WE BELIEVE

we provide low-income children, ages 7–11, with daily literacy, math, and enrichment activities

IF

they will make academic gains during the school year and break the cycle of generational poverty.

THEN

OUTPUTS

80 Youth Served

5,545 Volunteer Hours

336 Academic Support Hours Per Child

201 Recreation Hours Per Child

OUTCOMES

85% of students improved reading scores by two or more levels

94% of youth learned something in the program that made them want to learn more

74% of youth improved grades in math

These results are based on student report cards, San Francisco Department of Children, Youth & Their Families (DCYF) Survey, and Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Assessments.
ABOUT

Catholic Charities Youth Club at St. Francis of Assisi offers summer and after-school educational programs for third to fifth grade youth living in East Palo Alto. Low-cost tutoring, physical fitness, and technology and environmental education services provide a safe haven of learning and growth.

Through dedicated homework time and tutoring, the Youth Club improves language, literacy, math and science skills in order to close the educational achievement gap between high achieving students and those who are falling behind. Youth Club children grow into healthy and self-sufficient adults who positively contribute in their community and the world.

SERVICES

- After-school programming, including homework support, individual tutoring, and nutritious snacks
- Enrichment activities, including art, physical fitness, reading, science and community field trips
- Staff from the community to provide role models and mentoring
- Parent education and family support program
- Counseling, information, and referral to local agencies
- Partnerships with local organizations including Ravenswood School District, Sponsor Employment Program, Community Access Ticket Services, One East Palo Alto, Sacred Heart Preparatory, Stanford Haas Center, College Track and Belle Haven Pool

CHANGE MODEL

The Need
Children living in low-income non-English speaking households in East Palo Alto are facing:

- An education gap in English and math
- Little to no exposure to role models and experiences that provide guidance for behavior
- A negative learning environment outside school

Our Response
- Trained staff and volunteers
- Homework and tutoring
- Enrichment activities outside of the community
- Regular exercise
- A safe and healthy space

Client Outcomes
- Improved school performance in English, math, and citizenship
- Improved homework completion

Community Impact
- Public schools experience better prepared students
- Reduction in generational poverty
- Increased community leaders
- Increased educational equity for marginalized communities

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