



Junction Spotlight

Mission: Transforming Lives Through Faith and Action

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BRAIN BUILDERS AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

Brain Builders is an after-school tutoring program focused on low income students. This program focuses on children that are often not afforded the same opportunities as those of higher socio-economic levels. Participants receive homework assistance and healthy meals. Special focus is given to reading and math, as these two subjects directly affect overall learning. Due to the pandemic, the program is currently utilizing a hybrid model where most students are tutored virtually, and a smaller group meets at Stafford Junction in our Learning Lab. Brain Builders currently has 7 programs involving 7 public schools in Stafford County.

Our team of volunteers include middle school students in the National Junior Honor Society, high school and college students, community volunteers and retired teachers. Our Goal is to have each student with a 1-on-1 tutor/mentor within our program.



Participating In Our Learning Lab



Dorian Receives Scholarship

STORIES OF IMPACT

Dorian began Brain Builders at Rocky Run Elementary. During that time, Stafford Junction was the only consistency that Dorian had in his life. He always participated in our Summer Junction program and gym visits with Greg. Dorian's family was living in motels, often moving from one to the next. He was forced to stop Brain Builders in middle school as his family moved once again to a different school district.

Dorian felt trapped and was exposed to many negative things at an early age due to his living situation. He often stayed up at night because his parents had alcohol abuse issues and he did not have enough food. His grades suffered due to his poor living conditions. Dorian was able to return to the Brain Builders program at Stafford High School where he was able to bring his grades up to a passing level and qualify for The Judy and Joyce Deffenbaugh Scholarship. Stafford Junction's programs and support helped turn Dorian's life around and put him back on the path to success. He was one of two recipients of the scholarship and will now be able to pursue a degree and play basketball at the same time. We were there to give Dorian the hand-up that he needed when he needed it most. We are so proud of Dorian and are excited to see what the future holds.