

Loyola **4** Chicago

L4C's monthly newsletter



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Welcome!

The new Public Relations Committee for L4C would like to introduce you to the debut of our monthly newsletter. Each month we'll bring our community together by featuring volunteer's stories and sharing pictures. But of course this newsletter isn't possible without your contributions! We want to hear about the hilarious things the young kids say, how you liven up your commute, or how your individual experience has impacted you.

SEND YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS TO:
L4C.PRCommittee@gmail.com

Going the Distance

Middleschoolers' optimism makes drive worth the trip

By Indre Aleksait
CJA Leader

Every Tuesday afternoon, after the quickest hour-long van ride ever, the nine of us Ramblers arrive to the eager learners of Chicago Jesuit Academy. Here, from 5pm-6pm, each of us pairs up with a student to help him with his homework. Whether Asian Geography or quadratic equations, we've seen it all. Through the hardest of homework problems, the middle-school men of CJA stay positive. Their resolve keeps our spirits high for the hour drive back to Loyola.

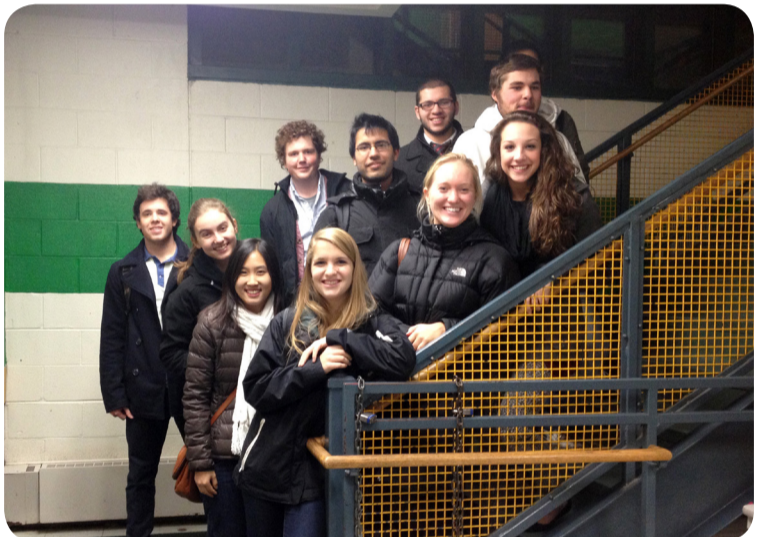


Littles Making Big Impacts

By Wilson Potts
BBBS Leader

It's easy to forget that there is another community in Rogers Park, a community outside of Loyola. Luckily for us, we get to step into this normally overlooked neighborhood every Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. when a handful of volunteers and myself take the Howard-bound EL train north to Jordan Elementary School. This is where Big Brothers Big Sisters meets. Whether we are baking healthy snacks in the school's

kitchen with energetic fifth graders, or rehearsing for our Big-Little talent show in May, the inspiration and positivity emitted by our "littles" is undeniable and inspiring. In joining Big Brothers Big Sisters you might first think that you are simply helping mentor underprivileged youths but we are constantly at a loss for words by what we learn just listening and watching these kids turn into young adults.



Giggles and Gangnam

By Christian Perez
Centro Romero Leader

At Centro Romero, our volunteer group aids Latino elementary students with various things, ranging from homework, reading, comprehension skills, math, and much more. Not only are we there to help them academically, but we are also there to provide them with someone they can make a connection with, someone they can talk to and learn new things from, and someone they can have fun with at the same time. One of the funnier moments we have had there happened a few weeks ago when we were taking the students on a walk around the block, when all of a sudden, David, one of the third graders, began doing the Gangnam style dance, the entire walk around. All of the volunteers, including myself, got a hearty chuckle from it.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 12/14** Reserve spot to stay at current site
- 1/14** Spring semester begins
- 1/23-24** Sign up for a new L4C site
- 1/27** Volunteer Orientation
- 1/28** Volunteering Begins!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SPRING 2013:

- If you'd like to reserve a spot at the same site for next semester, contact Alicia Ferraris at aferraris@luc.edu by **DECEMBER 14**.
- If you'd like to stay with L4C but join a different site, come to Registration on **JANUARY 23** from 4-6 p.m. or **JANUARY 24** from 11a.m. -1p.m. in Mundelein 804.
- Spots are first come, first serve so hurry and bring a friend!
- All volunteers should attend Orientation on **JANUARY 27** from 6-7p.m.