



October 2012

PROBLEM: Learning Loss During The Summer Months

SOLUTION: A Summer Filled With Learning And Exploration

Did you know that research shows that students from low-income homes experience a cumulative learning loss during the summer months?¹ This is why Homework House continues to program during the summer months. This past summer **over 100** students K-12th grade participated in new learning opportunities.

Our K-5th grade students participated in a summer literacy program in partnership with the Azusa Library. We found that approximately **70%** of our students signed up for a library card for the first time! These students also swam, experienced soccer competitions and learned how special they were.

Thirty Homework House teens participated in different activities during the summer. They included a week long camping experience at Lake Arrowhead, a trip to the University of New Mexico for two-weeks and engagement in leadership development activities.

Summer was fun and full of opportunities to explore new possibilities.

¹Rand Report: "Summer an Important Time for All Students To Learn" CSBA Newsletter. 2012





PROBLEM: Only 6
professional staff
members
SOLUTION: YOU



Community Partners

Azusa Canyon City Lion's Club
Azusa Chamber of Commerce
Christ Church of the Valley

Christian Science Group of Azusa
Foothill Church
Foothill Community Church

Glenkirk Church
Vineyard Church Glendora

Churches continue to come along side of us to ensure that our students and their families are shown God's love in tangible ways. Three local churches (highlighted below) provide monthly contributions to assist us in providing services to our students and their families.

One of the amazing partners this summer was **House to Home**. This non-profit agency replaced a leaking roof in one of the facilities for 1/2 of the market cost! Now our children and parents can attend sessions at the facility and not worry about rain. **Christian Faith Center of the Valley** provided skilled laborers to repair ceilings so that the inside would be aesthetically pleasing for our families. **Glenkirk Church** provided scholarships for all of our students grades K-12 to participate in their VBS Summer. Our students felt loved and our teens learned valuable skills while serving in leadership roles. And we cannot forget St. Frances of Rome who generously donated the Parish Hall for our End of the Year Celebration!

We also have partners such as **Rotary**, one Rotarian in particular, **Frank Kearney**, who saves us many dollars on the small repairs at the three sites which keep our students and their families safe. An anchor partner, continues to be **5812 COLDWATER WAY**, who donates the 6th Street location.

Homework House was the recipient of a generous gift from the **Azusa Chamber of**

Commerce when **Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez**

identified us as his non-profit of the year. Moreover, he matched their donation!

Gearing up for the new year with Volunteer Mentor Trainings, cleaning and organizing is made possible mostly by our partnership with **Azusa Pacific University students and interns**. We are always fortunate to have **talented undergraduate and graduate interns** and this year we have a total of **ten (10) amazing young adults** to help us accomplish our work.



Foundations

The Jim Hicks Family Foundation

Sempra Energy Foundation

We continue to be grateful for the Foundations that support us and allow us to continue our work and expand programming opportunities.



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PARA: EDISON

Gracias por apoyar a mis hijos no
contabamos con este gran apoyo de
todo corazón se les agradece que Dios
les de mas de lo que ustedes nos
regalaron,

Gracias

TANIA
Sanchez
Contreras

A big thank you to **Canyon City Bar-B-Q** for donating the food for our End of the Year Celebration and St. Frances for hosting us. **Waste Management**, **Cardinal Labs**, and **Dalia's Pizza** came to our rescue and provided opportunity items for our fundraiser in October in concert with Golden Days.

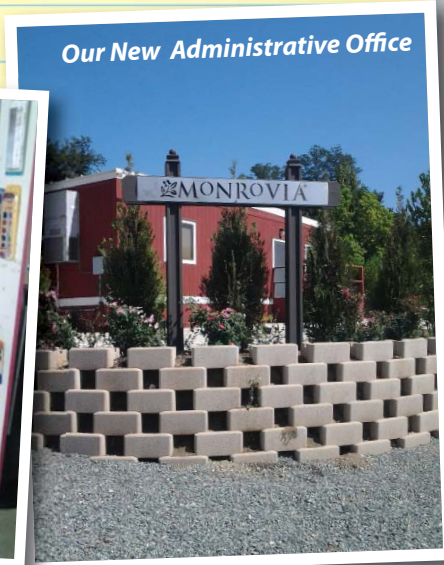
Those lead business partners, **Athens Services** and **Vulcan Materials**, made it possible for Homework House to restructure the March Dinner event with amazing success!

Resi-Shred continues to help us be environmentally good stewards by providing containers and pick up of items to shred at no cost to Homework House.

Northrop Grumman and **Edison** made sure that all of our students started the school year with plenty of materials and that our House Stores were filled with their generous donation of school supplies.

Homework House **greatest gift this last month has been the gift of space.**

The three (3) programming locations are now just for programming because **Monrovia Growers** provided space and office equipment to the administrative staff. The staff members now have a place to meet together and even host confidential meetings. **What a gift!**



Individuals

There are those of you who are Core Givers*, you either gave an annual gift or are giving monthly...we continue to be able to offer our core programs because of your sustained support. Please like us on face book so that your friends will begin to hear about us!

Alrich, Stuart & Jan

Bledsoe, Scott & Abigail

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Siemers, Carol

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Spink, Luke

Torres, Melissa

Whitney, Brian & Amy

Wickersham, Jan

Winslow, Dale & Karen

My Homework House Story

For the past 3 years, I have been tutoring 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. There are so many conversations I have had with these kids. They have given me much to think about and have improved my life. They have made me even more determined to be part of their lives. I am grateful to each and every one of them. It as been an amazing fascinating learning experience for me.

– Loren K.

Learning spelling words:

Me: Let's start with the first word on the list. It's "seashore." What does that mean?

Student: I don't know.

Me: What do you think it means?

Student: It probably means, "I see something, like sure I do."

Me: Hmm. Well, this one is different. It means the shore, the long strip of sand next to the ocean at the beach.

Student: What do you mean?

Me: You know what the ocean looks like?

Student: No, I've never been to the ocean or the beach.



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YOU!