

# EDUCATION INVOLVEMENT GUIDE

WAYS TO SERVE YOUR SCHOOL





## A NOTE FROM OUR CITY EDUCATION DIRECTOR:

I don't think I'm terribly unique in that when I watch the news or read my social media, I feel overwhelmed and frustrated at the pain and sorrow many children of our country experience. I want to help and wonder where to turn next.

I am always thankful and encouraged after I've had the opportunity to spend an hour with my mentee at Chattahoochee Elementary in Duluth. We work on classwork, play games and talk about life. I am his cheerleader. I walk away each week feeling like I can't solve all the problems in the world, but I am making faithful deposits that make a difference in one child's life.

At Perimeter, we believe that together we can help the boys and girls of our community reach their God-given potential by helping them reach the very important milestone of high school graduation. Many children in our community face challenges that make that milestone difficult, if not nearly impossible, without extraordinary intervention. We believe the people of Perimeter and other churches can intervene to help many succeed through mentoring, tutoring, providing school supplies, serving teachers and school administrators to name a few among others.

We want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to learn about ways you can intervene.

– Tammy Lopez

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach along with your City Educational team will provide vision, give oversight and provide resources to the educational arm of our Extending Our Reach Impact initiatives throughout our 10 cities.

Our purpose in developing these relationships is to engage the lost and expand our impact in the cities in which our members live.

There are many unique opportunities to serve in YOUR city schools and with our Community partners thereby blessing families in YOUR community.

Teachers are stretched thin and we can step in and support, encourage and be another loving caring adult in a child's life. A small investment of your time can be the spark that could help a child know that he or she is loved, valued, and allows him or her to begin to dream about a brighter future.

Our City Ministry Team Education Coaches would love to help you get connect and share ideas on how you could serve in your local schools.

### City Educational Coaches

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Contact Mary Lou Heaner at [marylouh@perimeter.org](mailto:marylouh@perimeter.org) if you would like to connect to schools in these cities: Johns Creek, Cumming/South Forsyth, Sugar Hill, Suwanee, Roswell or Atlanta.







## KIDS HOPE USA

### Mentoring Opportunities

We believe that Kids Hope USA is the most effective and impactful mentoring program for churches to engage and invest in one-on-one relationships with students in our neighborhoods. Sign-up to serve just one hour per week at one of our partnering elementary schools. For more information about mentoring contact the director of that program. For more information about starting a Kids Hope program in YOUR local elementary school, contact Tammy Lopez at [tammyl@perimeter.org](mailto:tammyl@perimeter.org).





Our current partnering schools include:

### **Alpharetta**

Creek View Elementary (east of 400)

Manning Oaks Elementary (west of 400)

Director: Gary Schubert, [garyschubert@comcast.net](mailto:garyschubert@comcast.net)

### **Berkeley Lake**

Berkeley Lake Elementary

Director: Mary Lou Heaner, [marylouh@perimeter.org](mailto:marylouh@perimeter.org)

### **Duluth**

Chattahoochee Elementary

Director: Eva Orazi, [evaorazi@gmail.com](mailto:evaorazi@gmail.com)

### **Johns Creek**

Medlock Bridge Elementary

Directors: Martha Griffin, [martha.m.griffin80@gmail.com](mailto:martha.m.griffin80@gmail.com)

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### **Norcross/Peachtree Corners**

Peachtree Elementary

Director: Mary Lou Heaner, [marylouh@perimeter.org](mailto:marylouh@perimeter.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN YOUR SCHOOLS

### **Kids Hope USA**

Our mentoring programs take place during the school day at the school. Refer to our listing on page 4 for a location near where you live, work or play.

### **All Pro Dads**

Provides an opportunity for dads to connect with their Elementary school and with their children in a profound way. The monthly All Pro Dads breakfast makes their students feel special and valued. For more details and information contact Drue Warner at [druew@perimeter.org](mailto:druew@perimeter.org)

In addition to Kids Hope there are county mentoring programs offered at most schools. Contact your local school to find out about their mentoring programs.

Below is a list of examples of what's happening in Norcross schools. To find out more about how you can engage with your local school contact Education coach or Community Outreach.

### **Norcross**

#### **Beaver Ridge Elementary School – Book Club**

*1978 Beaver Ruin Rd, Norcross, GA*

Are you interested in serving your community by volunteering at a local elementary school? Join our 6-week book club for the schools advanced readers at Beaver Ridge Elementary. Book club runs for 6 weeks each semester, and meets during their 30 minutes lunch period. All supplies needed are provided. Book club is so much fun, and an amazing way to invest in the students. We need 8 volunteers total (2 volunteers per grade for 2nd - 5th) to make sure each grade will have a book club. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve the kids of your community contact Sherry McLatcher for more information at [sherrymclatcher@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrymclatcher@hotmail.com).

