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Empowering Kids. Changing Lives.

Our mission is to provide exceptional one-on-one tutoring for students from economically disadvantaged families, to allow them to maximize their learning potential and to confidently pursue their educational and personal goals.



MEETING STUDENTS WHERE THEY'RE AT

For many of the students and families that we serve, transportation, work schedules, and finding a suitable location for the tutoring can all be barriers to connecting our students to the help they need. For those reasons, the Empowered Tutoring team works hard to bring tutoring and life skills mentoring to the students, where they are at. When the opportunity to collaborate with McKinley and Johnston Elementary Schools in Appleton and the YMCA presented itself late last year, we jumped in.

After their regular school day, many students at McKinley and Johnston participate in the YMCA after-school program that includes opportunities for fun activities (crafts, sports, etc.) as well as reading and homework time. The collaboration team agreed that

the one-on-one tutoring and relationship building that Empowered Tutoring provides would be a critical resource for the students who are struggling with reading and math. This one-on-one attention is necessary for students to be able to digest material at their own pace in a way that makes sense to them. The goal of the collaboration effort is to help the students we serve to become grade-level proficient in math and reading and to be well prepared for their academic journeys.

Alyssa Bozich, YMCA Site Coordinator at Johnston Elementary, shared with us, "The Johnston YMCA program's partnership with Empowered Tutoring has provided an amazing opportunity for our students to strengthen their love of learning! The one-on-one tutoring allows us to cater to each student and



meet them right where they are at. Many of our students are not fortunate enough to get one-on-one learning time at home or school. With Empowered Tutoring, every student gets that attention that is critical to help close achievement gaps that many of our students face."

LTF NOW EMPOWERED TUTORING



After much preparation, we have successfully made the transition from the Life Tools Foundation to Empowered Tutoring!

Although our name has changed, our mission has not. We remain more committed than ever to providing outstanding one-on-one tutoring for students who come from financially challenged families, to allow them to be successful academically and to fulfill their dreams. We are confident that this change

will allow us to more powerfully and effectively promote our mission and our student successes.

We are also thrilled to share that we have moved into our new location in Appleton! You can find us at 2631 North Meade Street, Suite 203. Please stop in if you are in the neighborhood as we are excited to show off our new 'space'. Look for more updates from Empowered Tutoring as our students continue to persevere and thrive!

Donor Spotlight

J.J. KELLER FOUNDATION

Empowered Tutoring is blessed to receive support from the J.J. Keller Foundation. The Foundation has been the backbone of the Fox Valley for many decades. What began as a birthday gift from Jack to Ethel Keller in 1990 has grown into a beacon of social impact throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Combining Jack Keller's vision with Ethel Keller's heart, the J.J. Keller Foundation (a private, family foundation) has been helping nonprofit organizations change lives by awarding grants throughout the greater Fox Valley.

We have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Heidi Dusek, Executive Director, and her team as we develop new tutoring programs for students of all ages, particularly in literacy, math, and life skills (organization, study skills, daily accountability, etc.).

The J.J. Keller Foundation supported Empowered Tutoring from the very beginning, when we were the 'new kids on the block' and were a bit of an unknown quantity. They believed in our mission and took a risk. Through the Foundation's continued support and generosity, we are able to assist students in need (over 300 this school year!), help them reach their goals, and ultimately change their lives forever. Thank you to Heidi, Robert Keller, and the J.J. Keller family and team for helping our students reach their dreams.

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SUMMER BOOK GIVEAWAYS



In collaboration with local libraries and other organizations, Empowered Tutoring will be at various events over the summer to hand out books to children! We are excited to inspire a love of reading, and give our youth the opportunity to choose their new favorite story.

WELCOME, STACEY!



Empowered Tutoring is pleased to announce the hiring of Stacey Brault as our new Program/Office Manager, effective May 11, 2022.

