Build Your Influence

- Once you have experienced being a greeter, tell friends, colleagues and family how much fun greeting is and the personal satisfaction you feel.
- Introduce potential greeters to the program by asking them to meet you at the school on your greeting day. Model greeting and encourage them to emulate you.
- Make a connection with the principal to build a relationship and credibility. Share the culture and norms of the school with the community.
- Learn the businesses in the attendance area of the school. Let them know you are a greeter. One interested listener is all you need at a time to explain and ask them to commit to just one time. The commitment will take care of itself through your warm attitude and excitement.
- Take time to meet regularly and fellowship with other greeters and volunteers at YOUR school. This networking has additional benefits for you and the school community.

Omaha Public Schools
Greeters Program

Office of Community, School and Family Engagement
Tel: (531) 299-0314
ocsfe.ops.org

You can access a Volunteer Application form at ocsfe.ops.org, under “Volunteer Registration.”

Million Father March at Mt. View

10 Pilot Schools
Conestoga    King
Druid Hill   Lothrop
Franklin     Mt. View
Kellom       Skinner
Kennedy      Wakonda

The Greeters Program utilizes volunteers to welcome students in a friendly and respectful way as they arrive to school in the morning. The program is presently implemented in ten elementary schools.
IMPACT OF A GREETER

As a greeter you automatically become a community leader in the school by:

◆ Developing a kinship with the school and community, based on a pre-set purpose, building trust and ownership.
◆ Learning the culture of the school and becoming an advocate in the community.
◆ Providing a sense of security for students as a whole and for individual students as an informal mentor.
◆ Assisting teachers in understanding the culture of your community.

Compensation & Benefits Package:

◆ Payment in six figures: S-M-I-L-E-S.
◆ Personal satisfaction of caring, compassion and making a difference.
◆ Planting seeds of hope for the future.
◆ Abundant appreciation for your faithful dedication.
◆ Opportunity to contribute to teaching and learning through informal mentoring.

Procedure for Becoming a Greeter

◆ Individuals or organizations who want to greet should contact one of the pilot schools that have the program. Speak to the principal or coordinator for the program. Contact the Office of Community, School and Family Engagement, (531-299-0314) if no specific school is preferred.
◆ Every potential greeter must complete the OPS Application for Volunteer Services. No social security numbers or extensive background checks are required.
◆ The volunteer application forms are available at the school, or on the OCSFE website, ocsfe.ops.org
◆ Completed forms are turned into the school’s coordinator.
◆ The principal or coordinator will contact you to confirm the greeting start date.
◆ School personnel will let you know where they would like you to position yourself to greet.
◆ Participate as a Greeter knowing that you will make a positive impact.