### Norcross

#### **Summerour Middle School – Wyldlife Program**

321 Price Place, Norcross, GA 30071

*Twice A Month*

WyldLife, a YoungLife program for middle schoolers, meets after school twice a month at Summerour Middle in Norcross. Connect with a beautifully diverse group of kids by helping us with crazy games, awesome snacks, and sharing who Jesus is. Contact Laura Buchanan, YL Area Coordinator at [gwinnettcentral.younglife.org](mailto:gwinnettcentral.younglife.org).

### Norcross

#### **After School Matters – Norcross High School**

After School Matters provides teens with opportunities to discover their potential and find their future. For more information contact Kim Janis at [kimjanis@comcast.net](mailto:kimjanis@comcast.net) or Dawn Muchow at [muchowd@aol.com](mailto:muchowd@aol.com)

### Norcross

#### **Summerour Middle School – Community Garden**

Students experience the garden-to-table cultivation process, and engage in soil, water and wildlife habitat conservation. Community members help maintain the gardens in exchange for the fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers we all grow together. For more information visit [www.gardens4growingcommunity.com/summerour-middle-school](http://www.gardens4growingcommunity.com/summerour-middle-school) or contact Tixie Fowler at [Tixie@GardensforGrowingCommunity.com](mailto:Tixie@GardensforGrowingCommunity.com)



## AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

Contact your local school or check out our website at [www.perimeter.org/education](http://www.perimeter.org/education) to find out about other school opportunities not listed below.

### Buford and Sugar Hill

#### **Path Project – After School Programs**

*Monday – Friday, 3:00pm – 4:30pm*

Path Project volunteers serve as role models and make it possible for children to receive individualized encouragement and support. Volunteers don't need to be trained as a teacher or even know the latest way to do math. Volunteers just need to be there, smile, ask questions, and offer encouragement. Those are the things that matter most and have a lasting impact. We are currently serving in Peachtree Village of Sugar Hill and Countryside Village of Buford. You can help on days and times that work best for you. In addition to our after-school clubs you can serve on the prayer team and visit families in our community, help with soccer clubs, and our mommy and me program. Read and sign up here:

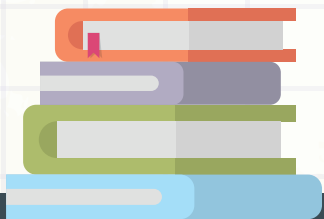
<https://www.pathproject.org/become-a-volunteer/>

### Duluth, Norcross and Dunwoody

#### **The Corners Outreach**

*Monday through Thursday, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM*

Volunteers are needed to help elementary student's complete daily assignments and build reading and math skills. This is a great opportunity for high school students to serve. For more info, contact Travis at [travis.sanders@cornersoutreach.org](mailto:travis.sanders@cornersoutreach.org) or visit [www.cornersoutreach.org](http://www.cornersoutreach.org).





## Duluth

### **Rainbow Village**

*3427 Duluth Highway 120, Duluth, GA 30096*

We start the afternoon with a healthy snack, playground time, fun and creative projects. Then we get down to business with homework support and tutoring to ensure they reach their full potential academically. Our After-School program is full of praise, encouragement and great time with friends. For more information or to volunteer contact Carl Haynes at [chaynes@rainbowvillage.org](mailto:chaynes@rainbowvillage.org).

## Norcross

### **Next Generation Focus' SmarterMe® Academy**

*2500 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross, GA 30071*

Monday thru Thursday, 4:00pm – 6:00pm / Saturdays 10:00am-12:00pm

We aim to build foundational skills and remediate weaknesses in literacy and math so that students in grades PreK-8 can experience increased success as learners in the classroom, bridging the achievement gap. STEAM enrichment activities offered on Saturday. If you would like more information on how you can support our program or volunteer contact Amy Sol at [amysol@nextgenerationfocus.org](mailto:amysol@nextgenerationfocus.org).

## Clarkston

### **Friends of Refugees-After School Programs**

This program is designed to empower students in a holistic manner by providing opportunities for academic support, encouragement, mentoring, and discipleship in Christ throughout the school year. Opportunities available to serve Tuesday-Thursday. Contact Annalisa Keipert at 404-931-7753 or via email at [annalisa@friendsofrefugees.com](mailto:annalisa@friendsofrefugees.com)

## Clarkston

### **Family Heritage Foundation-After School Programs**

Family Heritage Foundation (FHF) is a Christian Ministry focused on serving refugee families and at-risk children in Clarkston, Georgia. FHF gives refugee children a safe place to learn and thrive through after school programs. For more information, visit <http://fhfi.org>.

