



Communities
In Schools



**Every nine seconds, a student drops out
of school and into an uncertain future.**

Communities In Schools is changing that. **EVERY DAY.**



You can help us make a lasting difference in the life of a child.



» **Communities In Schools keeps students in school and on the path to success in life.**

OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE. We surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Working closely with educators, community leaders and an army of volunteers, Communities in Schools is able to achieve extraordinary results with modest resources.

More than three decades ago, Communities In Schools began by helping 100 students in Atlanta. Today, the Communities In Schools national network of nearly 5,000 passionate professionals and 57,000 volunteers is transforming the lives of 1.3 million students at greatest risk for dropping out, in 25 states and the District of Columbia.

YOUR GIFT COUNTS. AND M

Many more young people need our help.

In the school districts where Communities In Schools is already at work, school officials estimate that there is a demand for services for an additional 1.9 million students. That demand will only increase unless we do something soon. And, of course, there are a lot more districts that could use our services.

*The young people we serve can't wait—
they have one chance at an education.*

We hope you won't wait either.

» **The Communities In Schools Model is
affordable, adaptable and accessible.**

WHAT SETS COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS APART is our model of effectively and efficiently addressing the academic and human service needs of students. This is done at very little cost—just \$192 annually per student.

Communities In Schools positions a dedicated staff member—a site coordinator—inside partner schools to identify students at risk of not graduating. The coordinator assesses school and student needs and establishes relationships with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers, and parent and volunteer organizations. Whether it's tutoring, eyeglasses or just a safe place to be after school, when these needs are met, students can concentrate on learning.

MULTIPLIES.

**You can make a lasting difference in the lives of
those young people. Right now.**

Every day, people just like you are discovering ways to support our work and help young people achieve their dreams. Communities In Schools received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's premier nonprofit evaluator, for sound fiscal management. We have also earned



» And we can prove it works.

AN INDEPENDENT, FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION shows that Communities In Schools is one of a very few organizations proven to keep students in school and the **only one** to document that it increases graduation rates.

By making an early investment in students who are identified as potential dropouts, Communities In Schools increases the likelihood that these young people will make positive life choices, succeed academically and finish school prepared to achieve in life.

the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance Seal, having met all 20 of the standards for accountability.

Find out more about what we do and how we do it on our website at www.communitiesinschools.org.

When students drop out of school, the door slams on their dreams. And ours.

For about a third of all American students, the door to a bright future closes when they leave school without a diploma. What happens to these young people? Students who drop out are more likely to live in poverty or earn thousands less over a working lifetime, to suffer poor health, be dependent on social services or enter the criminal justice system.

Dropping out of school destabilizes not only their lives, but also our country as a whole. The dropout crisis costs the United States billions of dollars each year on lost revenue coupled with increased spending on government programs.

Communities In Schools has a better idea. We remove barriers to school success and help transform students' lives from dead ends to dreams come true.



"Nearly one-third of all public high school students fail to graduate with their class. Communities In Schools was one of the first organizations to address this challenge, and AT&T is proud to contribute to an organization that is achieving measurable results."

— Laura Sanford, President, AT&T Foundation

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