

Autumn is upon us.

We started this season with the return of in-person homework and tutoring after school. This is after a <u>long year</u> of remote tutoring and on-site support in the form of *Safe Learning Center*. The last school year resulted in **1,900 operational hours.** Without your financial support, UCA would NOT have been able to be fully present to help families last year.

This current school year (2021-2022), we are delighted to be serving 65 students from the ages of Kindergarten through 8th Grade. What a joy and challenge it has been to have this many students once again! COVID-19 remains a reality, and each week, at least one of our students is required to quarantine for 10 days due to a positive case in his/her school. However, we remain very thankful that UCA is here -- to be God's light in all the ways that our Father desires. Thank you for your partnership with us!! May you be encouraged by how God has worked through you to help with UCA's work in Chicago.

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Prayer Requests & Praises

Praise: For the return to in-person tutoring and homework support. Thankful for the 65 students in our after school program and the opportunity to reconnect with returning students and to serve new students.

For a dedicated team of teachers and tutors, each with a love for the students. That each staff will abide in Christ (John 15:5) and experience the power and love of God in their own lives. *Pray:* for a strong sense of unity and commitment to each other as we serve together.

For additional staff. We are in need of part-time tutors and a full-time teacher. For qualified candidates who bring practical experience and skills and a desire to invest in our students.

For our students to experience the love and care of God as we work with them every day. Many students are still adjusting to learning and living in a post-COVID environment. May UCA be sensitive to each student's needs and respond with wisdom and patience.

Staff Testimony

Each day at Urban Christian Academy is filled with meaningful conversations with students. This Wednesday was no different. Each day I get the chance to walk with six to ten students from Mark Sheridan Elementary school and this week was full of hard conversations that led to meaningful and understanding interactions. I was able to connect with a 6th grader. I got to affirm her that all of the people who work at UCA love her and are here for her good. My heart has been deeply touched by the way that the Holy Spirit works in and through his people. He even works despite my short comings. Urban Christian Academy is a place where students and teachers can have meaningful conversations and for that I am grateful.

- Mack Fry (Teacher Assistant)

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