

Waco One Thousand: Public Service Announcement

Hello, I'm Bernard Rapoport. I want to tell you about a group of our friends and neighbors who care enough about our community to do something about its future. They have joined my wife Audre and me to form the Waco One Thousand.

Because we see our future in the children who need our help, we're all going into Waco elementary schools for one hour each week to help youngsters learn to read and do simple arithmetic.

These children really want to learn. They want to get good marks and pass the TAAS tests. But they need special help to do that. And they can't get that help at home that we used to. These little eight and nine year olds who are already falling dangerously behind, need to know that someone cares at a time when they are beginning to feel like failures.

Those of us in the Waco One Thousand are not professional tutors. Most of us have never tutored anyone but our own children and we never thought of that as "tutoring". We knew they needed help and we gave it to them.

That's exactly what we do in the Waco schools. The principals and teachers are waiting for us. We meet the child or children who need

**our help. We get to know 'em a little and then we get to work together.
It sounds simple because it is simple.**

**Waco is on the edge of a new era of growth and development. But
there is no future for a community which is not proud of its schools
...Just as there is no future for a community with an uneducated work
force.**

**We've got to make that future happen. And that future is just some
little third grader who needs your help to learn to read or do arithmetic.**

**Call 756-4199. That's 756-4199. We'll tell you what to do and make the
contacts for you. Call today or tomorrow morning and join the Waco
One Thousand.**
