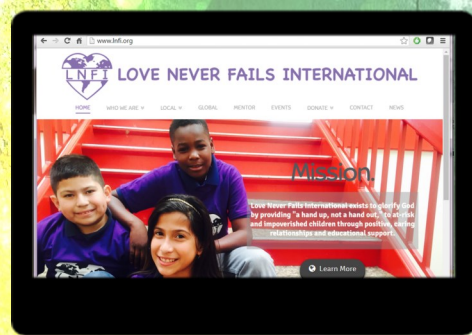


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# Love Never Fails Newsletter



## MENTOR HIGHLIGHT



**Mr. Michael** came to LNFI with a heart to mentor and encourage the children at **Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary**.

Mr. Michael brings many ideas of his own to the program to make it fun for the kids. You will often find him

playing a game with a simple deck of cards he brought from home (with a hidden lesson inside), working alongside a teacher, sitting with a hurting child, or making better an argument between two friends. Mr. Michael is an asset to our team. He has built relationships with our kids and the powerful desire within him, he tells us, will only deepen as he continues mentoring with Love Never Fails.

When asked, "Why LNF?", Michael tells us, "I believe in them, all of the kids. They are those who really have the best shot out of poverty." Thank you Michael for all that you do for the children of LNFI. If you would like to become a mentor, like Michael, please visit our website [www.lnfi.org/mentor](http://www.lnfi.org/mentor) today!

## IN-KIND NEEDS

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- |                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Sticky Hands        | Paper Plates               |
| Bouncy Balls        | Paper Towels               |
| Light-Up Balls      | Disinfecting Wipes         |
| Squishy Toys        | Capri Suns                 |
| Headbands           | Clear Plastic Cubs (9 oz.) |
| Finger Nail Polish  |                            |
| Hair Bows           |                            |
| Mini-Action Figures |                            |

### UPCOMING EVENT

**S.T.E.M. Club Boat Regatta**  
**Saturday April 23 | 9 am**  
**Hurricane Harbor**

- VOLUNTEERS
- Boat Sponsors
  - Water
  - Snacks

If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Laura at 817.831.8877 or [laura@loveneverfails.com](mailto:laura@loveneverfails.com)

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## EQUIPPING THE WHOLE CHILD IDENTIFYING THE REAL ISSUES

The United States has the largest school dropout rates and, proportionately, the greatest prison population of any developed country.<sup>1</sup> Love Never Fails International realizes that these statistics are daunting, but a continued investment in our children will change the future of our country.

LNFI's after-school mentoring programs address situations and bring about solutions to children in statically worse conditions than those in the state of Texas, and even comparatively in our nation. While we address the academic needs of our children on a daily basis, we are more than a homework help program. Every day our students are equipped to handle the difficulties of life and learn to respond in a commendable manner.

LNFI partners with our children's parents, teachers and the

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*To see all children, both locally and globally, live a successful and joyful life.*



# What does LNFI mean to your school?

“Without the support of Love Never Fails we couldn't succeed as a campus. The volunteer hours, after-school program and basketball tournaments are all greatly appreciated.”

**Dr. Brown-Mckinney**  
Principal, I.M. Terrell Elementary



“Love Never fails implements a different approach to children who are typically written off; they take on some of the hardest cases and turn them into children with feelings and emotions.”

**Mrs. Alvarado**  
Teacher, Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary



“It's amazing to see how children change right before your eyes. After spending numerous hours at LNFI after school, students who didn't know each other became a team. They come together in hopes to progress and become positive role models to others.”

**Ms. Eugenia Marquez**  
PTA President & Parent-Teacher Liaison, J.P. Elder Middle School



“Every day our students look forward to the after school program. LNFI is family oriented, professional and consistent. This program is important to our campus.”

**Ms. Clevetta Brown**  
Admin Assistant,  
Eastern Hills Elementary



school administration to effectively help our students through their problems in and out of school. Once we identify the issues our children are facing, we can begin to work on the whole child—cognitive, social, emotional and physical. Children who have been shaped by bad experiences often show anger, seclusion and fear. Positive relationships, more than anything, with an adult mentor and peer-to-peer, can begin to replace the negative responses of their past.

Our assistant principal, **Mrs. Richard**, from **Eastern Hills Elementary** acknowledged that, “LNF provides our students with the social skills like respect, courage and handling adversity. When our students are equipped with these skills, they have an opportunity to become successful members in the community.” LNFI wants to come alongside schools to help address the needs of the whole child. We provide an environment every day to instill growth in the social and emotional development of each child in our program.

More than likely, schools cannot change the circumstances of our children. If we continue to equip them to manage their current situations, our children will not become another statistic and our nation will reach the level of academic achievement it is seeking.

Source: <sup>1</sup>Elias, Maurice J. “The Four Keys to Helping At-Risk Kids.” *Edutopia*, Edutopia, 22 Jan. 2009. Web. 1 Apr. 2016.

## SPECIAL THANKS

April is ‘Turn Off the T.V. and Read’ month and our kids could not be more excited! A BIG thank you to the **First Book** and **WWE** community for donating 500 books to our programs!



Each student received a bag filled with free books! Your generosity will make a huge impact on our students. Thank you again for helping us reinforce the idea that Readers are Leaders!

Thank you to the **Paul B. Anderson Charitable Fund** for your recent donation! We'd like you to know that your thoughtfulness is truly making a difference in the lives of so many at-risk children. Thank you for your continued support and believing in our mission to provide “a hand up, not a hand out”

# INTERNATIONAL

LNFI supports **Casa Hogar de Niños**, an orphanage in Camargo, Mexico. This orphanage was established 11 years ago by Pastor Osdy Luna and his wife, Teresa. Currently, Camargo is housing 30 orphans between the ages of 6 and 22 years old. The children are allowed to stay at the orphanage up to the age of 18; with the exception to those who are pursuing higher education at the University. These children come from broken homes and traumatic experiences of abuse and neglect. Without your help, these children would have nothing at all. The Team will return in late Spring to visit the children.

In 2015, we built four homes, fully furnished for needy families living in **Nopalera Colonia**. This year, we will continue to invest in the lives of families in need. For only \$4,500, one house can be built and furnished; A house that becomes a home to a family in Mexico and a home that changes their lives forever! The Team plans to return to build another home in early summer. Please consider supporting our great work in Mexico!



## SUMMER CAMP 2016

Love Never Fails is an after-school program that serves 100% at-risk and economically disadvantaged elementary and middle school students. The goal of LNFI is to break the cycle of poverty one child at a time by providing: mentoring, character development, academic enrichment, college-bound focus, community service and parent outreach.

Camp is a great end to our program year; motivating our students to finish the school year strong and inspiring them to get ahead. There is something special about enjoying nights around a campfire, taking a hike in nature, and making new friends through play. Camp truly brings out the best in everyone and you don't feel like you have to change who you are.



Children need to play to be adaptable, problem solve, create, process emotions, discover, challenge themselves, work together, explore, manage stress and laugh.

At LNFI's Summer Camp 2016, our children will bring their problems and leave with a solution. They will come as school peers and leave as friends. They will come with fears and anxieties and leave with confidence.

For only \$50, you can send a child to summer camp (3 days and 2 nights and see their life forever changed! Please consider helping us give our children a lasting experience this coming May!

## DONATIONS

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