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SERVE & CONNECT IN THE SCHOOLS

- Join the PTA
- Serve A Day at your Local JA Discovery Center
- Attend School Events (choir, orchestra, sports, etc.)
- Be a School Volunteer
- Volunteer to serve with a YoungLife or WyldLife team
- Prayer Walk your school
- Teacher Appreciation - Adopt a Teacher

Consider becoming an educational coach. Educational coaches are needed for all our ten cities. If you would like to know more about this role, please contact Tammy Lopez at [tammyl@perimeter.org](mailto:tammyl@perimeter.org)

**Johns Creek, Duluth, Norcross, Peachtree Corners, Berkley Lake, Suwanee, Cumming, Alpharetta, Roswell, Buford, & Atlanta**

### **JA Discovery Center**

*Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm*

JA Biztown and our JA Financial Park serve kids in 6th - 8th grade every day attending public school. JA of Georgia's programs are intensely focused to bring relevance, authenticity and application into everyday learning to energize students around academics and their future possibilities. Students will spend the entire school day at either our JA BizTown where they are able to interact within a simulated economy and take on the challenge of fueling a business or in JA Finance Park for an immersive simulation that enables them to develop skills to successfully navigate today's complex economic environment and discover how decisions today can impact tomorrow. Volunteers are needed to serve just one day, but we know you will have so much fun you will want to come back. It takes at least 50 volunteers a day to run our programs so there are opportunities for small groups, large groups and businesses to serve.

Volunteering with JA goes far beyond your time spent with the students. The experiences you share and scenarios you help bring to life will impact these students forever. For more information or to sign up go to

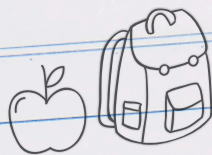
<http://www.georgia.ja.org/volunteer/>

### **Mom's In Prayer**

Our vision is that every school in the world would be covered with prayer. What if you could change the world – not just for today but for generations to come? We believe that a mom can be the single greatest force for good in the lives of her children and the children around her. If you would like to find a group near you or might be considering starting a group at your school go to <https://momsinprayer.org/> for more information.



# PRAYER FOR TEACHERS



Dear God,

Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom.

Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed.

They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.

Amen.







**LET'S TURN THE PAGE TO SEE MORE  
WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS.**

## Pray for Our Schools

**School Board.** *"I pray blessings on each school board member (try to pray for them by name). Father, may Your will be done at board meetings" (Romans 13:1)*

**Principal.** *"May (name of principal) recognize the God-given responsibility he/she has for the best interests of the children who attend the school. May (name of principal) walk in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth"(Proverbs 2:1-11)*

**Christian Teachers.** *"Grant wisdom, Lord, for the Christian teachers in this school as they seek to live out their faith. Help them to be salt and light. Protect them from doubt and fear. Strengthen their faith by drawing them into Your Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers." (Hebrews 10:25)*

**Teachers who are not yet believers.** *"Bring all the teachers in this school who do not yet know You into Your Kingdom. Arrange divine appointments, that they may have a profound encounter with Your word." (Romans 5:8)*

## Pray for Our Students

**Rejected students.** *"Lord, come alongside those children who feel rejected by their peers or teachers. Plant people in their lives who will love them unconditionally. In Your divine wisdom, Lord, convict the students and teachers who ostracize these children." (Isaiah 1:17)*

**Children of divorce, abuse, and neglect.** *"Father of the fatherless, heal the children of this school whose homes and hearts are ravaged by divorce, abandonment, or domestic violence. Protect them from physical harm and emotional scars. Bring people to them who will pour Your healing Word into the broken places of their hearts." (James 1:27)*



**Failing students.** *“Lord, I ask you to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Protect them from feelings of worthlessness and shame” (1 Thessalonians 5:14).*

**Christian students.** *“Grant the Christian students who attend this school wisdom and boldness in living out their faith. Help them share effectively the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with their classmates.” (1 Timothy 4:12)*

## **Pray Against**

**Suicide.** *“God, stand against any suicidal thoughts, actions, and plans that would tempt the students or staff of this school to take their own lives. Comfort and speak Truth to those who are in such despair that life doesn’t seem worth living.” (Isaiah 66:13, 2 Corinthians 1:3)*

**Violence.** *“Lord, stay the hand of violence against the children and staff of this school. Dismantle any plan to bring harm to them. Expose any weapon brought into the school premises and render it harmless” (Psalm 34:7; 54:1).*

## **Pray For**

**An open door.** *“Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the Gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus.” (Matthew 7:7; 1 Corinthians 16:9)*

**Christian programs.** *“Father, I pray for abundant blessings on programs that bring Christ into this public school. Help the groups who sponsor such programs function according to your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).*

**A chosen generation.** *“Father, may your kingdom come. From the students at this school, raise up a generation of people who worship you in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23-24; 1 Peter 2:9).*

Pray for our nonprofits and ministries serving students included in this guide as you are flipping through.

