Cabrini Connections

KIDS’ CONNECTION

10 years of memories

1993-2003

Cabrini Connections, 1993-2003 photo journal. Property Cabrini Connections, Tutor/Mentor Connection
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The Wards Years
1993 to 1999 hosted at Montgomery Ward Corporate Headquarters

Cabrini Connections was created in 1992, as a 7th to 12th grade version of a program begun by Montgomery Ward Corporate headquarters volunteers in 1965.

The program operated on the 21st floor of the Ward Corporate HQ building, in donated space, from 1993 to 1999.
THE WARDS YEARS

Staff in 1997, included Julie Hamilton, Jimmy Biggs, Gena Schoen, Dave Whitaker. Jimmy started with tutoring at Wards while in elementary school and joined the CC staff after finishing high school.

Video group created in 1995. Three of these students have graduated from college. One way in the HAIRSPRAY movie.
THE WARDS YEARS


Still connected via Internet. The students and some of the volunteers on this page are still connected to Cabrini Connections via sites like Facebook and Linked-In on the Internet.
Board of Directors, 1998, included five members who started as volunteers, as early as 1973.

Merri Dee of WGN TV was an early supporter.
Volunteers came from different business and professional backgrounds. Sports figures visited as speakers.
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All of these teens are now adults. Some have finished college. Some are still connected to volunteers. Most have children of their own and they would benefit if they had access to a program like Cabrini Connections in their neighborhood.
In July 1999 Cabrini Connections and the Tutor/Mentor Connection moved from donated space in the Montgomery Ward Headquarters Complex, to rented space. The Kids’ Connection moved into space at Holy Family Lutheran Church, on Larrabee, between two public housing high rise buildings, while the T/MC moved to space at 1111 N. Wells Street. The following pages of photos are from the two years of tutor/mentor sessions at the Church location.
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Thank you all for sticking with Cabrini Connections during the two years we operated from two buildings in Cabrini Green.

The teens in these photos include recent college graduates, and young adults starting their own families. They also still require support from Cabrini Connections and the Tutor/Mentor Connection.

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