



Community Involvement:

Over the years, the Team at Financial Dynamics, LLC has been an active force in our community, donating expertise, time and money to well-managed organizations that have an impact and to causes we believe in. The list of recipients is long. This year, we are excited to bring one of our favorite organizations to your attention.

B.I.O.N.I.C.

<https://www.bionicteam.org/>

The Mission:

B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care) creates more caring schools, organizations, and communities that support, encourage, and connect those facing challenging times.

The Goals:

- To make new students feel welcome;
- To reach out to hospitalized students;
- To reach out to students with extended illnesses/health conditions;
- To reach out to students and their families, and staff that experience the death of a loved one;
- To reach out to other schools that experience tragedies;
- To empower bystanders to prevent bullying;

The Story:

The B.I.O.N.I.C. Team was started by school counselor Sandy Austin in the 2004-05 school year at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, Colorado in response to four

suicides of students at our school a couple years earlier. It is a club to help support students and staff going through challenging times and prevent other students from falling through the cracks. As a result, the B.I.O.N.I.C. Teams at Green Mountain and Pomona reached over 140,000 people in 14 years and has expanded worldwide. Over 950 schools around the world have inquired about starting a B.I.O.N.I.C. Team on their school campus. Through the B.I.O.N.I.C. Team, young people are making a difference in their world by helping others facing challenging times such as new students, sick or hospitalized students, bullied students, students and staff who lose loved ones, and other schools experiencing tragedy.