

Featured Program Overview: "Bring the Author to the Classroom"

Presented in partnership with Learning Dimensions

The Dorothy A. Swope Foundation is beyond excited to present this initiative, made possible through the generous support and funding from the **Comer Family Foundation Fund at The Chicago Community Trust**.

Program Vision & Mission

True education begins with a spark of interest. As a core feature of the Dorothy A. Swope Education Fund, the **"Bring the Author to the Classroom"** program is designed to ignite curiosity, foster digital and literary literacy, and cultivate a lifelong passion for reading among diverse learners.

By connecting students directly with a published author, the program demystifies the creative writing process and provides young minds with relatable role models in literature, storytelling, and creative expression.

Core Initiatives & Deliverables

✓ Engaging Literary Sessions

Author Monica Swope conducts a dynamic, interactive 45-to-60 minute literacy session tailored to the grade level. These sessions focus on standard-aligned writing concepts, the power of narrative voice, and personal resilience themes such as bravery, risk-taking, and mindfulness.

✓ The Gift of Literacy & Book Signing

To reinforce learning and provide a meaningful keepsake, every single student in the participating classrooms receives a personally signed, complimentary copy of one of the books from Monica Swope's celebrated collection of children's literature.

PROGRAM SCOPE

Target Audience

Two K-12 classrooms annually.

Location Focus

Chicago and surrounding Chicagoland areas, prioritizing schools with diverse learner populations.

Featured Author

Monica Swope (Founder of Learning Dimensions & President of the Foundation).

ABOUT THE LEGACY

The **Dorothy A. Swope Foundation** honors the life and 50-year career of a master educator by investing in the lives of learners, providing scholarships, and supporting innovative learning projects.

Learning Dimensions is a premier educational consultancy specializing in student-centered curriculum development and transformative pedagogical design.

✓ Fully Sponsored Impact

Thanks to our grant partners, all costs—including author honorariums, workshops, workshop materials, and individual student books—are 100% covered. This removes all financial barriers for participating schools and families.

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