

SAVE THE DATE!

Neighborhood Homework House's Annual Fundraising Dinner

"LIGHTING THE WAY"



Friday, March 7, 2014

Those who help us thrive:



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by email: info@onhh.org**

Our mission is to help Azusa's economically and educationally at-risk PK-12 students to advance academically in a supportive setting through parent involvement, mentoring and relationships, community partnerships, and spiritual support.

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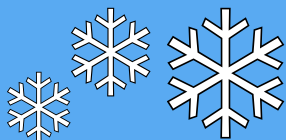




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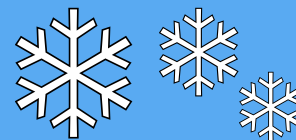
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Parents Learning about Safety and Oral Hygiene

Staff at Learning Seminar

Academic Mentors with students

PK as teacher's helper

Tutors at Learning Seminar

Parent's book study

Parent Leadership Meeting

We all teach...

To teach: To show or explain (to someone) how to do something, to give information or instruction, to cause (someone) to learn or understand something.

At NHH this is what we all do whether we are staff, students, parents or volunteers we teach. We teach formally and informally. NHH has chosen to become intentional teachers whether we are teaching a 3 year old how to write a letter or helping a parent sound out a new English word.

We all learn...

To learn: To gain or acquire knowledge of or skill in (something) by study, experience or being taught

Similarly we all are intentional learners as well. We do so as a staff with quarterly learning sessions where we build our understanding about the larger issues—second language learners or poverty. The NHH parents also expand their knowledge by learning how to become a more engaged parent and how to become a resource within their own neighborhoods.

We know our learning and teaching could not happen without your support. So thank you for joining us teach and learn!

The holidays came and went... ❄️ ❄️



Noche de Gracias

Noche de Gracias (Night of Giving Thanks) We had more than 250 people gather to share a meal and to give thanks. Our parents were amazing! They created some traditional foods such as turkey, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie and our students performed. There were extended family members as well as parents and students that come to the Center week after week.

After Noche de Gracias, seven families were blessed with turkeys that would allow them to serve at least two meals compliments of **Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez**.



Christmas Angels

Finally, it was Christmas! The celebrations began with gifts arriving to the Center from Christmas Angels throughout the community. Thank you to all of you angels! The gifts were sorted and then provided to the students at the various celebrations.

Also, the departments of **Legal & Community Relations, Writing Center, and University Relations** of Azusa Pacific University adopted three families to bless with gifts. One mother left with tears of joy, overwhelmed by the generosity of the sponsors.



Las Posadas

Las Posadas, a namely Mexican celebration re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to find lodging in Bethlehem, is a yearly tradition of NHH families. The evening started with reciting a traditional passage requesting lodging from the innkeeper and then the fun began!

Parents brought tamales, pozole, and hot champurrado served by parent leaders to each table. **Pastor Jonatan Gonzalez** opened the evening with a few words on the Nativity and the Christmas season. The **Ballet Folklorico Azteca De Homework House** performed several dances for our entertainment. The evening ended with games organized by the Parent Committee.

...We were receivers and givers!

Preschool



Our Pre-K students began the celebrations and received learning toys as gifts. The K-5 students had the second celebration with all 110 of them being invited to an evening of fun activities, cookies and milk and of course gifts! A special thank you to **Foothill Church & Foothill Christian School Junior Beta** for the evening. They provided food, drinks and volunteers who created and staffed activities.

Elementary



Junior High



Our junior high students sponsored by the **Azusa Rotary** went ice skating in Pasadena and then returned to the Center to create a thank you and enjoy each other.

The Senior High students chose to give because they had been given so much. They traveled to Skid Row in Los Angeles and helped prepare food packages for those living on the streets. They too returned to the Center, changed, grateful and hopeful.

The Alumni of Homework House also gathered to celebrate the season and to encourage one another.

We are grateful to all of you who gave and assisted our students in learning how to be grateful recipients as well as givers! **We could not do what we do without you!**

Senior High



"Thanks for letting me volunteer and help those in need."

Alumni

