

ON TRACK TO SUCCESS

UNITED WAY/CENTRAIDE WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY

2015-16 YEAR END REPORT



**United Way
Centraide**
Windsor-Essex County

SUCCESSES:

B-

75% of the students enrolled in the On Track to Success program have achieved a **B- average or higher** in their first year of high school.

100%

The percentage of **students that passed** and received their credits during the past school year.

306

The number of **hours of tutoring** provided to students this past school year.

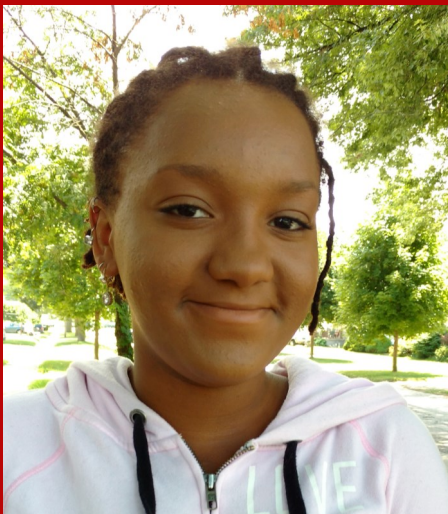
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Another positive outcome of the On Track program is the **improvement in school attendance and behaviour** from all of the students

On Track to Success in Action (From Top) ►

- On Track to Success students get engaged in their community by volunteering at ACCESS Community Garden.
- Discovering new possibilities: On Track to Success students learn how to become leaders and beat to their own drum.
- Members from Women Leading the Way take the students back-to-school shopping to boost confidence and self-esteem before entering high school.
- Green Shield Canada employees visit Leamington to see the On Track to Success program in action.
- On Track to Success students tour DJ Galvanizing to learn about careers in the steel industry.





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- Korra-Lee on the support that she receives from United Way's On Track to Success Program

KORRA'S STORY

Hello, my name is Korra-Lee Rose and I am a member of the On Track to Success program. It is an amazing program that has personally helped me a lot. It is a program that helps me get through high school and helps me with tuition for College. It provides me with many opportunities including: tutoring, transportation, mentoring and much more. In my grade eight year my teacher selected a couple of us to sign up for the On Track to Success program. I understood it would help me financially which was highly appreciated but I never knew what else it could help me with in my life.

When I found out I had a meeting with Liam (the representative from United Way). I was so nervous I did something I had been dreading for months... I cleaned my room! But when I did meet Liam he made me feel comfortable. Something he continues to do until this day. I am still amazed that I can speak publicly because I have been dealing with anxiety and depression for years though I was only diagnosed this year.

When my mom found out that something was wrong she instantly called Liam for help. He set me up with a Therapist and Counsellor and that's how I got diagnosed. You could genuinely tell that he cared. He also gave me a look into my future. I want to be an activist or a missionary. Someone who make a difference in lives like Liam.

In the On Track to Success program I have made many life long friends. Even though we've only been together since last September, it feels like I've known them forever. It's almost like a big family. When you spend so much time with a great group of individuals you automatically grow a connection to them. Along with the people I knew from elementary school, I've met plenty of other remarkable beings that I genuinely love.

Somehow, with doing all these activities as one, we have developed stronger relationships than some of the friendships I've had for longer periods of time. It genuinely makes me happy, how I've watched all these beautiful people grow over the year, including myself.

I don't necessarily look or act, like the me I was last year. Over the past year I have grown much happier, and stronger and I think it is because of this program. Even after the break downs I've had in front of the whole group, although most people would push me away, the group did not, they welcomed me with open arms... especially Liam.

After this year I feel like I almost overcame my depression and anxiety. I have completely reinvented myself into a healthier and happier life style.

At the start of the year I feel bad for anyone who crossed paths with me because I was angry and tended to be mean to people. I am not even going to lie, just ask Liam, I'm sure he caught a lot of attitude from me.

My purpose of this is to tell my story and how United Way helped me but with telling my story I don't want any of your sympathy. **I'm telling you my story to show you how United Way can change lives just how it has changed mine and that's why you should donate.**

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