



Changing Lives Through Literacy

Upcoming Events:

- Next Tutor Training : June 16 and 23, 2011 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm VITA Training Room
- United Way Day of Action : June 21, 2011
- June Board Meeting: June 15, 2011
- Tutor Support Meeting: July 2011

Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults

The Pleasures of Caring for Grandchildren

By Dorothy Thomas
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Tayzeon (age 5) likes to run the vacuum and empty the trash. He also loves riding his new bike that I gave him for Christmas. He likes to play soccer ball outside. He runs around in the backyard.

Tristan (age 4) likes to watch movies. His favorites are *Over the Hedge*, *Night at the Museum*, and *Alvin and the Chipmunks*.

Tyriel (age 3) likes to

come to Mommom's house to wash dishes, fix the bed, and do the wash. When I'm in the kitchen, she likes to help me cook. She likes to



bake french fries and chicken nuggets in the oven. She also loves babysitting her sister.

Trenel (14 months) when she enters my

house she comes toward me with her little hands up in the air for me to pick her up. She gives me a kiss and then she places her little hands on my chest and pushes herself off. Then she goes to play with the toys in the toy box with a smile on her face and saying Mommom.

I like it when my grandchildren come to visit me. They give me such joy!

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VITA Board Is Cross-Section of the Community

Educators, bankers, and business people make up the VITA Board of Directors. Their skills in the business world help make VITA a successful organization.

Of the 16 current board members, 10 have served or are currently serving as tutors. They are Jeff Ackermann, Earl Alleman, Etta Brew, Gene Cole, John Hebert, John Hiatt, Barbara Kinchen, Moses Morgan, Mary

Neiheisel, and Bruce Snow. Several have tutored the same student for many years.

At present, the members consist of 5 educators (Etta Brew, Mary Neiheisel, Ken Villemarette, Jerri Caillier, and Dr. Huey McCauley), 3 money-managers such as bankers and CPAs (Earl Alleman, John Hebert, and Pat McCarthy), 3 oil-field related professionals such as geologists and engineers (Gene Cole, John Hiatt, and Bruce

Snow), an attorney (Jeff Ackermann), a real estate agent (Barbara Kinchen), a mental health technician (Moses Morgan), a city director of administrative services (Gail Smith) and an insurance agent (Bill Bowers).

The VITA staff, students, and tutors thank you for using your special skills to promote literacy in Acadiana.