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Greetings!!!

Welcome to our Summer newsletter. It is our pleasure to say "Thank You" for your support and take a few moments to share with you some of the accomplishments, activities and opportunities that lead to improving children's education.

Shockingly Good News!

During the April 17th CfAL Board of Directors meeting, 2 wonderful people entered the meeting room with big smiles, carrying balloons saying Congratulations, and 2 placards.

The 2 people were Kim Healey, the Executive Director of the NewAlliance Foundation, and Maryann Ott, the Associate Director of the NewAlliance Foundation. Their first placard read **Hi5 High Impact Literacy Award**, Honoring: Vision, Responsiveness, Innovation, Spirit + Results. Their second placard was a shocker. It was an image of a bank check from the NewAlliance Foundation, made out to Concepts *for* Adaptive Learning, in the amount of \$25,000, and signed by Kim Healey.

The CfAL Board members were thrilled and at the same time more

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About CfAL

CfAL is a non-profit organization based in New Haven, Connecticut. Since 2003, CfAL has been serving urban communities by giving educational technology services to families and schools and improving the academic achievement and

learning outcomes of disadvantaged children attending underperforming school districts in CT.

We strive to achieve this goal by integrating technology in education, and eliminating the technology gap between families that have and do not have technology in the home, one family at a time.

Mission

Our mission is 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, teachers and parents, as our foundation and integrated approach for attaining improved educational outcomes.

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than curious. Ms. Healey went on to explain that CfAL was selected by the NewAlliance Foundation Board of Directors to receive this prestigious award for its work in promoting and advancing literacy.

Receiving this award and a \$25,000 check was a very proud moment. On behalf of the CfAL Board, staff and volunteers, we thank the **NewAlliance Foundation** Board of Directors, Ms. Healy, and Ms. Ott for their steadfast support of CfAL and the **2013 Hi-5 High Impact Literacy Award**.

See the award and smiling faces below!



Left to right, Hillel Auerbach, Sandra Trevino, Kim Healey, Toby Holloran, Curtis Hill, and Carole Sklar

Surprise...The 2,500th Family!

On May 30th, as she completed training with her classmates, **Samara Redwine** was recognized for being the **2,500th parent** to have participated in CfAL's parent computer program. Everyone congratulated Ms. Redwine for helping CfAL achieve this important milestone.

In addition to completing the training and receiving a gently used computer that evening, CfAL also gave Ms. Redwine a new printer. Samara is the proud parent of Keyari, a preK student, who attends the Hill Central Music Academy, which is one of CfAL's partner elementary schools in New Haven Public Schools. The computer and printer were installed in her home.

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Thank You



CfAL is in the planning stages of hosting an event to honor the Samara Redwine family. More information will follow in a few weeks.

Special note: We are proud to say of the 2,500 parents who have gone through CfAL's parent computer program, thanks to the generosity of of the Tower One/Tower East Board of Directors and management, more than 1,200 parents received their training at the Towers in New Haven. The award winning Tower One/Tower East is a unique apartment and assisted living facility, located in the heart of one of New England's most historic and vital cities.

The goals of the parent computer program are to increase parents' involvement in their children's education, extend learning beyond the classroom and simultaneously help close the "digital divide".

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Digital Literacy for Early Learners (DLEL)

"A Primer for Parents"

This is a new program that CfAL launched in March 2013. The program is designed to increase disadvantaged parents' awareness of the benefit of early learning, and help them engage in educating their children, ages birth to 5, so their children can start kindergarten with the critical skills they'll need to learn and succeed in school. The program combines platform instruction along with detailed instruction and discussion about use of Libraries and engaging early learner educational websites targeted for each specific age level.

The program goal is to have children from low-income families prepared and ready to learn and succeed when entering/ starting school.

We are grateful to *Comcast, the NewAlliance Foundation* and *the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund* for investing in this important early learner program.

Help Celebrate CfAL's 10th Anniversary!

2013 Gala Wine Tasting Fundraiser

This will be CfAL's **10th Anniversary** celebration with hostess/emcee, Erika Martin of WTNH, good food, great wine and a fabulous Silent Auction.

We are proud to say that AT&T, Marcum LLP, Subsidium Technologies, Town Fair Tire and Yale-New Haven Hospital have signed on as sponsors for this special event. AT&T will be our Platinum Sponsor.

Please join us. Enjoy scrumptious hot and cold Hors D'oeuvres from Anthony's Ocean View and sample wines from premium Domestic & Imported Wineries procured in conjunction with GRAND VIN Fine Wine & Spirits, while listening to the live smooth jazz sounds of the "Cookie" Thomas Trio.