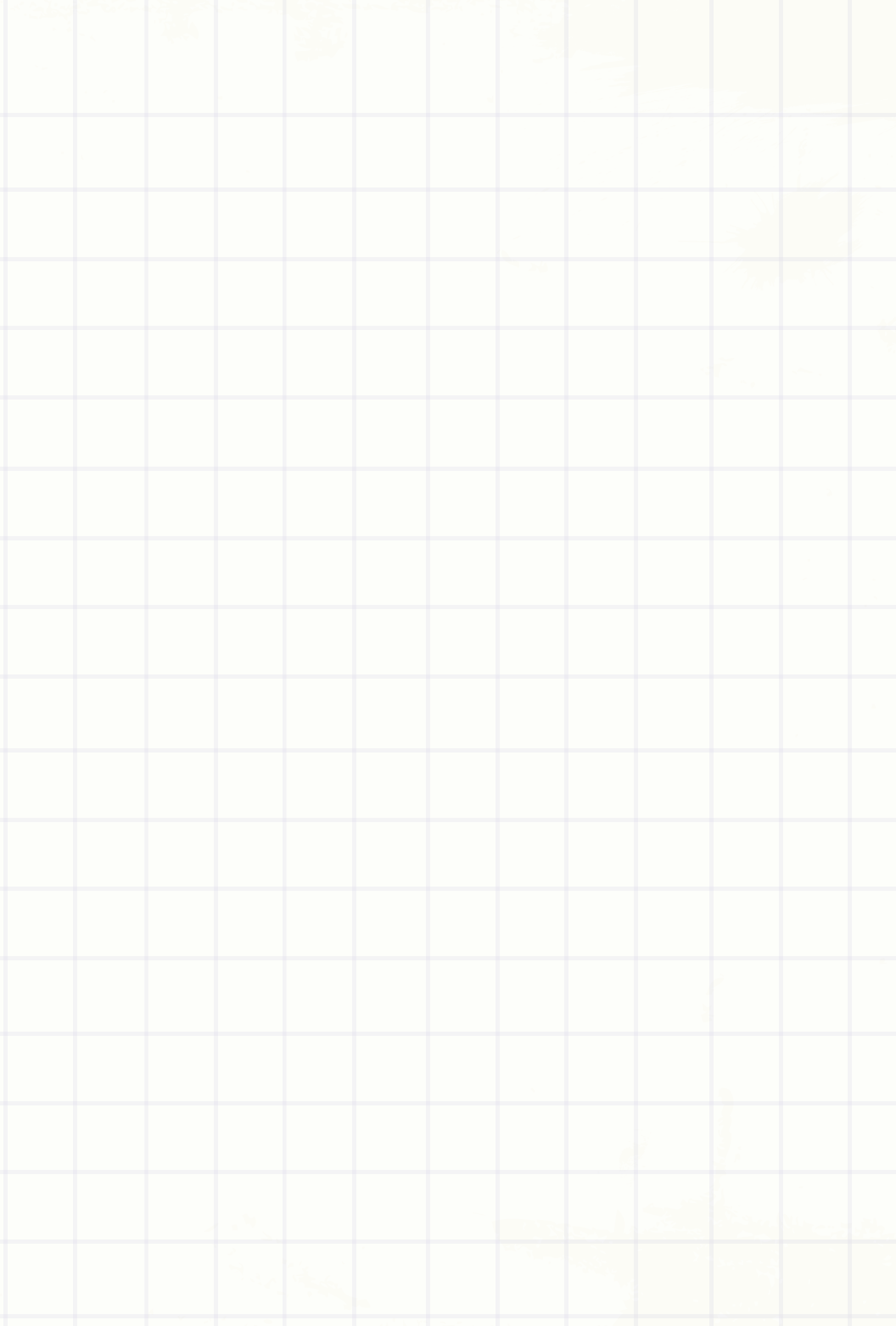
## JOURNAL SECTION

In light of what I'm hearing today I'm inviting God to reveal how He would like me to engage or serve this year.

