



FAITH NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to give hope to disadvantaged children by showing them God's unconditional love and by guiding them into becoming whole persons - socially, intellectually and spiritually.

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Faith Network of the East Bay, Inc. Monthly Newsletter

THANKS FROM

- "Thank you so much for your generous donation of toys, games, radios and food for our holiday baskets. These were wonderful gifts, perfect for our War Against Improper Toys as exchanges for violent toys and games, and also perfect for our neediest families.. You have helped bring both more peace and joy and sustenance into the world. How perfect for Christmas."

-Cherie Ivey, Principal, Fruitvale Elementary.

- "Your gifts helped to bring inspiration and hope to our children and families. Knowing someone cares means more than you'll ever realize in a community where shelter, food, and clothing are sometimes a luxury. Your commitment to our schools is a blessing that will last a lifetime in the hearts and minds of the Lockwood school community."

- Cheryl Wilson, Principal, Lockwood Elementary.

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Bay Bridge Fieldtrip

by D'Mar Conway, senior at Dewey High School

On Friday, January 14, Faith Network and Caltrans provided Dewey's Leadership Class with an opportunity to see the West Approach part of the Bay Bridge currently under construction. This trip was an incredible experience and we hope to do it again. Caltrans guide Margena Wade

made sure each of us left knowing something about the Bay Bridge. For example, did you know the Bridge was built in 1930, making the structure 94 years old? That's more than three times my age! Watching the men and women of Caltrans welding and bolting tons of steel together really impressed me.

Living my whole life in Oakland I'm sad to say I've rarely seen anything positive. With all the killings and the war going on it's hard to look towards a better future. After going on this trip I realize that it's possible to do positive things and get paid for it.

So on behalf of Dewey's Leadership Class, I would again like to thank Faith Network and Cal Trans for giving the youth opportunities of a life time, and I hope these trips continue because they honestly help the youth look towards a better future for themselves.



Dewey students pose proudly with Margena Wade

Tutor Training with Zaretta Hammond

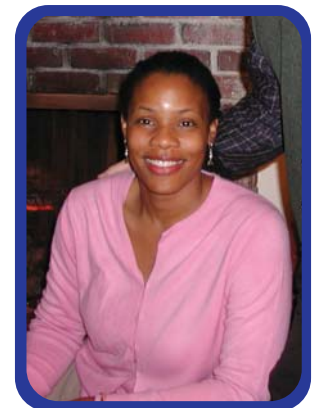
This workshop is for new tutors, and tutors who want a refresher, interested in learning more about how to help children become successful readers. We will cover basic reading development, share activities in five key areas of reading you might use in your tutoring sessions, and demonstrate how to put together a basic 30-minute tutoring session for maximum effectiveness. R.S.V.P. by phone or email by Feb. 2nd!

What: Tutor Training

When: February 12, 2005 9am - 2pm (lunch provided)

**Where: Patten University
2433 Coolidge Ave.
Oakland 94601**

see www.faith-network.com for directions



Literacy Specialist
Zaretta Hammond

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Looking back on 2004, here are some of the highlights of our work in Oakland public schools:

Over 150 volunteers are now serving 10 urban schools in Oakland (compared to 5 schools at this time last year). To date over 80 volunteer tutors have been trained by Faith Network's community literacy coach, Zaretta Hammond. 50 of our neediest children received summer camp scholarships in collaboration with Today's Youth Matter.

Burbank Elementary's library was reopened thanks to Faith Network volunteers. Similar library projects are currently underway at Emerson and Laurel. As a direct outcome of our recent Bear Fruit 2 Benefit Concert, a Year Book Project at Dewey High School is up and running thanks to adult volunteers who are coaching students in photography, journalism, publicity and marketing.

Our adopted schools are being treated to Teacher Appreciation Luncheons and Gift Baskets throughout the school year. Campus beautification projects involving students were undertaken at Cox and Emerson. In October 2004, Ingram Green was hired as School Site Coordinator.

In December 2004, Creekside Kids After School Program was launched by Creekside Community Church for Cox Elementary students. This Christmas toys, turkeys, food baskets, and Safeway/Target gift certificates were provided to over 70 needy families.

Thanks to all our partnering churches, volunteers and donors for investing in the lives of our children and spreading the fragrance of Christ in the community.

Sincerely,



NEWS

Check our website for updates on projects that Faith Network is working on. There may be opportunities for you to serve on a one time or occasional basis.

www.faith-network.com

We're Moving In!

It's official! Faith Network has an office of its own. We are now proud tenants of the newly remodeled Telegraph Lofts (formerly the Sears Roebuck and Company) in Oakland. God has been faithful in providing for us and allowing us to spread our wings. Please note our new address. Correspondance can be sent to our old address during this transition.



The atrium of Telegraph Lofts. This is the new home of Faith Network's office, 2633 Telegraph Ave. #409, Oakland, 94612.