

# RENEGADE

## *Commitment to Low-Income Youth*

**RENEGADE began in the summer of 2008 as a small neighborhood study for students attending a middle school adjacent to Xenos' 4th Street facility.**

Renegade provides a safe and fun environment for students from pre-school to 12th grade to learn about living fruitful lives in the midst of chaotic circumstances. The program is focused on seeing students enter adulthood as self-motivated citizens of their communities, who share God's love, serve and lead others and enjoy productive lives.

The ministry now includes weekly meals, tutoring, summer camps, weekly studies, one-on-one mentoring and long-term life coaching. Today Renegade serves over 150 students at 6 different locations in the Columbus area, including: elementary age students (at the Harambee Community Center in South Linden, on the South Side and on our Main Campus), junior high students (South Side and Main Campus) and high school students (at various Xenos affiliated ministry houses near The Ohio State University campus).

With a little help and encouragement, living in a highly supportive environment, students who once struggled academically now land a good job, and many continue on to higher education. Volunteer Life Coaches meet weekly with low-income students to help them take the next step toward becoming independent, self-sufficient adults by developing life skills including:

- Landing and keeping a job
- Completing high school and navigating steps toward further education
- Accessing financial aid, getting a bank account and following a budget
- Getting regular health and dental care
- Loving family members and setting healthy relational boundaries
- Developing critical, healthy life-long disciplines



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