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## **WITS Receives Grant During National Mentoring Month**

*WITS Awarded Sun-Times Judge Marovitz Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth Grant*

CHICAGO, IL – The Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth program awarded a \$5,000 grant to Working in the Schools (WITS) and its five literacy programs. Qualified organizations to receive such a grant must provide one-on-one tutor and mentor programs. The grant supports WITS' five literacy programs that are all structured around one-on-one student-volunteer reading: Early Childhood, Power Lunch, Workplace Mentoring, Classroom Assistants, and Saturday Tutoring.

### **About Working in the Schools**

Working in the Schools is an eighteen-year-old 501(c)3 organization that promotes literacy and the love of reading among Chicago's youth by providing one-on-one tutoring and mentoring. Placing and transporting both community individuals and corporate groups into Chicago Public Schools, WITS strives to cultivate a love of reading and learning while enhancing student possibilities for success. Our simple equation – one adult, one child, one book at a time – continues to produce astounding results. Today, WITS sends over 1,200 trained volunteers into 24 public elementary schools to proudly serve more than 2,300 CPS elementary students.

### **About Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth**

The organization's overall goal is to support one-on-one tutor/mentor programs that serve young people in disadvantaged Chicago area communities and that provide those youth with the guidance and support they need to both succeed in school and reach their full potential as independent, productive adults.

Since its founding in 1995 by then Chicago Bar Association President Thomas A. Demetrio, Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth has awarded close to \$750,000 in grants and positively affected the lives of tens of thousands of youth throughout the Chicagoland area.

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