

# 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, physically and spiritually



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## CALLING ALL GOLFERS



### Save the Date!

June 13th, 2008

### Benefiting Our Children Golf Classic

Metropolitan Golf Links,  
Oakland

## QUOTE

"The act of a caring adult investing time, energy, and loving discipline into the life of a child unleashes immeasurable power."

- from *Children at Promise*  
by Timothy S. Stuart and  
Cheryl G. Bostrom

## CONTACT

Interested in volunteering?  
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## Judy Hindman Scholarship Fund

*Judy Hindman, a dedicated and gifted teacher at Woodstock Elementary in Alameda, passed away in September 2007. Faith Network recently received this letter from her friends Marilyn and Lee Snider.*

Dear Friends,

To honor the memory of Judy Hindman and her dedication to underprivileged children, Lee and I have established the Judy Hindman Scholarship Fund to be administered and disbursed through Faith Network of the East Bay, Inc.

The school where Judy taught for many years was combined with Ruby Bridges Elementary in Alameda, so the Fund will be used to provide scholarships for children from Ruby Bridges. Randy Roth, President of Faith Network, suggested that one way the Fund could be used is for children to attend the Mission Springs Outdoor Education 3-day science camp. The tuition is \$200 per student including bus transportation. Mission Springs funds the remainder of the cost for each student.

Faith Network already has sent approximately 300 inner city kids to this science camp with an extremely favorable response from both students and teachers! Another option could be for students to attend one of Mission Springs' Summer Camps, which both of our daughters did and loved. The tuition for those camps is also \$200 with the remainder being funded by Mission Springs.

To carry on Judy's love of children and learning in a Christian setting, we hope you will consider contributing any amount to the Judy Hindman Scholarship Fund at Faith Network, which is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your tax deductible donation should be sent to: Faith Network of the East Bay, Inc. Please note on the memo of your check: Judy Hindman Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to honor and continue the legacy of our friend, Judy Hindman.

*Marilyn and Lee Snider*



Judy Hindman



## Science Camp Feedback

*"I would never have believed that these kids would pick up compost, touch a slug, walk in the dark, etc. Because they live in an uncontrollably dangerous environment, at home they are overprotected and cut off from many of the sensory and social experiences that children need. This program (Science Horizons outdoor science camp) addresses ALL those needs."*  
- Teacher

*"The students had seeds planted that will sprout when they least expect it and blossom into something that will affect their lives in a positive way for the rest of their lives."* - Chaperone



RANDY ROTH

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

It is estimated that most boys spend no more than 30 minutes a week in one-on-one conversations with their fathers, compared with up to 44 hours a week playing video games, watching TV, and instant-messaging their friends.

Professor Michael Obsatz has been studying this issue for a long time and notes: "We have always had gangs, guys killing guys, violence against females; the difference today is that the repercussions of ignoring boys' unique needs are now showing up in measurable ways." Boys get up to 70% of D's and F's in the classroom and create 90% of classroom discipline problems. In addition, 80% of high school dropouts are boys. At greatest risk are young men of color.

A new film produced by Charlie Borden, *Journeyman*, documents the needs of boys and the power of mentoring. "Society teaches boys what to value, and that's 'Be tough and independent, don't rely on anyone else for help, dominate others, don't cry.'" What boys need, Borden says, "is something altogether different: permission to be vulnerable, and the modeling by adult males of how to be emotionally connected, respectful of their bodies and beings."



Arba Hudgens with Emerson student

Faith Network needs more men to step up and invest in the lives of boys without solid male role models in their lives. Psalm 68 reminds us that God is a "Father to the fatherless, and he sets the lonely in families." While you are taking care of your own boys and your family, or after you have taken care of them, is God prompting you to reach out to other boys to mentor? If you are interested in exploring the possibility of mentoring a child, let's talk. *Best way to reach me is to call my cell: (510) 290-2276.*

For the children,

*Randy*



## Webster Academy Receives Sports Equipment and More

Teens from Piedmont Community Church (PCC) donated sports equipment to Webster Academy/East Oakland PRIDE, where the gift was received by an excited group of students. PCC's sustained partnership with Webster over

several years has involved numerous volunteers. Currently 5 tutors are tutoring eleven 2nd-graders (thank you **Jeff McClain**, **Fritz Wooster**, **Mel Taylor**, **Chris Mani**, and **Jennifer Nixon**), **Rob Jacobus** helps on the playground on Wednesdays, and **Debi Fitzgerrell** is organizing National Charity League volunteers for a work day at the school on March 2nd. **Mary Jo Cook** is organizing the ordering of more than 120 uniform shirts given through PCC's Alternative Gift Market. Thank you to all past and present volunteers!

### TEN MOST WANTED

1. Male Tutors & Mentors  
*(our boys especially need solid male role models)*
2. Food Baggers (3 hrs. every other Weds. am)
3. Excel Reading Clinic Tutors  
*(1 or more hrs. weekly)*
4. Excel Reading Clinic Coordinators (3 or more hrs. weekly)
5. Teacher Appreciation Hosts  
*(quarterly)*
6. Outdoor Science Camp Scholarships (\$200 per student)
7. Golf Tournament Sponsors
8. Golf Tournament Raffle & Silent Auction Items
9. After School Homework Helpers (1 or more afternoons weekly)
10. Playground Supervisors  
*(during the lunch recess)*

### STAFF

- Randy Roth, *President*
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