



# URBAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Donor Newsletter

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## PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth  
have seen the salvation of our God.



## STUDENT IMPROVEMENTS

- The K-3 grade teachers have seen a handful of new students warm up well to their new environment. We have welcomed 2 new 3rd graders and 2 new kindergarteners who have shown classroom responsibility and blossomed in friendships with their peers. Students as young as Kindergarteners are memorizing 4 part scripture verses which brings a smile to our face.
- In 3-5th grade, our new student Jaylen came into the school year a bit shy and timid not interacting with his peers too often. He has now developed a good group of friends who he positively interacts with; we see more smiles on his face. Another 5th grade student who struggled with academics, because of a language barrier and lack of motivation, now asks Miss Rachel what her missing assignments are, is becoming more proactive, and her overall grades have improved.
- A couple 6-8th grade students grades improved from C's and D's to B's and A's. In addition, a few of our new students were not comfortable approaching tutors and teachers to ask for help but have shown improvement in their willingness to ask for assistance and become acquainted with our staff and volunteers.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING AT UCA

- Every week we read and discuss a social emotional learning book with the children to develop more skills in interacting well with their peers.
- Our staff continues to meet for Bible study looking into Genesis every 2 weeks. Mrs. Gin has walked us through the way God sees us in reflection of His creation and life in the garden in the very beginning.
- Christmas Fest 2023 was a success! Parents attended educational workshops while students rotated through Christmas activity stations! We want to give a huge thanks to the 36 volunteers that came from WCAC, one of our church partners, and the facilities and service of our friends at New Life Bridgeport. Over 75 parents and children were able to celebrate the holidays with us on Dec. 2nd and we are so grateful for the ways God provided!
- For Christmas, the students will receive 1 gift from a church member at WCAC. They have partnered with us every year to help students be able to enjoy a gift from us during the holiday.
  - The students are learning how to receive gifts with gratitude even if it is not their favorite, or the exact gift they had asked for.
- We are saying goodbye to our fearless Moody Bible Institute volunteers and staff for the semester as they go home for the holiday. We had about 15 students serve consistently throughout the week. We are very thankful for them and their hearts to serve the Lord.

## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY- END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Urban Christian Academy was incorporated an astonishing 10 years ago. We had our soft launch of the after school Spanish class for Perspective Charter School students with only 10 enrolled. Since then, we've grown exponentially in students and staff. UCA has flourished over the years because of the support of faithful giving partners. As the end of the year approaches, consider the effect that a small donation might have on a young student's life. It only takes \$25 a day to provide for a UCA student's needs. We have already raised \$27,000 and our goal was to raise \$20,000 by the end of the campaign. Please partner with us to make a difference in a student's life by giving now, [UCAChicago.org/donate/](https://UCAChicago.org/donate/).

