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# ASLAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Thank You For Your Support



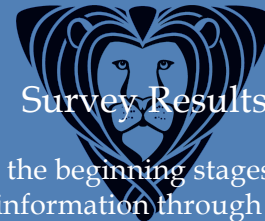
All of you who receive this letter support Aslan financially.

***We need more people like you!***

Without your giving, Aslan could not exist, and hundreds of children – like Mikayla above – would not

have a safe place to learn about God and grow to become leaders in our society.

This 14-year-old young lady has a beautiful voice and recently won a major competition at the McDonald's Gospel Fest in Newark, NJ!



## Survey Results

Aslan is in the beginning stages of collecting information through an anonymous Student Survey. We only have a small sampling, but here are the results so far. Respondents (19); ages ( 19 - 55).

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100 percent have graduated from high school.

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Two have PhDs.

3

Five have Master degrees.

4

Two have Bachelor degrees.

5

Four have degrees from Technical or Trade School, two are in college, and one has some college.

Have you ever wondered about or doubted the effectiveness of Aslan's programs? These results are proof positive that we're doing it right!

***There's only one Aslan!***

## Education ~ the key that unlocks the future . . .

There is no vacation from the needs of the children Aslan ministers to. Sociologists have long known that at-risk, urban children begin school each September behind where they ended the prior school year. Middle class children and those from wealthier families begin school each September ahead! Camp Aslan, summer tutoring and myriad activities keep

our children learning throughout the summer. Donations to Aslan during summer months are always low. Will you please consider giving a special gift!

***Thank you for being "the oil in our lamp."***

Mikayla has been a part of Aslan since she was 5 years old, and she's blossoming into a sweet and talented young woman. This is in large part because of invaluable help from her wonderful tutor, Nancy (pictured right with Mikayla). She's spent countless hours over the past few years helping Mikayla achieve in school and in life. Many of our tutors like Nancy take their students to cultural events, church and to participate in other enriching activities. This results in growth ~ body, mind and spirit ~ in our students throughout the year!

We recently learned that an

Aslan student who graduated years ago asked her tutor to be the *Matron of Honor* at her wedding because her mother had passed away. Another dedicated couple tutored a young man back in the 90s and have continued to mentor and encourage him on a regular basis over the years. Through this, they have developed a lifelong friendship!

Aslan is relationship-driven to the core. A wonderful result of our work is bringing people together and, through love, watching racial barriers dissolve!



## Love Never Fails

### 1 Corinthians 13

*If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.*  
~ Mother Teresa



## Kimberly Callas – Discovering The Ecological Self

Aslan is continually instilling in our children the fact that God has made us caretakers of this beautiful earth and all the creatures He has placed here. *The Pollination Project* awarded Kimberly Callas, a professor at Monmouth University, a grant for her work with a group of our students. The article, right, was published on their website: [www.thepollinationproject.org](http://www.thepollinationproject.org).

Our focus at Aslan is trying to find real ways to help our kids connect with God and feel His presence in their lives. We help them learn to feel God's presence in their interactions with others and the world around them ~ opening new doors and windows through which they can begin to understand that they're not alone ~ that God is all around them wherever they go.

While reinforcing the values Aslan teaches, Professor Callas was able to bring a new perspective to these young minds regarding God's creation through art she helped them create. In this digital age it is very difficult for our children to feel they're a part of nature, so we place, at the very heart of it, picking wild raspberries off a bush; feeling the woolly coat of a live sheep; seeing a sculpture made out of clay from the dust of the earth; looking at a tree rooted in the earth with branches reaching up to the sun; understanding this as a symbol of how they need to have strong roots in the knowledge of God and arms that always reach out to Him!