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CONNECT CHICAGO OFFERS FREE REMOTE TUTORING FOR CPS STUDENTS

April 12, 2020 (CHICAGO, IL)-

Connect Chicago is excited to announce that in addition to making daily calls to isolated individuals due to Covid-19 they will now be offering remote tutoring for CPS students. Students are assigned a dedicated teen tutor and will receive up to 1.5 hours of tutoring per week. Tutoring will take place over platforms such as Zoom, Facetime, or voice call, depending on what the student's situation is.

Volunteers have been trained by the organization's leaders, emphasizing the importance of working with the students and their parents to determine a plan depending on access to resources such as the internet. Additionally, tutors will receive assistance with lesson planning or in acquiring enrichment materials such as worksheets.

As school came to an abrupt halt, Rem Johannknecht, a sophomore at Chicago's Walter Payton High School, was eager to help during the Covid-19 crisis. He realized that many would be struggling with loneliness due to social isolation. Lucy Gold, a fellow sophomore shared his concern for the community and joined him as a co-founder. They partnered with classmates to create "Connect Chicago." For the past month, they have been working to coordinate outreach, create volunteer resources, and match volunteers. These student leaders are taking a three-pronged approach. First, they are securing volunteers by calling upon their classmates, neighbors, friends and parents. Second, they are reaching out to people who are isolated and

connecting them so that they can be social, while being safe. Now they are also reaching out to CPS students who are in need of help with their school work.

“As CPS officially begins remote learning this week we recognized that some students would need extra support as this is uncharted territory for most of us. Connect Chicago is very fortunate in that we have a lot of eager volunteers and realized that we were in the position to expand and help our fellow CPS students with remote tutoring,” said Rem Johannknecht.

While the daily phone call portion of Connect Chicago only requires a phone for the tutoring it is ideal if the student has access to the internet for face to face assistance. Students will receive up to 1.5 hours of tutoring a week and the schedule will be set between the teen volunteer and the student/ parent.

Connect Chicago has over 60 eager volunteers (and growing) who are looking forward to connecting with other Chicagoans. Our volunteer tutors are all teenage students themselves. Our daily callers to those that are isolated are adults and teens. People looking to be tutored, called or to volunteer can call Connect Chicago at (312) 772-6064 to be matched or visit their website at ConnectChicagoInfo.com. Sign up forms and email below. If looking to be called, a trained volunteer will call daily to check in and chat. If you are seeking a tutor, an assigned teen volunteer will contact the parent to assess a student’s needs, set a schedule and then will work with you remotely up to 1.5 hours a week.

The organization is seeking to spread their message so that people know about their entirely free service, and are able to sign up to receive tutoring or to volunteer.

Mission Statement:

At Connect Chicago, we connect our enthusiastic volunteers with individuals who are seeking a helping hand as a result of the Coronavirus and social distancing. Through daily phone calls and tutoring, we are bridging the gap during this period of isolation, so we remember that at our core humans are connected. One call at a time, we aim to foster meaningful relationships and bring positivity to lives affected by stay-at-home orders as we adapt to our new reality.

View our tutoring flyer [here!](#)

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Resources to share and distribute:

Sign Up forms-

Click [here](#) to sign up to receive a daily call from our volunteer!

<https://forms.gle/WnKpfwfdFhorSLf97>

Click [here](#) to request a free tutor for a CPS student!

<https://forms.gle/FirxD6TYL378E8BB9>

Click [here](#) to request to volunteer or visit [our website!](#)

<https://connectchicago.weebly.com/volunteer.html>

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