Catholic Charities Canal Family Support Kids Club provides educational assistance and enrichment activities to support the cultural, physical, social, and cognitive development of youth in San Rafael’s Canal District. The majority of children served come from families struggling with poverty, limited English skills, and/or marginalized legal status. Through targeted reading intervention, the program increases literacy and reading comprehension in order to close the educational achievement gap and break the cycle of poverty.

The after-school program provides safe, supervised, and age appropriate activities including homework help, academic support, and enrichment classes. During the summer, our enrichment program offers creative and fun activities such as physical fitness and nutrition, art, swimming, field trips, and group team building.

**SERVICES**

- After-school programming, includes homework help, targeted reading intervention, individual tutoring, nutritious snacks, and small group reading classes
- Enrichment activities, include art, cooking, physical fitness, reading, science, and team-building games
- Multi-cultural staff sensitive to a spectrum of ethnic backgrounds
- Parent education and family support program
- Counseling, information, and referral to local agencies
- Partnerships with local organizations

**123 CHILDREN SERVED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 255 DAYS ATTENDANCE PER STUDENT**

**IMPACT**

- 93% improved reading level during the year
- 90% try harder on tests as a result of the program
- 93% want to do better in school as a result of the program

These results are based on the self-sufficiency matrix assessment tool completed for the head of household.