Get your tickets now! Ticket donation price is \$50.00 prior to the event and \$55.00 at the door.

Your donations will be used to benefit a program that extends learning beyond the classroom, and increases the educational outcomes of public school children, by increasing their parents' involvement in their education at home.

The Gala Fundraiser Flyer

Our Supporters

Sustaining our organization and programs that strive to improve the academic achievement of public school children has been made possible through the generosity and financial support of our donors, and our annual fundraiser. We would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of them for their generosity.

- **The Amity Club:** grant awarded will be used for our 5-week summer math program called Learning Math After School Can Be Fun.

- **Comcast:** grant to support the implementation of our organization's new program called Digital Literacy for Early Learners, "A Primer for Parents".

- **Connecticut State Library:** grant to support our parent computer program, Technology Cascade & Training.

- **First Niagara Financial Group:** grant awarded to our Learning Math After School Can Be Fun project. This grant will help under performing 4th through 6th grade children attending New Haven Public Schools

- **NewAlliance Foundation:** grant to support the implementation of our organization's new program called Digital Literacy for Early Learners, "A Primer for Parents". This grant will help improve learning outcomes of public school children in CT, especially in New Haven.

- **People's United Community Foundation:** grant will be used to sustain our Technology Cascade & Training program at the Columbus Family Academy elementary school in New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood.

- **Pfizer Community Affairs Grant Award:** Pfizer, Inc. and Groton Laboratories has awarded CfAL with a grant for our summer math project, Learning Math After School Can Be Fun.

- **United Illumination Holdings Corporation:** grant awarded will be used for our 5-week summer math program called Learning Math After School Can Be Fun.

- **William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund:** grant will support our organization's new program called Digital Literacy for Early Learners, "A Primer for Parents".

Your Support Makes a Difference

Our capacity to serve and help improve public school children's education is made possible through our many volunteers and donations from businesses, foundations and generous people such as you. Please support our programs by visiting our website and clicking on the menu item "[Make a Donation](#)", or by sending a check to:

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4 Science Park, Suite A
New Haven, CT 06511

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

Learning Math After School Can Be Fun

Learning Math After School Can Be Fun is a 5-week summer program, beginning in July 9th, for students from the poorest neighborhoods of New Haven. The class is designed to improve the math literacy of under performing 3rd through 5th grade students who need intervention in improving their math knowledge and skills.

The goal of the program is to significantly improve the students' math literacy and attitude toward math.

We are thankful to *First Niagara Financial Group, Pfizer, Amity*

Club and United Illuminating Holdings Corporation for investing in this important summer project.

Proud Parents

Please read letters to CfAL from involved parents.



On left is Melissa's daughter, Anaiza. Seated is Melissa, with her son, Jonathan.

"I cannot express in so many words how this program helped me. I couldn't believe this program was available for me and all I had to do was participate twice a week for three weeks and gain an experience that I did not have. As parents we sometimes fail to realize that we need to learn the world of technology. I would encourage any parent Mom, Dad, Grandparents, any one that has children living in their home and are interested in having some computer training take the time to receive it thru this program it's free and you receive a great incentive. I learned things that I did not have knowledge of. My 15 year old daughter has a lot of computer knowledge and in two more years, she will be heading out to college to major in Technical Engineering. They did not have any hidden charges. I signed up for the free computer classes and received a free computer with installation and \$9.95/month internet service from Comcast Internet Essentials. Now I can enter this new era of expanding my knowledge and also teaching my 5 year old son so that he will be prepared for all the new things technology will bring into our world. With the

computer classes I opened a window I refuse to shut. I learned basic skills to get me started to want to know more. We have to prepare ourselves and our children, also advance with our children that have this knowledge. We have to become involved in their education and what they are logging into. Knowledge is power that cannot be taken away but it can be expanded. Let's get involved.

Sincerely,
Melissa Reyes and Family
Hartford

Please read article below from a proud parent who lives in Bridgeport.

Since starting the class back in May of 2013. I was in need of assistance for a computer to help me establish my search for job independence, and to sustain my ability to keep up with my children's school on-line. The computer has helped my eight year old accomplish some big goals in school and as an activity working with the computer. My son Richard has grown so much by using it for studies in Math, English and even Science. In fact I never knew my son really likes working on the computer to help further his education. However, it did show in his schooling graduating with high honors from second grade, WOW. So applying for on-line class to better aid myself along with family financially but specifically with just being closer and helping him with his work as well as watching and observing his games he plays on the computer. I even have showed my mom how to utilize the computer and started her an email account to connect her with her sisters in different states.

Sincerely,
Tamala Jones
Bridgeport