



YOU HAVE MADE OUR YEAR A SUCCESS!

Here at the ARKGroup, our goal has always been to make sure that kids of all ages feel loved, cared for, valued, and special. No matter what their circumstances, every child deserves to have at least one adult in their life that they can depend on to set boundaries and consequences, establish positive expectations, and provide large doses of unconditional love and care. This year we have dedicated our energy toward helping parents and teachers develop relationships with their children, families, and students that will create joy-filled and productive lives.



Elementary School
ARK for Parents Group

Because of your financial support, volunteer time, suggestions, words of encouragement, and prayers, we have been able to provide facilitator trainings, videos, manuals, incentives, program guidance, and mentoring for thousands of parents, teachers, teens, and kids within the larger Houston area. We are very excited about this next year! We have several surprises in store, including a redesign of the ARK website and the opportunity to have new videos to share with those that are using our ARK programs.



Middle School ARK for Teachers Group

THANK YOU for your donation of time, talent, and treasure that make our wonderful mission possible!

Dr. Glenn Wilkerson, President & Founder of ARK (Adults Relating to Kids)

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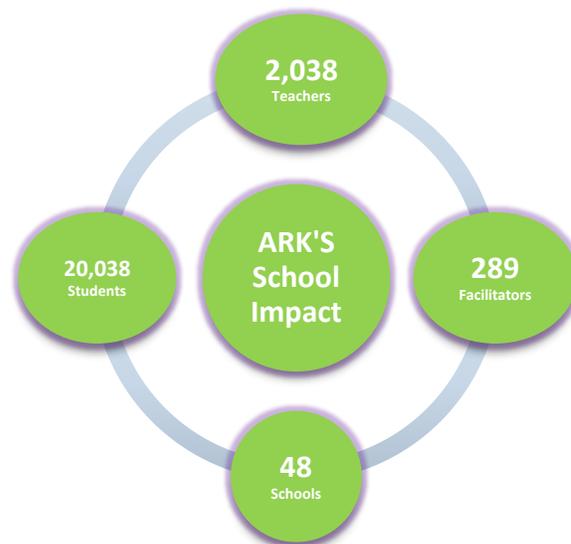
Great Wins for ARK

Dr. Wilkerson
with Cy-Fair ISD
Principals

2015 Spotlight—An Educational Focus

We offer ARK (Adults Relating to Kids) programming in schools, churches, juvenile justice venues, state prisons, and various community organizations. For the past couple of years, our Administrative and Advisory Boards have encouraged us “not to spread ourselves too thin” and to determine a “five-year focus” for the concentration of our efforts. So, while continuing to employ the ARK process in all of our venues, our primary emphasis in 2015 has been to implement *ARK for Teachers* and *ARK for Parents* in schools. Working cooperatively with school districts and individual campuses, the opportunity to enrich the lives of children and youth through our educational system is vast and worthy of a primary focus. We are currently serving schools in Aldine ISD, Spring ISD, Houston ISD, and Cy-Fair ISD, as well as AVANCE Head Start and Lone Star College campuses.

Here’s a Snapshot of our educational impact in Houston for Year 2015.



ARK Research Success Calls for an Expansion in 2016

A study by doctoral students at the University of Houston’s School of Education shows that the small-group, peer-mentoring, problem-solving ARK process—with its primary emphasis upon building caring teacher/student relationships—is *unique* in its contribution to quality education in the classroom.

An on-going Sam Houston State University study confirms the U of H study and further demonstrates that *ARK for Teachers* at Aldine ISD has *significantly...*

- Improved academic performance
- Decreased incidences of classroom misbehavior
- Increased daily student attendance

Dr. Wanda Bamberg, Superintendent at Aldine ISD, believes that the unique ARK process is a vital educational tool and encourages us to expand *ARK for Teachers* to school districts across America. Our caring for the education and social/emotional health of kids obliges us to do so!

Opportunities to Further Support ARK

- ❖ Our ARK DVD lessons were *cutting edge* in 2004 when they were first filmed but, with the changes in technology, need to be updated. While some classics never go out of style, we are seeking donations to usher the *ARK for Parents* program (including its ten "Lesson Videos") into the 21st century and to shoot a more current *Introduction to ARK* video that will be shared by parents, teachers, other interested individuals, and organizations.

The *Introduction* video and each of the ten "Lesson Videos" will cost \$5,000 apiece.

- ❖ We now have a wonderful library of twelve ARK Manuals (and accompanying "Lesson Videos"):
 - *ARK for Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers*
 - *ARK for Elementary Teachers (Volume 1 and Volume 2)*
 - *ARK for Secondary Teachers (Volume 1, Volume 2, and Volume 3)*
 - *ARK for Parents (English)*
 - *ARK for Parents (Spanish)*
 - *ARK for Christian Parents*
 - *ARK for College*
 - *ARK for Teens*
 - *ARK for Kids*

All the Manuals and videos are current except for *ARK for Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers* -- which is eight years old and in need of revision.

The revision and reproduction of *the Pre-K and Kindergarten Manual* will cost \$5,000, and producing the accompanying "Lesson Video" will also cost \$5,000.

- ❖ **A contribution of *any* amount will be gratefully received and will further our mission!**

Your tax-free gifts to ARK will enable our nationally-acclaimed programs to be provided to schools, early learning centers, churches, women's and family shelters, juvenile justice programs, prisons, and community service organizations. Donations should be made out to "The ARKGroup" and addressed as follows:

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2015 Year-end Snapshot

