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New Mission Statement

Our new mission statement was created to directly tie CfAL's primary goal and delivery strategy we employ, to the outcomes we strive to achieve every day. Our strategy is centered on technology. The mission statement reads:

"To raise the academic achievement of urban public school children, leading them to succeed in school and beyond". We use the resources of technology to educate students, parents and teachers as our cornerstone and integrated approach for attaining improved educational outcomes.

CfAL MathStars

This past summer CfAL launched a special 5 week project, with a goal of raising the math literacy of 3rd and 4th graders living in the Newhallville and Dixwell neighborhoods in New Haven.



The class called "Learning Math After School Can Be Fun" concluded in August with students celebrating and receiving a Certificate of Completion...see picture above. The goals of the project included:

- Measurably improving math knowledge and performance of 70% of 3rd and 4th grade students
- Measurably increasing math appreciation; math can be fun, of 70% of participating students

Results included the following:

- 100% of the students increased their math knowledge
- 90% of the students indicated, as a result of this math class, they have a more positive attitude toward math
- Students improved their math performance in multiplication, on average, by 60%

We plan to host a similar training program during the summer of 2011, and will begin recruiting students in March.

Tech-4-ALL-CT's 500th Family

With a broad smile, Alfreda Smith became the 500th parent to have participated in the Tech-4-All-CT Project. The project launched in June 2008, for the Connecticut State Library, on behalf of the Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology, is intended to:

- Increase technology access for low-income students and their families;
- Improve learning opportunities and educational outcomes for low-income students;
- Increase technological skills for family members of low-income students; and
- Increase parental/family involvement in low-income students' educational activities

Alfreda and her 2 sons, Chris (9 years old) and Leon (5 years old) celebrated when they received their computer, a printer and 2 years of AT&T DSL high speed internet service. They are now better positioned to compete at work and at school, through access to the internet and learning at home.

Valuing Partnership

In 2008, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation agreed to donate 500 DSL high speed internet licenses to CfAL, in support of the Tech-4-ALL-CT project that is mentioned in the prior article. As a direct result of this donation, valued at more than \$400,000, we were able to increase the number of participating families in the project from 480 to 600, and give these families 2 years of high speed internet service at no charge.

During this past summer, CfAL hosted an event dedicating its computer training room at Science Park in honor of our valued partner. The dedication honored AT&T and the AT&T Foundation for their steadfast support of CfAL, and the programs we have underway that help raise the academic achievement of public school children's education. Many thanks to AT&T and the AT&T Foundation for being our valued community partner.

Need Computers

CfAL plans to give out and install more than 300 computers in 2011. Although in 2010, we have received generous computer donations from Choate Academy, CSC, Quinnipiac University, Yale University, and the University of New Haven, we still need many more computers. If you know of a business or university that might be interested in donating refurbishable computers to a non-profit organization, please have send an email to curtis-hill@cox.net or call 203-410-3679. Thank you!

Fundraisers

Celebrating 2010...Planning for 2011

It seems as if it was just yesterday when CfAL hosted its 7th Annual Wine Tasting & Raffle Fundraiser at Anthony's Ocean View, with 400 guests enjoying an evening of sampling. Through their donations and those from many other individuals and companies, CfAL raised \$22,800, which was nearly 50% more than the amount raised in 2009. These donations were used to give computer training and computers



to 45 parents living in New Haven's poorest neighborhoods, who have children attending New Haven Public Schools.

As you are reading about the success of the 2010 7th Annual Fundraiser, the planning committee is already busy preparing for the 2011 8th Annual event. The *theme name* we have given for the event is called:

"A Taste For Wine



A Thirst For Knowledge"



Our goal for the 2011 fundraiser is to raise enough funds to teach and give refurbished computers to 48 New Haven families.

Ticket prices are \$50.00 prior to the event and \$55.00 at the door, which includes **Anthony's** scrumptious hot and cold Hors D'oeuvres. Call 203-410-3679 for more information, or visit our website in February 2011, <http://www.CFALCT.org> and click on the menu item, Events.

...Please Join Us and have an enjoyable relaxing evening!

Evaluating Progress

Every 6 to 9 months, CfAL has an independent evaluation of its programs performed by Dr. William T. Brown. Dr. Brown is the Division Director of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, CT, and a consultant with the Impact Analysis and Strategies Group, an educational consulting group based at Southern Connecticut State University and affiliated with the Child Study Center at the Yale School of Medicine. The latest evaluations for teachers showed a 40% increase in their technology knowledge. The report for parents showed 88% increased their involvement in their children's education and nearly 75% of parents indicate their children's grades had improved in school. We hope to achieve this level of reach in 2011.

Gratitude and Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and our friends, supporters and partners for their generosity and donations:

The Amity Club - Grant awarded to improve math literacy of underperforming 3rd and 4th grade students, living in impoverished New Haven neighborhoods.

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven - Grant awarded to improve math literacy of underperforming 3rd and 4th grade students, living in impoverished New Haven neighborhoods.

Connecticut State Library - Grant awarded to give computer training and refurbished computers to 190 low-income families who have children attending public schools in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury.

Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation - Grant awarded to improve math literacy of underperforming 3rd and 4th grade students, living in impoverished New Haven neighborhoods.

Golub Foundation - Grant awarded to give computer training to 5 disadvantaged families who have children attending New Haven Public Schools.

Hank and Nancy Bartels Trust - Grant awarded to help our organization sustain the parent computer program for disadvantaged families in New Haven.

People's United Community Foundation - Grant awarded to give computer training to 50 disadvantaged families who have children attending the Lincoln-Bassett School in New Haven.

Pfizer – Grant awarded to improve math literacy of underperforming 3rd and 4th grade students, living in impoverished New Haven neighborhoods.

The United Illuminating Company - Grant awarded to give computer training to 8 disadvantaged families who have children attending the Wexler-Grant Community School in New Haven.

Our Board of Directors

The key to any organization's success is a formula that equals strong leadership, great ideas, and valued donors and supporters. These are the ingredients that have permitted CfAL to serve more than 5,000 students, teachers and parents since 2003.

At our Annual Board of Directors meeting in November, the Board elected State Senator Toni Harp as its Chair, Sharon Bender as its Vice Chair, and Jeff Solomon as its Treasurer.

If you know of someone, who is passionate about helping public school children improve their education, is a strong leader, and wants to be involved in helping shape CfAL's future, we would like to speak with them about serving on a CfAL committee or on our Board of Directors. Committees include: Public Relations, Fundraiser, Programs, Nominating, and Conflict of Interest. Board members are:

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We thank you for reading our newsletter and your current and on-going support!