

THE McADAMS MEMO

EMBRACING AND EDUCATING SOCIETY'S NEGLECTED KIDS



We are coming to the end of the school year, and what a year it's been! We had **three times the amount of students**, a waiting list that continues to grow, and in May we will have the largest graduating class in the history of McAdams Academy! I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have made this possible by financial contribution and selfless hours of volunteering.

We are the **only program of our kind** in the city, but conversations I've had over the past ten years have brought up misconceptions about expelled students and their education. Let me expel some of those myths (*instead of students!*)

MYTH: CHILDREN NEED HARSHER DISCIPLINE TO KEEP THEM IN LINE

Every day, children in our community are abused and neglected by those who should be protecting them. These Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) harm a child's physical, emotional, and social well-being. The most noticeable impact of this trauma is often anti-social behavior, which accounts for 95% of school expulsions nationwide. **Punishment cannot heal the emotional pain of an abused child.** Children need a loving adult to walk beside them as they learn to correct their negative behavior.

FACT: WE ARE HELPING KIDS HEAL FROM TRAUMA

For the past decade, **McAdams has provided a solution to families of expelled students in Sedgwick County.** We continue their education while working on behavioral issues that keep them impoverished financially, relationally, educationally, and emotionally. We also provide counseling and guidance to parents struggling with their child's behavior.

MYTH: EVERY CHILD IN KANSAS CAN ATTEND SCHOOL

In Kansas, **expelled students may be barred from attending school for an entire school year** (186 days). During that year, they cannot go to schools in their district or neighboring districts; they have nowhere to attend school. Without someone teaching the expelled child how to make behavioral changes, half are expelled multiple times and eventually drop out of school. And the cycle continues; hurting children continue to be neglected.

FACT: MCADAMS RECEIVES NO FUNDING FROM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

For those children who rely on school lunches, we ensure that they receive two meals a day and provide them with personal hygiene items. Unlike public schools, **the state does not reimburse McAdams for these meals.** Our expenses continue through the summer as we have summer school. We also help these children work on the root causes underlying their behavior problems while earning high school credits.

McADAMS ACADEMY Lion's Pride Monthly Giving Club



Winners of
QT Gift Cards

JOIN THE PRIDE TODAY!

The Lion's Pride are the monthly contributors vital to our daily operations, allowing us to embrace and educate society's neglected kids. Without funding from local school districts, we depend on visionaries like you to show these children they are valued, regardless of their sometimes impulsive behavior. Your kindness can transform the lives of those children.

When you join the Lion's Pride, your monthly donation helps in these following ways:

- \$1,200 provides breakfast, lunch, and a snack for one month for all students
- \$500 provides a semester of educational scholarship for one student
- \$100 helps us provide basic needs and job skills for one student

To join, scan the QR code or go to mcadamsacademy.org/donate and choose "monthly" for your gift option



\$300:

Mike & Sandra Middleton



\$150:

Karl Southwick



\$50:

Richard & Kathy Shoffner

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Providing a safe place where vulnerable youth practice academic, emotional, and spiritual skills for thriving lives that affect families and communities.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Teaching youth to be successful in life, regardless of their circumstances.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF OUR SOCIETY'S YOUTH!

- ☐ I would like to attend the next tour of McAdams on Thursday May 18th from 10-11am
- ☐ I am signing up for the Lion's Pride Monthly Giving Club
- ☐ I would like to be a part of the Lionsheart Prayer Group
- ☐ I would like more information about volunteering
- ☐ I am making a one time donation

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

see back for more information about partnership and giving

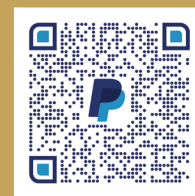
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TESTIMONIALS

Watch the video and listen to testimonials of three students who are grateful for the difference McAdams and our supporters have made in their lives.



Students researched the harmful effects of vaping, and put together a brochure, a flier, and a video that they can share with the community!



SAVE THE DATE!

McADAMS ACADEMY
Golf Classic 2023

Presented by  **Bowers Plumbing**
est. 1955

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

**SAND CREEK STATION
GOLF COURSE**

NEWTON, KS



Our programs help expelled youth and children in the foster care system from falling behind academically and address behavioral problems that often ruin their ability to complete their education. Every day we have opportunities to make life-changing interactions with our students. You can help us invest in their lives and make a difference in the following ways:

Visit McAdams

Our next tour is Thursday, May 18th from 10-11am! RSVP to events@mcadamsacademy.com

Praying

You're invited to be a part of the **Lionhearts Prayer Team!** It simply involves praying for McAdams Academy upon receiving a monthly email with prayer requests and praise reports for McAdams. There may also be an occasional urgent/time sensitive email sent requesting prayer. If you want to be included in this volunteer prayer team, please email info@mcadamsacademy.com and we'll add you to this special group of volunteers. Thank you for prayerfully considering this vital support team for McAdams.

Volunteering

Tutoring, Mentoring, Cooking, Administration - whatever you enjoy doing we have a place for you! Please give us a call, e-mail, or come visit us to see where and when you might be able to help.

Giving

Lion's Pride Monthly Giving Club see front side of newsletter for more info!

PayPal or Venmo: scan QR codes above or search Center for Behavioral and Academic Research or McAdams Academy

Online mcadamsacademy.org -or- ictcbar.com -or- scan the Lion QR code

Mail a Check payable to CBAR or McAdams Academy to 2821 E. 24th St. N, Wichita KS 67219

Dillons.com Log into your rewards account, click the "Community Rewards" tab, and search MCADAMS ACADEMY

