

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Lawyers  
**LEND-A-HAND**  
to youth

While the headlines tell us that U.S. students are not making up the ground they lost in reading and math during the pandemic, we have students at Lend-A-Hand Tutoring bucking that trend.

Many of you read about Kamiya in our 2022 year-end appeal. At the time, she was a fourth-grade girl who was unhappy because she was a struggling reader. The chapter books that were becoming popular with other classmates were too difficult for her.

We are pleased to report that Kamiya has made huge strides and is rapidly approaching grade level reading proficiency. She's made more than two years of progress in 12 months.

Kamiya has been working hard with her tutor of three years, Monica Somerville. She has mastered all the sight words, learned about r-controlled (bossy r) words, and knows the three ways to pronounce -ed at the end of a past tense word.

Because of her hard work, Kamiya was invited to attend Lend-A-Hand's Spring Awards Celebration at the Four Seasons Hotel. You can see a photo of a smiling Kamiya and her tutor on page 2.

Lend-A-Hand's school partners don't have the staff to go back and help every struggling student catch up. That's the role many of our volunteers fill—someone who goes back over what the tutee didn't catch the first time.

This is a big effort that takes tutors, special training, staff, reading materials, Chromebooks, and much more. It also takes generous and committed donors and volunteers to make this happen.

Thank you for your support this year and for helping us to put a smile on Kamiya's face.

Eirene Salvi  
2023-24 Board President



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Fourth grader Kamiya was happy to attend the Spring Awards Celebration with her tutor, Monica Somerville.

## CELEBRATE



Patricia Brown Holmes (right) of Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila received Lend-A-Hand's 2023 Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Philanthropic Award for her commitment to youth development organizations such as Just the Beginning, a Pipeline Organization. Andrea Kopp of Cleveland Avenue presented the award to her.

## DEDICATION



Marc McCallister (left) received Lend-A-Hand's 2023 My Hero Award for his volunteer work with Tutoring Chicago. He is pictured here with Tutoring Chicago Deputy Director Patrick McCulloch.



Lend-A-Hand founder Thomas A. Demetrio of Corboy & Demetrio met Jeremyah, a fifth-grade tutoring student from the Betty Shabazz Academy, at the Spring Awards Celebration.

## ACCOMPLISHMENT

### Congratulations, 8th Grade Graduates!



Lornell J'Vonne Darwin



Sandra Yamate, CEO of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, generously gifted each Lend-A-Hand student a copy of *Defiant: Growing Up in the Jim Crow South* by Wade Hudson.

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In conjunction with Lend-A-Hand's focus on Greece this year, John Kalantzis of Clifford Law Offices spoke to students and tutors about his Greek heritage.

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