

**Community Service 2011 Company of the Week: LPL Financial
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LPL Financial Helps At-Risk Teens Discover Career Possibilities



Vinny Nyamathi, a member of LPL Financial's Employee Volunteer Corps, visited with students from Crossroads for Kids in Boston.

As the nation's largest independent broker/dealer*, LPL Financial is committed to serving the community and making an impact in the lives of others. This year LPL Financial launched a series of special opportunities to give at-risk student populations a glimpse into the professional world. In Charlotte, they partnered with Communities In Schools, a national dropout-prevention organization that empowers students to stay in school and achieve in life. Boston volunteers engaged with children from Crossroads for Kids, an enrichment program that provides Boston youth year-round mentoring.

LPL Financial employee volunteers in Boston and Charlotte served as professional role models by hosting students in their office, providing an opportunity for them to experience the workplace firsthand, and familiarizing them with professional manners and etiquette. Executives met with the at-risk teens to discuss career paths and shared tips on how to build their own career.

The insights shared by LPL Financial volunteers were met with great enthusiasm and curiosity—the students asked countless questions and sought meaningful guidance in choosing the right career, understanding educational requirements, and finding meaningful employment.

“Our students walked away with a broadened perspective about career choices,” an agency employee said. “It was so valuable for our teens to see professionals who are passionate about what they do and successful in their fields.”

“LPL Financial is deeply committed to helping young people overcome obstacles and access the resources they need to be able to realize their potential. We are delighted to partner with our community agencies to engage with these promising and inspiring young people,” said Kandis Bates, executive vice president, chief communication officer.

LPL Financial plans to expand the mentoring program to San Diego this year, and increase their participation in all locations in 2012.

* As reported in Financial Planning magazine 1996-2011, based on total revenues.

Congratulations LPL Financial!