



## GUIDE THE THUNDER

This program is designed for Lightning players, coaches and alumni to tutor and mentor 100 at-risk youth from diverse backgrounds, using hockey as a means to teach life lessons to kids who might not otherwise have those kinds of opportunities.

These students eagerly anticipate each Monday, when they get the opportunity to spend 60-90 minutes talking about school or life issues with a Lightning mentor. Then, they head to the rink where they lace up and put on full hockey gear, courtesy of the program, and learn the importance of teamwork and competition as the on-ice portion of the program begins. Afterwards, they're fed a healthy and balanced meal at the end of the day and taken back home.

Many of these children are from economically disadvantaged households. The program's goal is not to produce first-round NHL draft picks, but rather to help these children understand the importance of education and making good, productive decisions. The guidance and mentorship they receive could help some of them become the first in their family to go to college.