In her role, Brault's primary responsibility will be to coordinate the logistics of our student programming, which has been expanding

rapidly over the past couple of years. Her new role will also include communication with collaboration partners and general office coordination. Stacey comes to us with over 15 years of experience as an Office Manager in a medical office and is excited to use her talents to assist students in need. Stacey has two grown children and she and her husband, Chris, live in Green Bay. "After so many years working in healthcare, I am looking forward to helping people, especially kids, in a whole new way. Education helps build confidence, and I am very excited to be a part of that impact as I join the Empowered Tutoring Team!" We are thrilled to have Stacey as part of our team! Please join us in welcoming her to our organization as we look to amplify our impact and continue to help students thrive.

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**DONORS, THANKS TO
YOUR SUPPORT,**
you helped us reach over
300 students last year!

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Being one-on-one with students allows our tutors to be present to our students, whatever their challenges.

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Tutor Spotlight

Andrea Forbes has been tutoring for Empowered Tutoring for several years and provides a unique combination of uber intelligence, passion for student empowerment, and the ability to challenge a student to raise the bar when needed.

Andrea graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and an MBA in Marketing. She has worked as a Research & Development Engineer, a Quality Manager, and a Senior Product Manager, among other positions, during her successful professional career. In addition to assisting our students with science subjects (Chemistry, Biology and Physics), Andrea is also adept at many high school math subjects (Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry).

"What I love most about tutoring is the student's excitement when they improve their grades. It's been especially rewarding and challenging during the last two years. Students need the extra help even more. They really appreciate the extra help."

Tutors like Andrea are tough to find, and we (and our students) are blessed to have her on the Empowered Tutoring team!

THANK YOU, CLIFTONLARSONALLEN!

The new Empowered Tutoring space is full of furniture and we are full of gratitude for the generosity of CliftonLarsonAllen, in Green Bay. CLA is in the process of moving to a new location near Lambeau Field, and much of their office furniture is not being brought to the new location. Our board member, Jim Olson, principal at CLA, reached out to the Empowered Tutoring team and offered us the opportunity to go 'shopping' for desks, chairs, file cabinets,

and other items that we could use in our new space. The experience was absolutely overwhelming, and we could not be more thankful. The dollars and time that would have been spent on purchasing this office furniture can be used for student tutoring and teaching materials. Thank you, Jim, Jen and the CLA team for your support of our students and our mission. We are so lucky to operate in a community of generosity, support and care.



THIS YEAR WE
HAVE SERVED
OVER 300
STUDENTS!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE KICK-OFF! KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 7th Starting at 11am
Plamann Park, 1375 E. Broadway Drive, Appleton
(Pop Warner Shelter, Diamond 1)
Register by Monday, August 1st on our website at
www.empoweredtutoring.org



HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

Empowered Tutoring is on campus this school year at Neenah and Appleton West High Schools to tutor students through our Shoulders to Stand On program. Students who participated in the program have had impressive accomplishments, and we are very proud! A junior participant shared, "The tutors really help me with the classes I need help in and they are fabulous! I love being able to have and get help when I need it." Participants achieved an 11% increase in grade point averages and are building the confidence they need to be successful inside and out of the classroom. Another student shared, "I have learned more with my tutor than I am able to learn on my own. Forming the tutor-student friendship has really meant a lot to me, and I am

happy to be involved in the program."

Kristin Mahoney, a Guidance Counselor at Neenah High School shared a comment from the mother of one of our students, "Thank you for getting my daughter aligned with the tutoring program. It is helping greatly. She has worked her way up to a D+ and still improving!" A huge shout-out to Kristin at Neenah High School, Amy at Appleton West, and Julie at the Appleton School District for your efforts to connect the dots between the program and your students in need.

The feedback from this program has been outstanding, and we hope to be in additional area high schools this fall. All of this is made possible because of our hero donors. Thank you for empowering students to be successful and self-confident!



11%

Overall percentage grade increase seen in students who participate in the Shoulders To Stand On program.

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