

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring

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**The “dual-outcome” power of
intergenerational programs**
Purpose + Social Impact

What is Oasis?



Where is Oasis?

The Oasis Network
22 States | 41 Cities



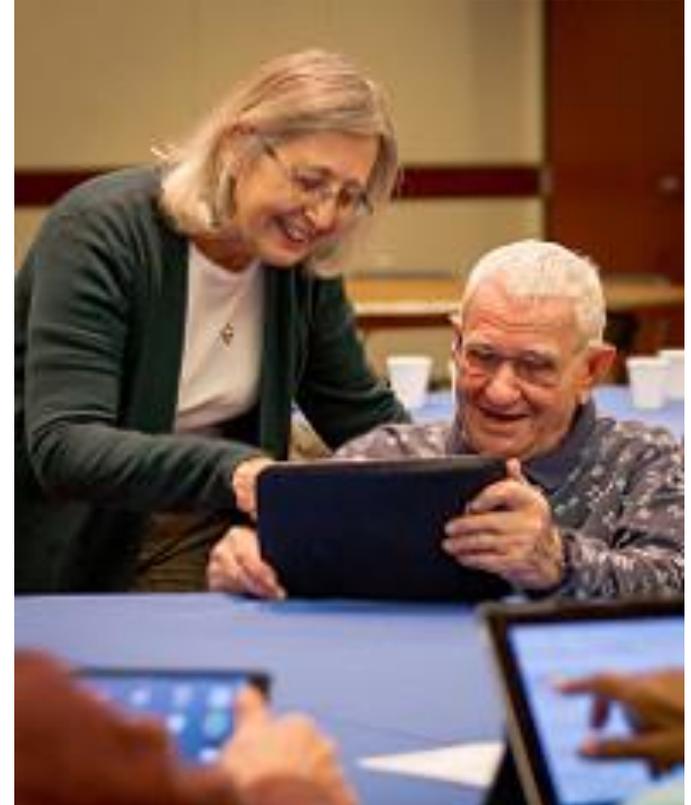
● Oasis center

● Partner City

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Oasis impact in 2017

- 40 cities
- 700+ partners
- 6,100 volunteers
- 23,000 classes
- 31,000 adults + 22,000 children =
 - ❖ 53,000 people impacted
 - ❖ 132,000 class enrollments
 - ❖ 383,500 volunteer hours



Purpose and Oasis



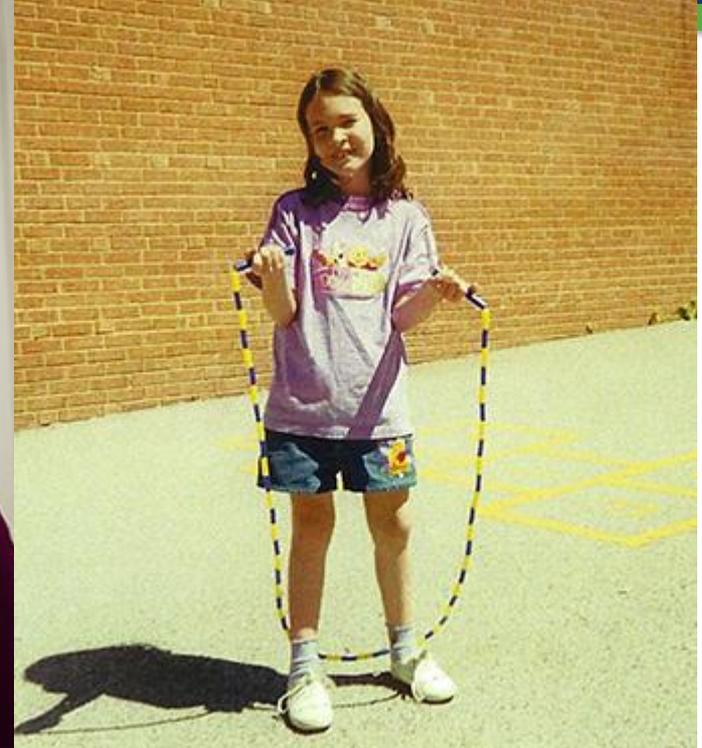
Oasis provides several opportunities for purposeful volunteerism

- Meaningful volunteer opportunities
 - Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring
 - Teaching lifelong learning classes
 - Community Health Worker training and teaching
 - Capacity-building

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What do we observe in adults who participate?

- Improved outlook; self-reported experiences of joy, efficacy, and more life engagement
- Better health outcomes; improved self-care
- Reduction in social isolation; the new relationship with the tutored child, the school, and new stories to tell about the experience



“It was hard for me to get up and down the stairs. I’ll never forget when Chelsea said to me, ‘Can I hold your hand?’ I encouraged her and she encouraged me. We formed such a wonderful friendship.”

“One of the other tutors convinced me to try tutoring even though I didn’t think I could. It was so great it gave me confidence to pursue something else I always wanted to do but was afraid to try – teaching Sunday School.”



Next Steps for Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring

1. Expand programming and volunteer opportunities to additional locations
2. Explore ways to encourage more volunteers to participate: evidence is energy
3. Engage with donors around the multiplicity of positive outcomes we achieve multi-generationally through tutoring
4. Storytelling: Intergenerational programs lead to amazing stories of impact and connection

Small Group Activity!

- Break into groups of 4 or 5 people
- Pick a social impact that fits these criteria:
 - Outside of the aging and older adult “issue and service universe”
 - Relatively high visibility as a social impact need
 - Addressing this social impact need requires interpersonal engagement
- Define how older adults could accomplish this social impact through intergenerational engagement (and could be uniquely effective!)