

## **RightFit to execute growth plan that will double the program in 2021**

RightFit will be executing a doubling of the unique afterschool program when it begins its fifth full year in the Fall of 2021.

Thanks to generous partners and a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant, RightFit will grow from a Covid-shortened program in 2020 to a 26-week program during the 2021-2022 school year. The new RightFit will include 13-weeks in the Fall and 13-weeks the following Spring.

The initial program-year will be the first of four years included in the grant, which begins with the 7/1/21 - 6/30/22 school year, and concludes with the 7/1/24 – 6/30/25 school year.

RightFit is designed to provide 500+ elementary school students with homework help, nutrition education, physical fitness, character development and dinner three times per week for the 26 weeks of the program. The students served come from some of the most under-resourced communities in Marion County.

RightFit programming partners include Purdue Extension Soccer and Nutrition Education, Indy Yoga Movement, Gang Resistance Education and Training, Peace Learning Center, Junior Achievement, Indianapolis Urban League, Indianapolis Indians, the Marion County Prosecutors Office, the Police Athletic League and Anthem.

RightFit is provided at no charge to the students. The students are in minority schools, and the income levels of the students' families are typically below the poverty line.

RightFit also provides 3 family dinners to each participating school each school year.

RightFit utilizes members of Public Safety who serve as mentors for the students. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the IMPD Cadets and the Indy Public Safety Foundation, the Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Department of Corrections, all supply personnel in an effort to build positive relationships between inner city children and members of Public Safety.

RightFit also utilizes university students who serve as mentors and receive service learning credit by serving in RightFit. IUPUI, Ivy Tech, Marian University and UIndy all provide students for RightFit.

RightFit school partners include the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Holy Angels Elementary School, Central Catholic Elementary School, Holy Cross Elementary School and Philip Neri Elementary School.

Other RightFit supporting partners include Aldi, Ascension, Central Indiana Community Foundation, Citizens Energy, Comcast, the Indianapolis Airport, the Indianapolis Indians Charities, Indy Public Safety Foundation, IU Health, the JW Marriott, Krieg DeVault, the Noyes Foundation, Old National Bank, Pepper Construction, Strada, and the Indiana Afterschool Network.

RightFit is also planning to execute a four-week Bridge Program at the same schools that will be a part of the larger RightFit Program. The RightFit Bridge program will operate for four weeks February – March 2021, and offer the same high intensity of programming and partnerships that are a part of the RightFit program that will begin in the Fall of 2021.