

November, 2011

Summertime Fun!!!

This summer we provided five weeks of Summertime Fun to almost 150 Azusa students grades K-12. This was a record number of students for us! And while these large numbers produced challenges, hearing the squeals of delight were worth all of the challenges. Students were able to explore the Santa Fe Dam, learn about how special they are with church partners, have ecology lessons provided by **Waste Management**, enjoy fishing in our beautiful canyon, and spend a week near Lake Arrowhead.

Four of our senior high students (3 pictured) were able to reside and work on the **University of New Mexico's** campus. Read how Danny, an 11th grade student, describes his experience.

Well it was cool. The best thing was meeting a lot of new people. Those that worked there were really helpful and told you lots of things about what to expect at college. I learned a lot about how much it cost to go to college and how it would be to be a college student. UNM has a program that helps kids at a place like Homework House. I am going to apply there because they have a good architecture program and the campus was really nice. I also liked that you don't have to drive to school, just get up and go to class.

I think other Homework House students would enjoy meeting other people—about 50 total-- from the area and getting advice about college. I think parents need to know that we have chaperones all of the time! So they don't have to worry about their kids getting in trouble. This really is an eye opening experience! Also LA Works [the partner program] will help you buy college books, pay for your college application and pay you to attend workshops. It's pretty cool!



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for all that you do! We could not provide services to Azusa's at-risk students without your help-and help you did! We were amazed at the number of different groups and individuals who came along side of us to get ready for this school year. We had many partners such as **Easter Seals, APU's City Links, Picasso's, CCV Church** and **APU's Bookstore**. (You can read the published article about the last two donors and their generous gifts on our website).

We also had individuals who went above and beyond, such as **Philip Goss** and his son-in-law. They relocated old refrigerators and picked up and delivered "newer" ones at two of our tutoring centers. Or **Jack Lee** who asked Homework House for a specific needs list and filled it! And how can we forget about **Susan Downs**-every time she does a Costco run, she remembers Homework House with toilet paper and paper towels.

You are all our partners. You are all amazing and we are grateful.

For the last 15 years Homework House has relied on your generosity- and we still do. As we go into our 15th year, our Board of Directors would like to see Homework House begin to maintain a predictable income level. To do this, we need you! You will find information on our website as to how you can help us stabilize and sustain Homework House for years to come.

We are fortunate to have you join us in making a difference in the lives of our students and their families!



**Save the Date
for our March Event**

"The Gift that Keeps on Giving"
March 9, 2012



OUR NEW PARTNERS.....Thank you.... Thank you.....Thank you!

Easter Seals Lend a Helping Hand!

Easter Seals is partnering with Homework house to provide assistance with our mailings and snack delivery. For those who don't know, Easter Seals, a nonprofit, assist individuals with mild developmental delays by providing productive tasks for them. Their mission is to defy stereotypes and give people with limitations a sense of worth. We are most grateful to have the assistance of these willing workers.



Resi-Shred

This environmentally friendly company provides free shredding service to nonprofits. So if you visit the Homework House office at 667 Glenfinnian, you will no longer see our recycle bin overflowing. Instead you will find Resi-Shred bins at each one of our three tutoring centers. Yay!



APU: Federal Work Study, Department of Social Work, Ministry and Service and School of Theology

Azusa Pacific University is a partner that we could not survive without! Each of the APU units noted above provide different services to Homework House. For example, we have five (5) students working in the three locations helping with programing. From the Department of Social Work, we have a graduate student who is completing her final Internship experience with Homework House. We also have two graduating seniors from the School of Theology who are working with our Teen Program and a Ministry and Service Intern who is our connector to the APU community. Some of these faces will be familiar to you but at least four are new with us this year.



Help us save on postage by sending your email address to info@onhh.org

Interact and Rotary

Rotary is a longtime partner of ours and provides needed services. Rotary's Interact Club at Gladstone High School recently partnered with us to provide car booster seats for our families. What a gracious and a life-giving gift. One of the Rotarian's noted that beginning in 2012, children who are less than 49 inches tall will be required to ride in the back seat of cars.



Athens Helped Us Turn Hundreds into Thousands

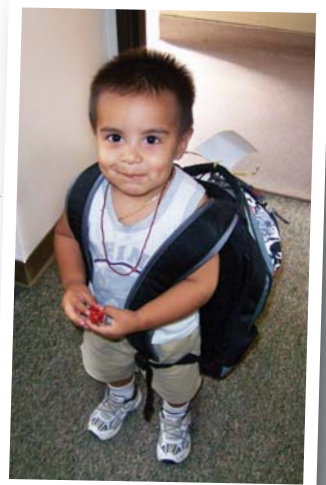
Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our recent fundraiser held in conjunction with Azusa's 2K/5K Golden Days Run-Walk. Homework House raised \$4,000 from the ticket sales. Congratulations to Carolyn Crawford, a Rotarian who resides in Azusa, Who won the 40" Flatscreen TV. A special



thank you to Athens Services, one of our corporate sponsors, who donated the TV. We are grateful to all of those who helped make this event a success.

New Backpacks for Back to School!

Thank you to Azusa Pacific University Bookstore and CCV Church! They donated several hundred new backpacks to our students in September, as we kicked off our new program year. Our families were surprised and overjoyed-and our students had fun choosing a backpack of their own. Also, a new software program allowed us to streamline our registration process for families. The software program will allow us to provide better reports to our donors.



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