

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



May 2008

THANKS FROM

■ "Thank you so much for cleaning the rooms. I've been asking our volunteers if they know who did the work, but they didn't know. Our air quality is an issue due to the freeway and busy streets surrounding the school. Many in our class have asthma. A cleaner room is a step in a good direction.

"Decades would be the best unit of time to estimate when our windows were last cleaned! In addition, this could be an opportunity for some historical research. Have they ever been cleaned since the 1960s 'new' window installation following the freeway construction? Thank you again for the cleaning help."

Regards,
John Panagos, 2nd grade teacher, Lakeview Elementary

■ "It is our blessing to serve Emerson Elementary teachers and most importantly those darling children. Because of Faith Network as well as First Pres. Berkeley, we are able to pass on God's love. Thank you for all your hard work to make this connection possible."
Best wishes,
Karyn Kintzer

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June 13th, 2008: To Tee...Or Not To Tee?

Options for everyone at Faith Network's **Benefiting Our Children Golf Classic!**

Love to Golf?

- Assemble a foursome for the links
- Sponsor a hole or arrange for corporate sponsorship

Not a Golfer?

- Serve as an event volunteer
- Donate a gift basket or other unique, high-value item for auction

Opportunities for Everyone!

- Meet and mingle with Faith Network supporters
- Browse and bid on silent auction items
- Enjoy a barbecue dinner and awards reception

Friday, June 13, 2008

- 10:00am Registration
- 12:00pm Shotgun Start
(Box lunches provided by Metro Golf Links)
- 5:00pm No-host Bar
Raffle & Silent Auction
Awards Reception
BBQ Dinner



Location:

Metropolitan Golf Links
10051 Doolittle Drive
Oakland, CA 94603
www.playmetro.com

Registration Deadline: May 28, 2008
Register online at www.faith-network.com

All proceeds benefit students at urban public schools adopted by Faith Network



Bill Branagh tutoring Burckhalter fifth grader

It's the Best!

Burckhalter 5th graders were ready to go to Outdoor Science Camp, when one of the chaperones fell ill and had to cancel. But **Bill Branagh** stepped in last minute and never expected to enjoy the camp and the kids as much as he did. It was such a great experience that when he got home, he decided to continue working with the kids by joining a writing project that helps fifth graders perfect their writing skills. "It is amazing how quickly the students learn with one-on-one help," says Bill. "Working with these boys is the best!"



RANDY ROTH

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Summer Camp for City Kids is just around the corner. This year Faith Network is teaming up with Mission Springs and Today's Youth Matter to provide some 100 summer camp scholarships for students from Oakland public schools.

Perhaps for the first time in their lives, urban youth will experience hiking in the wilderness, cooking over an open fire, fishing, canoeing, rock climbing, nightly campfires, and outrageous skits. They also hear meaningful lessons from the Bible. Whether making new friends or hanging out with awesome staff, our kids have a blast and make great memories. One of those kids is **Daquan** who is begging to go to Mission Springs again this summer.

Faith Network has established a **Camp Scholarship Fund** so that kids like Daquan can go to summer camp. **You can help** send a child to a 7-day summer camp for \$200. Please make your check payable to Faith Network earmarked "camp scholarship."

Thank you in advance for your ongoing prayer and financial support through the spring and summer months. That support is needed in order to sustain and expand our outreach to innercity children.

Blessings,

A Dream Come True by Kathy Greer

Randy Roth of Faith Network introduced Creekside Community Church to the principal at E. Morris Cox Elementary in Oakland over five years ago. Since then our church has partnered with Cox and sent volunteers to the school for tutoring in reading, done four or five teacher appreciations a year, provided back-to-school supplies, and hosted a faith-based after school program on Wednesday after-noon at the Creekside campus.



Kathy Greer with Cox Students at Mission Springs

Last year and this year, the provision of Mission Springs Frontier Ranch camp scholarships has been a dream come true. It has enabled us to strengthen our relationship with our after-school program students and their parents. Ten of the fourteen children we brought do not have a biological father in their home. It was such a blessing to see these children interact with AMAZING male counselors and staff. They were such good godly male role models. The female staff was equally outstanding.

Another benefit of the Frontier Ranch experience was the working-together time during and after meals. The children were able to serve their cabin mates by getting food for the tables. They also practiced clean-up responsibilities: clearing and washing the tables and putting up benches. Bless you, Mission Springs, for helping these children and their families experience the love of God.

Kathy Greer is Director of Community Services at Creekside Community Church

MOST WANTED

Golf Classic

- 1) Golfers
- 2) Sponsors
- 3) Volunteers
- 4) Auction Items

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