



August 2011

Dear Friends,

Hello. We hope you are surviving this hot summer! We are thrilled to kick off Victory Ministries' fourth year partnering with Cassady Alternative Elementary School and the Literacy NOW tutoring program. This program is a collaborative effort of multiple organizations that believe in the importance of elementary students reading proficiently before reaching the third grade. Literacy NOW consists of reading tutoring and a mentoring relationship between the tutor and student. Each child needs more than just a "reading coach"...they need a consistent, caring adult they can count on each week. **Someone they can count on, someone who cares, someone who loves like Jesus loves.**

Cassady Alternative ES is located just minutes away from our ministry headquarters. Many of the students who attend Cassady face serious problematic circumstances on a daily basis such as a lack of food and clothing, a nurturing home environment, and often drug and gang activity. These pressures only add to the growing literacy deficits that already exist in many urban communities. Working together we can change this. Victory Ministries believes that teaching a child to read is the most effective, long-term solution to poverty.

Literacy NOW is accepting applications for volunteers willing to tutor a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student, one lunch hour each week (Tues, Wed or Thurs), at Cassady Alternative Elementary School. Will you partner with us and help promote this life-changing program at your church? We need you! Promotional tools are available on our website at [www.victoryministriescolumbus.org](http://www.victoryministriescolumbus.org) including: bulletin inserts, signage, recruitment letters, etc. Please contact Joanna Scott for more information at [joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org](mailto:joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org) or 614-252-2500.

*A recent study, Double Jeopardy, by The Annie E. Casey Foundation, showed that **poverty has a powerful influence on graduation rates. Children, whose families live in poverty, often lack resources for decent housing, food, clothing and books. They are also more likely to live in neighborhoods with low-performing schools. Many arrive in Kindergarten without the language skills needed for learning. Children, who live in poverty and are not reading proficiently by the third grade, are about three times more likely to dropout or fail to graduate high school.***

*Help a child learn to read, change a life forever.*

Joanna Scott  
[joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org](mailto:joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org)  
Projects Coordinator



### **Sunday Morning Announcement-Bulletin Info:**

#### ***Literacy NOW* Tutoring Program at Victory Ministries**

Victory Ministries is thrilled to kick off its' fourth year collaborating with Cassady Alternative Elementary School (located off of 2500 N. Cassady Ave in Columbus) and the ***Literacy NOW*** tutoring program. Victory Ministries is recruiting volunteers to commit to tutor a first or second grade student one lunch hour (Tues, Wed or Thurs) each week (you pick the best day for you) starting October through May. Tutors will be matched with the same student all year and be able to provide the consistent, one-on-one attention a young student needs to become a good reader. Volunteer tutors will receive the tools needed to be a successful tutor. (orientation, tutor training, and curriculum teacher book, etc.) What requirements does an adult need to tutor?

- A passion to help children learn to read and one hour each week!

We need you! Please contact Joanna at [joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org](mailto:joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org) or call 614-252-2500 and ask about the Literacy NOW program.

Go to our website to get more information and download a Tutor Application packet----  
[www.victoryministriescolumbus.org](http://www.victoryministriescolumbus.org) (click on How to Get Involved).

*Help a child learn to read, change a life forever.*

*Help a child learn to read, change a life forever.*



Do you have one hour each week and a passion to help children learn to read? We need you! Victory Ministries is excited to announce our 4<sup>th</sup> yr of partnering with Cassady Alternative Elementary School (2500 N. Cassady Ave) and the *Literacy NOW* tutoring program. Cassady Alternative ES is located just minutes away from our ministry headquarters. Many of the students who attend Cassady face serious problematic circumstances on a daily basis such as a lack of food and clothing, a nurturing home environment, and often drug and gang activity. These pressures only add to the growing literacy deficits that already exist in many urban communities. Working together we can change that. Victory Ministries recognizes that in order for a child to succeed in life we must provide them with more than basic essentials; we must move forward as a community by working together to close the educational achievement gap.

Interested? Call 252-2500 or email [joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org](mailto:joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org)  
Visit our website to download the *Literacy NOW* tutor application.

**[www.victoryministriescolumbus.org](http://www.victoryministriescolumbus.org)**



*Help a child learn to read, change a life forever.*



Do you have one hour each week and a passion to help children learn to read? We need you! Victory Ministries is excited to announce our 4<sup>th</sup> yr of partnering with Cassady Alternative Elementary School (2500 N. Cassady Ave) and the *Literacy NOW* tutoring program. Cassady Alternative ES is located just minutes away from our ministry headquarters. Many of the students who attend Cassady face serious problematic circumstances on a daily basis such as a lack of food and clothing, a nurturing home environment, and often drug and gang activity. These pressures only add to the growing literacy deficits that already exist in many urban communities. Working together we can change that. Victory Ministries recognizes that in order for a child to succeed in life we must provide them with more than basic essentials; we must move forward as a community by working together to close the educational achievement gap.

Interested? Call 252-2500 or email [joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org](mailto:joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org)  
Visit our website to download the *Literacy NOW* tutor application.

**[www.victoryministriescolumbus.org](http://www.victoryministriescolumbus.org)**





The **Literacy NOW Tutoring Program** is accepting applications for volunteers who have a passion to help kids read proficiently and you only need one hour every week! Program begins in October so hurry and save your spot.

Visit our website for more details or download a tutoring application.

[www.victoryministriescolumbus.org](http://www.victoryministriescolumbus.org)

Contact Joanna if interested:

[joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org](mailto:joanna@victoryministriescolumbus.org)



[facebook.com/victoryministriescolumbus](https://facebook.com/victoryministriescolumbus)