Upcoming Programs

BACK TO SCHOOL BLITZ

The Back to School Blitz program will be held in August 2015 with the purpose of ensuring that Title I, Indianapolis-area students have the basic items needed to go back to school.

Jerrell will host 250 inner-city, low-income middle and high school students (grades 7th – 12th) at a retail location where they will meet Jerrell and receive backpacks filled with back to school supplies as well as clothing and/or shoes.

READ TO RISE

Jerrell will challenge Indianapolis-area schools to each read a combined 100,000 minutes for their schools in the Summer and Fall. Students will log their individual reading minutes online at the Scholastic READ 100,000 site. Top reading students will be recognized in front of their peers and parents at a special READ 100,000 assembly. The school with the highest combined minutes from the Fall and Spring Read to Rise 100,000 campaigns will each receive a school-wide party with Jerrell.

Read to Rise: Special Focus

In May of 2016, Rise Above will host a family event in five of the area's lowest income schools where all students will receive a Reading Certificate to help them purchase books to read during the summer portion of the Read to Rise reading challenge. Partnerships with local libraries will be arranged to educate low-income families on the services they provide over the summer to allow for greater access to books and computers for their children to log their Summer Reading Minutes and manual reading logs will also be available to those children without access to computers.

RISE ABOVE SCHOLARS

The Rise Above Scholars will launch in 2016 and provide renewable partial scholarships for tuition, books or room/board to low-income college bound students. Recipients will be chosen based on the applicant's financial need, letters of recommendation, scholastic accomplishment and service to their community.

The goal of the Rise Above Scholars program is to provide more than $50,000 in scholarships to inner-city and low-income Indianapolis students.