I'm you.
You're me.
I've been where
You want to be.
With my help,
You will see
how strong you are
when we are we.

Members of the Big Shoulders Fund Teen Board volunteer once a month at elementary schools to read and do crafts with Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students. Education, with a side of inspiration.

MORE TIME,
SCHOOL TIME.
LEARN TIME,
COOL TIME.
OPPORTUNITY,
UNITY, SAFETY,
AND COMMUNITY.
MORE TIME TO TEACH,
MORE TIME TO MAKE
THE MOST OF ME.

Big Shoulders Fund supports
Extended Day Programs through
investment in support staff,
materials, fees, and more. The
additional hours at school provide
students with extra opportunities
in academics, arts, STEM, SEL,
and other areas.

Leaders lead, to shape young minds.

Leaders learn, to not fall behind.

Leaders train, to teach the latest.

Leaders stay, where support is greatest.

The Sullivan Leadership Fellows Program recognizes high-performing, early-career principals, providing professional development training and stipends to retain these top leaders, who are crucial to improved school culture and measurable student success.

CHALLENGES IN SCHOOL ARE SCARY ENOUGH.

READING, WRITING, AND MATH CAN BE TOUGH.

BUT WHEN TROUBLE MAKES IT HARDER TO LEARN,

there is hope and help and a place where we can turn.

The Schreiber Family Emergency Fund provides financial support to families and students experiencing hardship or emergency situations outside of school.

WORDS, PAGES, BOOKS, SCREENS, READ BETTER, SUCCEED BETTER, COMPREHENSION, COMMUNICATION, THE KEY IS LITERACY.

The Big Shoulders Fund Literacy Initiative prepares teachers to implement cutting-edge literacy instruction to meet the rapidly evolving needs of today's students and help them become tomorrow's bright thinkers.

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A CULTURE OF HOPE

Students learn, teachers teach, the better your lessons, the farther we reach. The more you train to teach your best, the higher we rise above the rest.

The Big Shoulders Fund Teacher Development Program recruits, prepares, and develops top-quality teachers. This multiyear program partners with local universities to provide tuition assistance, tutoring, and continuing professional improvement to nurture excellent teacher leaders.

Stocks bonds, investment angling, Law, litigation, legal wrangling, Entrepreneurship, real world tests, We compete to be our best.

Three of our enrichment programs pair student teams with professionals who teach them how to apply what they are learning to practical, real-world applications. The Stock Market Program teaches students about financial careers by investing real money and learning how to build a winning portfolio. In the Law Program, legal professionals guide students throughout the year, culminating in a presentation of their case before a federal judge. The EY Entrepreneurship Program helps young thinkers develop products and services that can best help their community, as judged in a pitch competition at year's end.

Digital. Complex. Techno confusing.

Made simple, easy, almost amusing.

Design, delight, new skills for using to code, to conquer a career of my choosing.

Our Capital One Coders program connects tech associates at Capital One with students to teach them the key coding languages used in web development. By the end of the program, students use their new skills to create their own apps.

DIG SHIES
OPEN SPACES
WIDE EYES.
WONDROUS FACES.
LAND WITHOUT END,
THE START
OF NEW FRIENDS.
A NEW WAY TO SEE,
A NEW KIND OF ME.

Students are selected to participate in science programs during the school year, culminating in a six-day trip during the summer to Staddle Camp at Brush Creek Ranch in Wyoming. Students enjoy horseback riding, camping, and a high-ropes course, among other life-changing adventures.

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Farms, fields, frolic, fun. Leave the city, find the sun. Fresh air, fresh attitude. One day, forever gratitude.

Through its Farm and Frolic Scholarship program, the Tengelsen Family Foundation organizes day trips to rural Michigan and Indiana. Young city scholars enjoy time in nature, discover holistic health, and experience rejuvenation that lasts well beyond the school year.

MAKE THE LEAP.

TAKE THE CHANCE.

SEE HOW FAR.

YOU CAN ADVANCE.

WHY SCHOOL?

WHY STAY COOL.

STAY COOL.

WHERE TO GO.

The Mazza High School Support program helps middleschoolers and their parents prepare to apply and transition to high school, offering informational presentations for families, guidance on finding the right high school, and test prep for entrance exams.

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A JOB OR CAREER?

COLLEGE OR NOT?

WHAT PATH? WHICH WAY?

WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?

WHERE DO I LOOK?

WHO DO I TALK TO? SO MUCH TO LEARN,

In partnership with ComEd and Exelon, Big Shoulders Fund runs the Powering Our Future program. Through workshops, field trips, and internship opportunities with industry professionals, students discover opportunities that don't necessarily require college in progressive fields including tech, advanced manufacturing, and skilled trades.

Blaze a trail. Pioneer a path. Science, technology, engineering, math. Defy conventions. Open eyes. Shatter ceilings. Grab the prize.

The Greer STEM Scholars Program awards college scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to major in STEM-related fields. Each scholar partners with a mentor who provides ongoing support and check-ins, tips on campus resources, and advice on study skills and time management. The program also offers internships and career workshops in these challenging and vital fields.

STARTS TO TICK. WHAT DO I DO? WHICH SHOULD THE PRESSURE THE DECISIONS ARE HEADY. WHERE CAN I TURN
TO BE SURE
I AM READY?

The College/Postsecondary Readiness Program helps Big Shoulders Fund high school students, their families, and counselors prepare for the journey. The program provides college application assistance, guidance on academic resources, scholarships, and internships, along with career coaching and networking.

A SPARK, A GLIMMER, A HINT OF LIGHT SEEN AND FANNED. A FLAME ICNITES.

A LEADER FOUND. A FUTURE BRICHT

Principals in Big Shoulders Fund's Northwest Indiana schools select students who show early leadership qualities to be part of the White Family High School Leaders Scholarship program. The program provides guidance and enrichment opportunities for students as they become emerging leaders in their communities.

> Food for hunger. Food for sharing. Food for strength. Food for caring. Food for body. Food for soul. Food for health. Food for whole. Food for hope.

The St. Francis de Sales High School Food Pantry gives support to anyone who needs help getting enough to eat on the Southeast Side, which is a food desert. While students have always helped in the pantry, this school year it become a permanent, student-run program—the first of its kind in the city.

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