**Tutor/Mentor Connection Mission:**
When we launched the Tutor/Mentor Connection in 1993 our goals was to collect and share information about volunteer-based tutor/mentor programs, why and where they are most needed, and how business, philanthropy and volunteers could support them more consistently. A first priority was to build master database of Chicago tutor/mentor programs. Our second was to find ways to increase attention for each program in order to improve the flow of volunteers and dollars to tutor/mentor programs throughout the city.

Below is an example of how this was done from 2007 through 2010 as Nicole White, Bradley Troast, Chris Warren and Karina Walker, NU Public Interest Program Fellows with the Tutor/Mentor Connection, visited these programs and wrote stories about them on their blogs. The photo below if from a volunteer-recruitment fair organized by the Tutor/Mentor Connection from 1995 through 2003 to draw volunteers to tutor/mentor programs throughout the Chicago region. At its peak this campaign involved more than 150 different organizations.

Visit [http://www.tutormentorexchange.net/news-pr](http://www.tutormentorexchange.net/news-pr) to see media stories where the focus is on tutoring/mentoring in ALL parts of Chicago, not just a single neighborhood or a single program.

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Better Boys Foundation

The Black Star Project (twice)
[http://chrispip.blogspot.com/2009/02/black-star-project-site-visit.html](http://chrispip.blogspot.com/2009/02/black-star-project-site-visit.html)

Blessed Sacrament Youth Center

Breakthrough Urban Ministries (twice)

The Bridge Youth and Family Services
http://nicolecabrini.blogspot.com/2008/12/bridge-youth-and-family-services.html

Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development (BUILD)
http://tmcpip.blogspot.com/2010/08/looking-at-morning-newspaper-is-often.html

Cabrini-Green Tutoring Program

Casa Central

Chicago HOPES

Chicago Lights
http://tmcpip.blogspot.com/2010/07/site-visit-to-chicago-lights-summer-day.html

Chicago Youth Centers (ABC Center)

Chicago Youth Centers – Elliott Donnelly

Circle Urban Ministries

Community Building Tutors

East Village Youth Program

Erie Neighborhood House

Family Matters

Gads Hill Center
http://nicolecabrini.blogspot.com/2009/03/gads-hill-center.html

Indo American Center

Link Unlimited
Mercy Housing

Midtown Center for Boys
http://nicolecabrini.blogspot.com/2009/03/midtown-center-for-boys.html

PEAK (Partnership to Educate Kids)
http://tmcpip.blogspot.com/2010/10/peak-site-visit.html

Programs in Englewood

Scholarship Chicago

Wicker Park Learning Center

Working in the Schools and Chicago Lights
http://nicolecabrini.blogspot.com/search/label/Working%20in%20the%20Schools