



Midtown Educational Foundation guides low-income urban youth in Chicago along pathways of success. Our proven enrichment programs embrace the dignity of the person by focusing on **Academic** excellence, **Virtue** development, **Individual** attention, and **Parental** involvement. MEF's approach can best be remembered with the help of an acronym that describes every child we serve: **A V.I.P.**



Since 1965

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year





LaPree and Angel are but two examples of a Metro girl and Midtown boy who have been guided along pathways of success, leading to high school graduation and college enrollment.

LaPree came to Metro in the eighth grade after her mom passed away. She lived in a bad neighborhood and admitted to having a bad attitude. Metro helped her see the bright side of life and the importance of education. She graduated from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School. Today she is a freshman at Tougaloo College in Mississippi and plans to study nursing.

Angel attended Midtown from the fourth grade on. He graduated in May from Northridge Prep and is a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He plans to major in biology and hopes to attend dental school afterwards, with a goal of specializing in orthodontics.

See other student success stories at [midtown-metro.org/christmas-lights](http://midtown-metro.org/christmas-lights)

December 1, 2014

Dear XXX:

As Christmas approaches and 2014 draws to a close, it's a wonderful time for all of us at Midtown Educational Foundation to pause and reflect on the many blessings – large and small, planned and unexpected – that have graced us throughout the year.

Chief among them is the time, talent and treasure that friends, families and fans like you have freely given to the girls at the Metro Achievement Center and the boys at Midtown Center.

You truly light up their lives. And the children return the favor. They become more hopeful and excited about their futures, and confident and capable of realizing their full potential in school and in life. They also give back by serving others.

**Please be the light for a low-income, at-risk child this Christmas.** Donations are gratefully appreciated either online at [donate.midtown-metro.org](http://donate.midtown-metro.org) or in the enclosed envelope.

With warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year,

Glenn Wilke  
Executive Director