



Moving Lives Forward.

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Reser Foundation Review Committee-

Hello All! I am a Site Manager at Greenway Elementary supporting partnership development in the after-school time for Metropolitan Family Services. Saturday Academy has been a valued partner for the past two years.

The kids immediately took to Saturday Academy programming. It was awesome. A highlight was the Nature Journaling Program as it blended nature and visual arts, as well as some science exploration in the little creek out by Greenway. It was just really wonderful.

Additionally, we have taken advantage of the diverse array of offerings Saturday Academy provides. We've done coding with Scratch and lego robotics! We had one student in particular who had been talking about wanting to work with Scratch for about a year and a half and if felt very good to be able to provide that experience, with Saturday Academy's support. It's been a delight to see other classes grow in the awareness of what Saturday Academy has been doing with one group and ask "when is it our turn?!"

I would love to just keep partnering with Saturday Academy and ensure my kids have access to their fun and creative projects. with the kids. See, I mean, honestly, just I when I was a kid, you know, I, I really was grateful for the adults looking out for me and sort of those situations where I was able to feel seen and feel like there was someone in my corner and being able to do this work, I feel like Saturday Academy is the type of organization that wants to give back and be that group for students.

Bonus, while we can contribute a bit to the programs, Saturday Academy has been able to unwrite and subsidize the lion's share of the efforts to provide this hands-on learning to Greenway students. We believe in the transformative power of STEAM education, in large part, as a result of Saturday Academy's work with our students.

Sincerely,

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