework help, supervised computer time, craft time, recreational activities, a nutritional snack or dinner break and small group interaction. What does it take? A desire and willingness to make yourself available – bringing the kids your time, your talents, your hobbies, your interests, your attention.

4 Hours of Summer

MONDAY – FRIDAY, 10:00AM – 2:00PM
MID JUNE THROUGH EARLY AUGUST

This extended six-week program continues the structured setting through the summer months, with time to develop themes and projects, swimming lessons and field trips. The hours are different, but the time with the kids is just as life-changing!

If you do not have daytime hours to volunteer, consider “adopting” a child by paying for a special activity or lesson, or contribute ideas and support for other unique opportunities.



Hours to Dream About

SHARE THAT SPECIAL PART OF YOURSELF

Do you have a passion, a skill, a talent, an interest to share with one child or several? For one time or for a length of time? We've had caring individuals who have taught clowning, sewing, carpentry, martial arts, weight lifting. We've had energetic individuals who have taken kids hiking and conducted tennis, golf and soccer clinics. Or come and talk about subjects of interest to you. All of these will enrich a child's life.

Innovative group ideas include companies having a “Volunteer Day” for employees. Wells Fargo has brought teams with specific themed projects to do with the kids. Other companies have brought a large number of employees so that every kid is able to have a one on one. Church youth groups, both locally and out of state, designate DUCK as their mission trip and plan several days (and nights sleeping in the building) and DUCK provides a range of urban experiences for them. Mountain View Presbyterian youth groups have been planning and bringing special activities for the DUCK kids for several years.

The possibilities are endless! What's your idea?

Unseen Hours

PRAYER

As a faith-based program, we recognize the needs of so many kids and their families are met because friends are praying. If prayer is an important part of your life, please consider praying for the DUCK kids in a specific way.

Could you be part of the DUCK Praying Team?

Life Changing Hours

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT MENTORING

It is an objective of DUCK to match each junior high student with a mentor who will have an ongoing relationship with them through their high school years. Studies affirm the role of an adult mentor, someone outside the nuclear family, as critical to the success of at-risk youth.

A mentor can encourage the value of education. In Arizona, school is not required after age 16 or 8th Grade, whichever comes first. Mentoring, combined with a program such as DUCK immensely raises the potential for these kids.

Endless Hours

INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Not sure about weekly commitment? Or working directly with kids? There are many ways to partner with DUCK throughout the year:

- Promotions & Marketing (helping us reach more people with our mission)
- Special Events, Fund Raising, Newsletters
- Offering singular classes / activities for kids
- Coordinating and/or chaperoning field trips
- Van Drivers (regular and periodic)
- Christmas holds a variety of opportunities
- Bilingual assistance
- Administrative help
- Organizing DUCK rooms (periodic tidying, sorting and storing takes time and skills)
- Supply acquisition (like to shop?)



“OPENING DOORS TO LIFE’S POSSIBILITIES”

Our Vision

We give inner-city kids the hope, confidence, and opportunity to reach their God-given potential and become role models within their families and communities.

Our Guidance

DUCK, housed in Historic First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, is guided by these core values:

- The belief every child has potential to learn, grow and contribute
- A compassion and care for inner city families
- The responsibility to pass on our blessings
- To have meaningful relationships with kids, DUCK families, volunteers, donors
- The desire to emulate the example of Christ
- The commitment to integrity of service and quality of program
- To have fiscal accountability for the resources received, managed for maximum program benefit

FIVE CRITICAL HOURS

Did you know the hours between 3 and 8 pm are precarious, even dangerous, for inner-city kids? Most juvenile crime and gang recruitment occur during these after-school hours.

DUCK provides an after-school program (not day care) for children and youth, K-12, living in Central Phoenix. And during these crucial hours we come alongside families to ensure the safety and hope of each child is preserved.

While at DUCK, children are given the opportunity to catch a vision for their future and the hope to achieve their God-given potential.

We know their **POTENTIAL IS PERPETUAL!**

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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