

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Lawyers
LEND-A-HAND
to youth

The conventional wisdom is that life came to a halt because of COVID. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth. How many people do you know who've gotten married or had a baby during the pandemic? How about people with a new job? Personally, things have never been busier and life has not "paused."

Something else that's not been on pause? Lend-A-Hand Tutoring.

Last year, we were 100 percent virtual. Our tutors—many of whom are not-so-tech-savvy attorneys—mastered Google Meet and all its intricacies. We did pretty well too—nearly two-thirds of our students made a year or more of reading progress.

This year, we've got a hybrid program. Half of our tutoring pairs are still meeting virtually. Half are meeting in person on Tuesday evenings at the Chicago Bar Association. A new part of the program is that about 10 percent of our kids are high school students who wanted to keep going with Lend-A-Hand after graduating eighth grade.

In order to keep our in-person participants safe, we created a COVID mitigation plan, purchased a boatload of air purifiers, masks (adult- and child-sized), disinfecting wipes, and a couple of thermometers. We also had to find more and better activities to keep our virtual tutoring pairs engaged.

More important than what we've been doing is why we are doing it: to make sure our students' learning doesn't come to a halt.

If you are one of the important people who keep this organization going—our volunteers and donors—we are grateful for your support. We could not keep moving forward without you.

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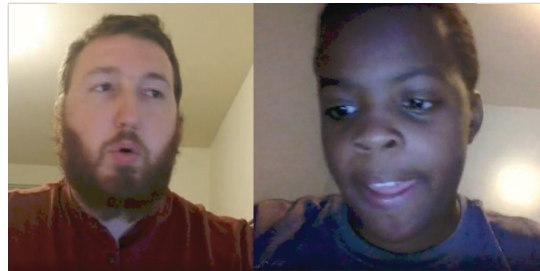
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Taylor Kolb of Evan Law Group is always reading interesting books with his student, Levi.



Seventh grader Isaiah has made significant progress with his reading since he has been at Lend-A-Hand Tutoring. His tutor for the past three years has been Jackie Jacobson of Monico & Spevack.



Sixth grader Larry listens as tutor Max Boose, Illinois Office of State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, explains a difficult passage to him.



Caught up in a hot game of Connect Four at the Lend-A-Hand Halloween party are Terrance McGann of McGann Ketterman & Rioux and his student, Isaiah.

Carly Cochron of Gair Eberhard Nelson Dedinas and her student, McKinley, embraced when they saw each other on the first day of in-person tutoring. They hadn't been together in-person for 18 months.



THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS AND NEITHER DO WE.



Amy Newton of Clark Hill adjusts the mask of her student, Kamarla. All of our in-person participants mask up for tutoring sessions.

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