



# Winter 2014 Newsletter

As the year 2014 draws to a close, The Providence on Southmore, Inc. is proud to say that we have doubled our numbers from the year before. During this fiscal year we helped nearly 500 Houston Area students.

We served student throughout the Houston and surrounding areas in:

- Austin High School (Fort Bend ISD)
- Barbara Jordan High School (Houston ISD)
- Dawson High School (Pearland ISD)
- Madison High School (Houston ISD)
- Manvel High School (Alvin ISD)
- Wheatley High School (Houston ISD)
- Worthing High School (Houston ISD)
- Texas Southern University
- University of Texas-San Antonio
- Prairie View University
- Houston Community College

As we continue to establish the organization as a community entity with a significant impact in the Houston and surrounding areas, we are grateful for our 2014 donors:

- United Way
- Kroger
- Kroger Foundation
- Palais Royal
- South Dallas Smiles
- EDP Engineers Inspectors

The funds generated have allowed us to take our programs throughout the city without barriers- into the places where youth and young adults were able to gain access to pertinent information to plan their career paths and guide them to academic success. Instrumental to this process are our volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure our clients' needs are met each semester. Our volunteer team members are:

Mustafa Ali  
Marisa Breese  
Daphanie Cassel  
Sandra Davis  
Robbin Ellis  
Michael Ferris

Sharicka Freeman  
Kayla Hogans  
Bryant Nhem  
Cooper Riggie  
Karl Schleicher  
Joe Wright

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## Graduation in five years is the key!



## GREAT NEWS!!!

**The Providence on Southmore, Inc. is proud to announce the purchase of our Microsoft Surface Mobile Lab! This purchase allows us to serve students without boundaries.**

<b>Events Calendar:</b> 2015	<b>January:</b> <b>Client Programs Board Meeting</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Bowling Strikes for Education (Annual Fundraiser) 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>February:</b> <b>Client Programs</b>	<b>March:</b> <b>Client Programs Board Meeting</b> 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>April:</b> <b>Client Programs</b>	<b>May:</b> <b>Client Programs Board Meeting</b> 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>June/July:</b> <b>Client Programs</b>
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## More ABOUT US...

**The Providence on Southmore**, Inc. (TPOS) a non-profit 501c3 organization in Houston, Texas has established itself as an organization aimed at assisting students attending universities in the Houston area with overcoming the obstacles that block many from completing their degree programs. Research supports the necessity for drastic efforts stating that the national graduation numbers for male students are unacceptable with African-American and Hispanic males falling nine percentage points lower than their female counterparts (College Board, 2010).

**21% of African-American and 25.8% Hispanic students graduate within six years (Nationally)** *Source: Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, 2011*

### Mission Statement

The Providence on Southmore's Mission is to provide graduating high school students with support to ensure optimal conditions for completing their undergraduate degree programs within five years through: Post Secondary Planning/Placement, Degree Completion Support, Internships, Mentorships, Life-Coaching, and Volunteerships.

### FUNDING:

The Providence on Southmore, Inc. staff members will match students with professionals that will serve as **mentors** that will direct their decision making as it relates to their area of professional interest. Mentors will commit to working with the matched student for the duration of the five-year program.

Students will have access to a **life coach** on a weekly basis to address the social issues (past/present) that exist and stand to hinder their goals. Students will gain and/or improve life-skills that will be instrumental in ensuring that optimal decisions are made to promote their success.

**Academic assistance**(tutorials) will be available to students to ensure that they are able to meet the demands of a full-time student. Individualized attention will be given to students by tutors to maximize their academic experience and to ensure that students maintain their schedule for completion.

An integral part of the program will be partnerships with local corporations in an effort to equip students with **internships** that will increase their employability upon graduation. Students will form relationships and gain experience in their areas of interest to build their networking capabilities.

In an effort to develop meaningful and positive connections with the community, **volunteerships** will be established. Students will select organizations to serve over the course of a twelve month period and will commit to one day per week.

### QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:

The secret in education lies in respecting the student."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Give Today!

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