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**Beyond Basics
Open House**



Thursday, October 7
Thursday, November 4
10 am - 1 pm

Join us for a visit to two of our school sites.

To RSVP or for questions, please contact [Sharla Stabile](#).

For more information about our organization please visit <http://beyondbasics.org>.



Dear Friends and Supporters of Beyond Basics,

We are excited to begin a new school year in anticipation of all the children, teachers, volunteers and supporters of Beyond Basics who will come together to accomplish our mission. We have been doing this long enough to know that many blessings lay before us and we will see them unfold as we move forward with our desire to help children.

As you may know, we change the destiny of children in just 6 weeks. We encourage them to believe in themselves through a variety of mentoring programs where you can be personally involved.

It has long been a desire for us to communicate with you regularly, sharing the good that we accomplish and highlighting those who make an impact. We are starting to post a weekly Newsletter that, in addition to news and events, will have a topic of the week, allowing us to share many different aspects of this organization with you over the course of a year.

As my thoughts are focused on beginnings I am reminded of the first three children I read with on a regular basis at Herman Elementary: Aubrey, Aubronique and Destiny. We were just piloting programs then, so each experience was new. At that point, we didn't have big dreams; we just wanted to help children. With hindsight I would say we didn't realize the dream would have to be so big to help all those in need.

As I listened to Aubronique try to read and gazed at her I wondered, where will she be in 5 - 10 years if someone doesn't do something NOW. It was that thought that motivated us to do more.

Being in the school helped us see clearly the children's extreme poverty and deprived living conditions, as well as the inequities in public education between suburb and city. It was (and still remains), the children's enthusiasm for learning that provided the catalyst to create and grow the Beyond Basics organization into what it is today.

Thank you for your support and involvement which allows us to do this very important work.

Sincerely,
Pamela Good, Executive Director
Beyond Basics

Board Members in the News

Board Member David Farbman is featured in [dbusiness magazine](#) as one of their "30 In Their Thirties, Business Leaders of Tomorrow ... Today." His profile appears in the magazine's September/October issue.



Beyond Basics Board Member Linda Orlans will be the guest speaker at The Community House on Thursday, September 23 at 7:30 a.m. The Community House is an organization for influential women in the local area. For reservation information please call 248-644-5832.

Executive Director Pamela Good on WJR

Beyond Basics Executive Director Pamela Good is featured in an interview this month on WJR Radio. Good is interviewed by Board Member David Farbman about the organization's work with school children in the Detroit area. The interview will air at various times. It will also be available soon on the Beyond Basics [web site](#).



Question of the Week

According to an article by columnist George Will, children in different economic circumstances are exposed to different numbers of words by age 4, and this difference affects their literacy when they begin school. How many more words do you think the average child in a professional household hears than in a working class or welfare household by age 4?

Please go to the [Beyond Basics page](#) on Survey Monkey to answer. We'll post the correct response and the results of the poll next week.