

Chief Executive Officer's Report



November 2006

Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

Tanya Hoxsie

Year-End Events Keep Club Kids, Board Members and Staff Busy

As 2006 comes to an end our calendars are full with year-end activities and holiday fun. All Board members are always invited to part of any of the activities, so mark you calendars and join in the fun. Already this month, we gathered with FV and HB service groups (FV Kiwanis, HB Kiwanis, HB Sunrise Rotary), Disney VoluntEARS, parents and friends to assemble Thanksgiving baskets for our families. Our goal was to collect enough food items to assemble 60-80 baskets of non-perishable goods and then add a \$10 gift certificate for perishables. As it turns out, we were only able to create 40 of the baskets we planned, but we gave out \$20 gift certificates to another 20 families allowing them to buy what they needed for dinner. Next year, we will work harder to rally more of the groups in our community and accomplish our original goal.

EVENTS to COME:

Staff Holiday Party on December 8th. We are collecting donations for drawings that we hold throughout the night.

Board Holiday Party on December 14th at the home of Bob and Tanya Hoxsie, beginning at 6:00PM. Don't miss the fun.

Kids Holiday Party on December 20th at the Kingston Branch. At that event 250 kids on our scholarship programs will experience a night to remember. Activities include a visit and picture with Santa (sponsored by the HB Sunrise Rotary Club), dinner, holiday song and dance in front of a live band, making a gift to give mom or dad, a visit to the toy room and more. It's an event to remember and we need volunteers to make it work. If you can help or would like to contribute or participate in any way, please contact Art at 392-2582 for details.

2006 A Year of Growth!

"I Believe!" in dreamin' ...and that's a good thing, because 2006 was a year for dreams... all with happy endings! Just take a look...



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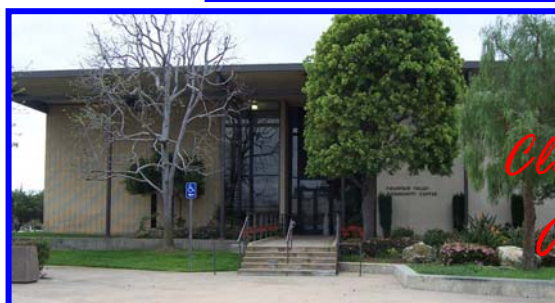
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CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — In September I met with our new trainer for the PITC trainings; her name is Jeri White. Jeri came back on October 9th to set up a schedule for the trainings. On Wednesday, October 25th Jeri will be here to do a pre-observation in the Infant and Toddler Rooms. On September 20th we hosted our monthly United Way Success by 6 peer group meeting; there were 30 Preschool Directors that attended and they were impressed with our new home. On September 29th the NAEYC annual report was mailed and on that same evening we had our parent orientation and it was well attended. October has been an exiting month for the children and staff. On October 3rd, and 4th the Assistance League of Huntington Beach came and did a vision screening for 34 children ages 2.5 – 4.5 yrs old. They came back on October 12th, to re-screening a couple more children, the children did well and they were happy with the bag of goodies that they got after the screening. The Assistance League promised to come back in six months. All the classrooms are looking very nice with the Halloween decorations that the children have been working on. We are planning for the older children to go on a field trip to the pumpkin patch located at Golden West College. For the month of November the children are doing fall activities and learning about Thanksgiving. On November 17, we had our Multi-Cultural Pot Luck where the parents brought food of their culture to share with all the children. We had lots and lots of food, and several parents and grandparents that attended and volunteered on this special day.

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — During the month of November our club has really begun to hit its stride. All program areas are running at their optimum level. It's a wonderful feeling to watch the children and the staff mesh, to create a happy and healthy atmosphere. The club has changed dramatically since I have started, and we are nearing our dream club. It's been a great experience!

We have now completed our second portion of Club Tech. This part is called Music Making. Our kids, with use of specific software, make their own music, on the computer. I truly believe that this part of Club Tech is the most popular and most rewarding for our kids. Music is a universal language, and this opportunity gives our kids a vehicle to express themselves.

With Thanksgiving nearing, our club will be doing its Third Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, for all the members. It's hard to imagine that a lot of our children will not have a splendid gathering of family and friends to share a meal with on that day. Three years ago a young club member told me that he and his family never celebrate Thanksgiving because they had no local family and could not afford the cost of the meal. With the help and dedication of the staff, all of our members were treated to a world class feast. Three years later our Dinner was another huge success.

CLUB Updates Continued...

GWC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Susan Bixler — The fall season has brought many special activities to the Golden West College Child Development Center. October 24th and 25th volunteers from the Assistance League came out to the center to provide free vision screenings for children ages 3 and older. October 30th we made our 2nd annual walk to the Pumpkin Patch, located at the corner of Golden west St. and McFadden, where the children experienced various size pumpkins, livestock animals, kiddie rides and also received a free pumpkin and goody bags. On November 16th the pre-k classroom created their own version of "Stone Soup a Soldiers Story." Moral of the story is that by working together, with everyone contributing what they can, a greater good is achieved. The children all brought in something to add to the pot of soup and then enjoyed it for lunch. To end the fall festivities at our center we celebrated the diversity of cultures at our center with our "Multi-Cultural Potluck." This was a wonderful opportunity to taste dishes from various cultures and allowed us to all eat together as a family.

KINGSTON Shannon Roache — The Kingston Branch is very excited to welcome our new program director Lucy Brosche to our organization. Lucy, a Boys & Girls Club Alumni, has brought a lot of creativity to the club and we are now bursting at the seams with new and exciting programs. One of the new ideas that have been implemented is our junior staff program. This program serves ages 10-17 and we currently have about 20 youth participants. This program was established to build strong work ethics as well as responsibility and maturity in pre-teen and teenage members. Each junior staff is assigned to a room/staff for 5 hours a week to help the staff with projects, room tournaments, homework help/tutoring, room decorating and cleaning. The staff signs off on their weekly hours and at the end of the year there will be a junior staff celebration, rewarding them for their hard work. We are also in the process of ordering shirts for our junior staff and the kids are unbelievably excited about this opportunity.

CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Sara DeBoom — The ClubHouse Academy welcomes Sara DeBoom as their new Unit Director. Sara has been in our system for several years starting as a Program Director, then running Kid Connection branch as a Unit Director. With the closure of Kid Connection, Sara helped us with the transition by working at the HB Branch. Her hard work and dedication to our efforts were clear. Sara brings a wealth of knowledge to this position which includes running all of the sports leagues as well as managing the performing arts programs provided through the Academy. We are pleased to have Sara in this position and look forward to her leadership. 2007 will be an exciting year for the ClubHouse Academy, so look forward to more information to come.