

# PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Expose students to positive character traits and values that can be embraced and demonstrated within their daily lives.

- ✔ Help students understand the power of having a vision beyond where they are that instills hope for the future.
- ✔ Provide students healthy ways of dealing with conflict and encourage them to commit to adopting and living out the tools and techniques that lead to less violence.
- ✔ Have students demonstrate and practice positive responses to negative situations as an alternative to negative reactions during intense moments of disagreement.
- ✔ Motivate and empower students to work hard and use critical-thinking skills when faced with challenging problems.
- ✔ Give students tools to overcome obstacles and build healthy relationships in the process.
- ✔ Empower students to make their best choices based on the consideration of the possible consequences of every decision.



## MEET THE PROGRAM DEVELOPERS

Mansfield and Sharlene Key, pictured at right, are the developers of the Lunch with the Keys Program. It was during Middle School that a teacher noticed Mansfield was having a problem with his reading. This teacher spoke positively into his life and gave him hope, coupled with unconventional and non-traditional teaching assistance. This assistance changed the trajectory of his life, and is the inspiration behind the Lunch with the Keys Program.

*“No one drops out of school, commits a school shooting or suicide because they failed algebra. These incidents typically occur because of a lack of hope. Lunch with the Key was created to Build Character, Instill Hope, and Give students the tools to resolve conflict without violence.”*

- Mansfield Key III and Sharlene Key

