

September 24, 2021

Mr. Jay Whitehurst **National Retail Properties** 450 South Orange Ave., Suite 900 Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Jay,

In order to have a chance at a productive life, a child must have at least one adult relationship that is" positive, caring, and long-term." Dr. Del Elliott, Surgeon General Report on Youth Violence

ELEVATE Orlando provides a positive role model to fill the gap in the lives of the urban youth we serve in Central Florida. Your investment in our students' future makes all the difference! Let's continue to walk alongside our students and equip them to thrive and reach their highest potential.

As a valued partner, we would like to share ELEVATE's current accomplishments:

- 98% cumulative graduation of ELEVATE seniors, 100% of seniors graduating the past 5 years
- 96% cumulative placement into college, military, or vocational training
- 12 ELEVATE Orlando Scholarships were awarded totaling \$37,500
- 100% Bonding Rate
- 2,000+ students involved weekly
- 19 Orange County Public Schools in partnership with ELEVATE
- 15 Teacher/Mentors serving the Evans, Oak Ridge, and Jones High School communities

I have listed just a few of the many life-changing things that have happened at ELEVATE Orlando. Our continued success is dependent upon the generous and consistent support of the community and your partnership.

We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience or visit our website at www.ELEVATEOrlando.org to make an easy, secure online donation. Your partnership and support are deeply appreciated. Please feel free to contact Sarah Hanson or me at 321-203-4403 if you have any questions or concerns. Mank you Tay othe WWN Teem! Im grateful for your Parmership, and investments in our students!

President

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NO ONE GETS THERE ALONE

ACCREDITED Classes

ONE-ON-ONE Mentorship

HANDS-ON
Adventure

COLLEGE & CAREER
Planning



## Why We Show Up

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MILLION STUDENTS DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL IN THE US EACH YEAR 76%

MINORITY
ENROLLMENT IN
ORANGE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

98%

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION RATE OF
ELEVATE STUDENTS
SINCE 2009

96%

PLACEMENT RATE
INTO COLLEGE,
MILITARY, OR
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



## 13 Character Qualities & Life Skills

Vision • Courage • Respect • Caring • Responsibility • Integrity Positive Work Ethic • Career-Mindedness • Communication Leadership • Problem-Solving • Decision-Making • Goals-Setting

## 5 **ELEVATE**Distinctives

- ELEVATE employs full-time Teacher/Mentors, representative of our student population, who are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.
- Our year-round programming is not limited to the school year and includes summer and holiday activities.
- High school students mentor elementary students becoming leaders and role models.
- Using a long-term relational approach, our staff works with students from year-to-year, developing a "pipeline" of influence from 2nd to 12th Grade.
- ELEVATE focuses on four program areas: Accredited Classes, Mentorship, Adventure, and College & Career.

"ELEVATE offers hope, guidance, and connection to our students. In turn, our students become empowered to navigate their lives with success as their focus."

Jennifer Bohn, 1st ELEVATE Teacher & current Safe Coordinator at Evans High School

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