

Northwestern Settlement nurtures, educates, and inspires children and families in need, empowering them to take personal responsibility and attain self-sufficiency. Since its founding in 1891, Northwestern Settlement has served Chicago's West Town community by offering comprehensive, "wrap-around" services that fit the holistic needs of our 'neighbors'. Last year, our staff and volunteers served 38,000 neighbors, through more than 70 programs focused on education, social services and the arts. Currently, Northwestern Settlement offers Educational programming, including: *Rowe Elementary School, Head Start* and *ESL Classes*; Social Services programming, including: *Food Pantry, Emergency Services Program*, and Arts programming, including *Adventure Stage Chicago* theater program and *Neighborhood Bridges* community and school outreach program.

To address the lack of quality educational options in West Town, Northwestern Settlement, in partnership with Bain & Co., the global management consulting firm, and Exelon Corporation, opened Rowe Elementary School in 2009. During the 2011-2012 school year, Rowe will serve 350 "scholars" in grades K – 4, and will add one additional grade each successive school year until reaching grades K – 8.

Rowe's mission is to prepare all of its K-8 scholars to succeed in and graduate from college. The school delivers an academically rigorous curriculum, infused with the Settlement's unique socially and emotionally supportive social service programs, accessible to students and families. Serving a diverse, underserved community lacks educational options that successfully prepare students for college, Rowe strives is to instill the college mindset and holistically prepares "scholars" and their families to achieve a college diploma. Rowe objectives include: 80% Mastery in Literacy and Math school-wide; 100% college prep high school acceptance rate for of 8th graders; and 100% of families believe their children will attend college. The Settlement has extensive experience achieving bold education and student achievement goals, having co-founded Noble Street Charter School in 1997 and operating it through 2008, during which time it achieved its reputation as one of our nation's premier charter schools.

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