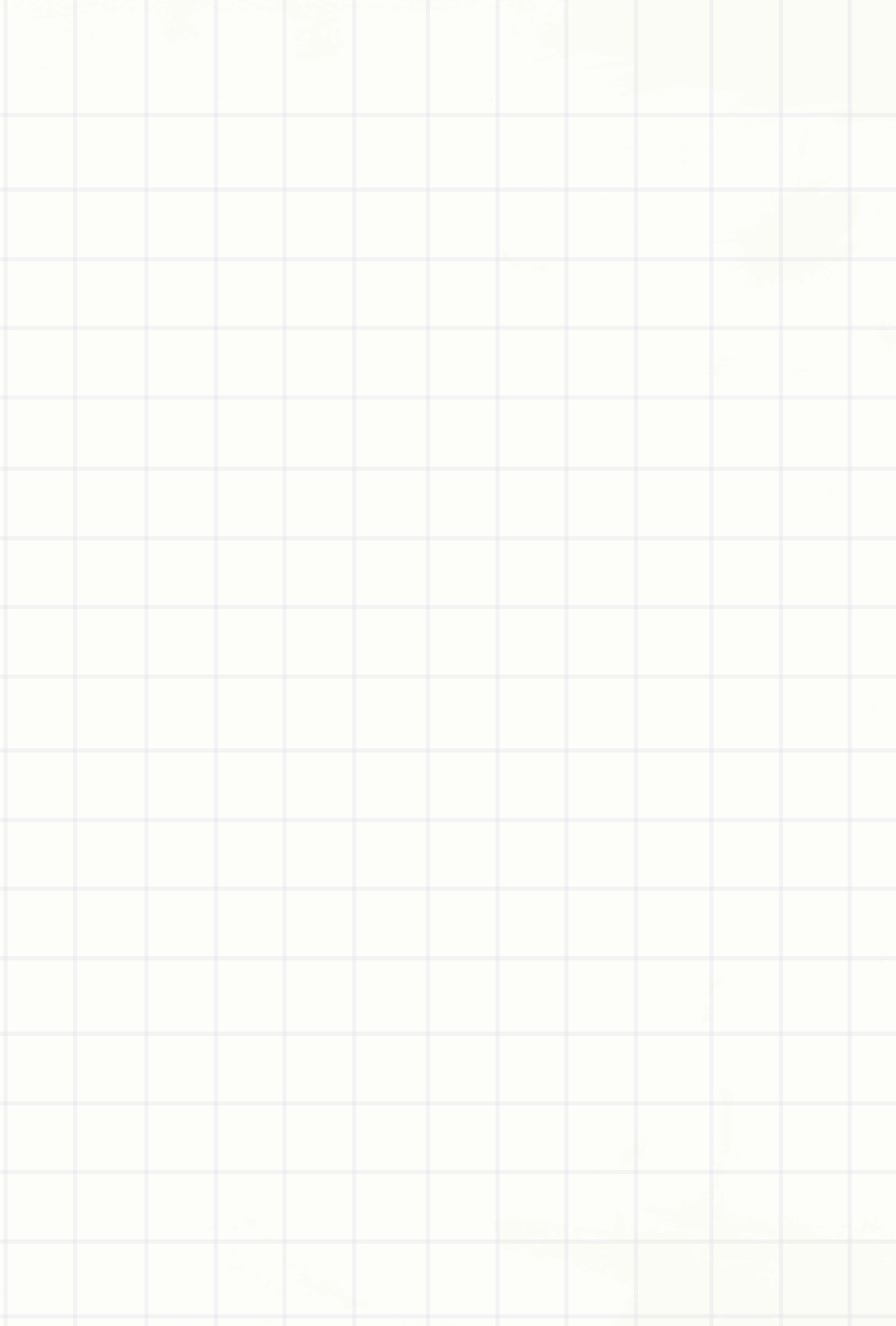
**I will commit to pray for these 3 schools and their principals.**

**What gifts, skills, talents has God given me to share with a school or child in my community? (i.e. organization, note taking, love for kids, reading...)**





**JOURNAL SECTION**



Below is a list of our affiliates in the community that seek to serve children with education programs and our local schools – for more information on how to serve with one of them go to [www.perimeter.org/education](http://www.perimeter.org/education) or [perimeter.org/communityoutreach](http://perimeter.org/communityoutreach)

Kids Hope USA  
All Pro Dads  
Corners Outreach  
FCA Soccer  
Family Heritage Foundation  
Friends of Refugees  
Next Generation Focus  
Norcross Cooperative Ministry  
North Fulton Community  
Charities

North Gwinnett Cooperative  
Ministries  
PAWkids  
Promise 686  
Rainbow Village  
Salvation Army of Gwinnett  
The Path Project  
WyldLife  
World Relief  
Younglife



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