Dear Home Visit Champions,

Even in an increasingly globalized world, home visit partnerships bridge tensions and open the way for transformation. Done well, visits improve school climate. They help build trust between families and teachers. That trust leads to more effective communication and sharing of resources. The visits improve outcomes like attendance and academic scores for ALL children.

But of all the benefits, one we often don’t talk about enough is the increased empathy and understanding that results from the act of stepping into someone’s home. As Andrea Propan of the National Education Association, and PTHV Board Member, reminded us at the conference in Washington DC a few weeks ago, “We have always lived in strange times. It’s never been smooth. Democracy’s not easy — we’re not an easy country to be in, and actually that’s what makes us pretty great. But what you do with home visits, is make it an easier place to live, because you build understanding, understanding where people come from, understanding one another’s viewpoints, and figuring out how to work together on our hopes and dreams for our kids.”

With the help of the PTHV model, the most important people in a child’s life, at home and at school, cross whatever barriers may exist between them and connect as a team. The impact of this connection goes beyond academic success to the health and well-being of our schools and communities.

In the past year: 586 schools in 19 states and Washington, DC used Parent Teacher Home Visits to connect with their families, over 7,000 teachers were trained in the PTHV model, and we did 39,488 home visits!

Think of that — tens of thousands of conversations this past year between home and school, linking hopes and dreams for success to attainable action plans. So, even as our country struggles to find our common footing, our non profit will continue to do what we’ve always done—respond to requests for assistance all over the country. We need your help to answer these calls — the communities where we work face serious economic and social justice challenges.

As we celebrate the holidays this year, we will connect with our traditions, including making charitable gifts. I invite you to join me and make a contribution to Parent Teacher Home Visits, in any amount that is significant to you. With your support, we can help more families and schools create communities where real transformation is possible, every day, one visit at a time. Thank you!

Carrie Rose, Executive Director

Newsblast for Home Visit Champions – November 2016

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Upcoming Events

November
- DC Hub first advisory board meeting
- Duluth, MN - training
- St. Paul, MN - reflection
- Dallass, TX - reflection and celebration
- Alameda, CA - Listening session
- MA Hub first advisory board meeting

December
- M A M E B U B first advisory board meeting
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