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METRO VOLUNTEER TUTORIAL PROGRAM

THERE ARE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL WHO ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF INDIVIDUAL TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE, AND COULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM IT. CAN YOU HELP?

PURPOSE: Metro, an agency of the United Methodist Church in San Diego, has just begun an exciting new volunteer tutorial project. The purpose of this project is to coordinate the volunteer tutorial programs already operating throughout the city, and to organize new programs where they are needed. Tutors of all ages, from High School to Senior Citizens, are needed to work in a variety of present and proposed tutorial programs.

QUALIFICATIONS: To be a volunteer tutor, you do not need any formal educational training. While this is helpful, it is not necessary. Anyone who can read and write is qualified. But there are some rigid requirements. A tutor must have a concern for children, a desire to help them learn, and above all, a desire to help the child gain a greater sense of human worth and dignity.

METRO TUTORIAL PROGRAMS: So far, Metro has set up tutorial programs at the following five elementary schools: Sherman, Logan, Lowell, Carson, and Burbank. Each of these schools, with the exception of Carson, is an inner city school, and has a predominantly minority student body.

In each of these programs, tutors will be assigned to a specific teacher. Under that teacher's direction, tutors will work directly with the students on a one to one basis, teaching such subjects as reading, arithmetic, spelling etc. Before tutors begin working in the school, they will attend an orientation meeting with someone from the school, who will introduce them to the books and materials they will be working with, and answer any questions.

TIME REQUIREMENTS: These are all primarily morning programs, operating between 9:00 and 12:00. The schools would prefer to have tutors who could come two mornings a week for several hours. Special arrangements can also be worked out for individuals who would like to work in the early afternoons, from 1:00 to 2:15 (minimum of two days a week).

OTHER TUTORIAL PROGRAMS: There are a number of other tutorial programs, sponsored by other organizations, presently working within the city. For example, Lincoln High School has an evening program from 7:00 to 9:00 which could use additional volunteers. There is also a Monday and Thursday evening program, at the elementary school level, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

At the present time, a comprehensive list is being compiled of all of the volunteer tutorial programs currently operating in the city. Therefore, individuals interested in tutoring at a different time or place from any of the programs previously mentioned can also contact Metro for information about these programs.

In addition, Metro intends to set up a number of new programs as soon as sufficient volunteers can be recruited. It would be very helpful in developing these programs if people with specific interests or suggestions would contact the Metro office.

WHO TO CONTACT: Individuals interested in volunteering to do tutoring, or providing other needed assistance, should contact Mr. Larry Johnson, Metro Tutorial Coordinator, at the Metro office, 520 - E Street, Room 502, San Diego, California 92101. telephone 234-3158.