

# 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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## FAITH NETWORK BLOG



[FaithNetworkEB.blogspot.com](http://FaithNetworkEB.blogspot.com)

Faith Network has launched a blog! Visit to get staff and volunteer posts, articles, photos, announcements and more!

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## THANKS TO

- Montclair Community Action Group for their generous donations of backpacks and school supplies for Oakland schools. What an incredible outpouring of concern and practical support for our students and teachers!
- Jocelyne Birren, for her 3 years of service as FN's grant administrator.

## CONTACT

Interested in volunteering?  
Contact us:

Email: [info@faith-network.com](mailto:info@faith-network.com)  
Phone 510/836.5100  
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## Volunteer Wishlist

*"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing." - Albert Einstein*



Consider the following ways YOU can make a difference!

### READING TUTOR

*1 or more hrs. per week, during or after school*

### WRITING COACH

*1 or more hrs. per week*

### SCIENCE CLASSROOM FACILITATOR

*2.5 hrs. per week, during or after school*

### MATH TUTOR

*1 or more hrs. per week, during or after school*

### LIBRARY ASSISTANCE

*1 or more hrs. per week*

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

*flexible time commitment*

### FOOD BAGGING

*every other Wednesday, 9:30 - 12:00 pm  
at Alameda County Community Food Bank*

### CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

*1 or more hrs. per week*

### CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

*flexible time commitment*

### PLAYGROUND COACH

*1 hr. per week, during lunchtime recess*

### GREEN TEAM LEADER

*1 hr. per week, during lunchtime recess*

For more information about how to volunteer please contact Natasha Hicks at [natasha@faith-network.com](mailto:natasha@faith-network.com) or (510) 836-5100.

## Reading Tutor Training

Interested in becoming a reading tutor or need a refresher?

**What:** Literacy Specialist Carolyn Piraino will introduce the building blocks of reading and how to guide a child into becoming a successful reader.

**When:** Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 9 - 11:30am  
or Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 - 11:30am

**Where:** Faith Network Office  
2633 Telegraph Ave. #409, Oakland.

To sign up for this workshop, call or email Natasha Hicks at (510) 836-5100 or [natasha@faith-network.com](mailto:natasha@faith-network.com).





RANDY ROTH

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

The latest book by best-selling author Max Lucado, *Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference* could be Faith Network's theme song as we launch into our 10<sup>th</sup> school year. We are in search of farsighted people committed to invest in the next generation by:

- helping a child become a successful reader and life-long lover of learning
- opening up the world of science to urban kids, sparking their interest in natural science and the great outdoors
- making it possible for low-income children to have nourishing food on the weekends
- putting wind in the sails of our over-burdened teachers.

No child should have to suffer the shame of not being able to read; no child should be allowed to slip through the cracks and drop out of school; no child should go to bed hungry!

Here's how *you* can help... We are extending a clarion call for prayer support, congregational, community & business partners, reading, writing & math tutors, food baggers, campus site coordinators, science classroom facilitators, teacher appreciation hosts, one-time project helpers and, yes, financial donors that will make it possible for us to mobilize a multitude of difference-makers into our public schools.

Children need hope now!

Sincerely,

P.S. In the light of recent budget cuts for education (Oakland Unified was forced to cut \$80 million), your financial support is much needed. For example, our hope is to send 260 5th graders to a 3-day Outdoor Science Camp at a cost of \$250 per student (total = \$65,000). Whatever you send, large or small, will make a difference!

## THANKS FROM

"The bulletin board day tremendously helps to beautify our school as we begin the new year. All participants are positive and so hard working and go beyond! Pastor Steve, Sister Wendy and the Oakland Worship Center family are supportive of our school. Their prayers give me strength. Continue your support. We need you!"

– Principal Zarina Ahmad,  
Piedmont Ave. Elementary

## STAFF

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Carolyn Piraino,  
*Literacy Specialist*

## A Week of Firsts

by Kathy Greer, *Crescent Community Church Member*

First time campers Lamaya, Lewis and Jada were so thankful to attend a week at Frontier Ranch. They bonded quickly with well trained cabin counselors, made new friends and thought the food was delicious!

It was Jada's first time to go airborne with the flying squirrel activity. She said, "I was scared at first but loved being high up near the trees." Lewis slept on a top bunk for the first time. He was concerned about his ability to climb up and down the bunk but aced it in a few minutes. Riding the motorcycles was a first for Lewis as well. After some training, he experienced the joy from circling the track on his own. Spending a night under the stars was a first for Lamaya and a favorite because she roasted marshmallows. She also learned to trust others when she tried the zip line.

Bless you Faith Network for becoming a bridge between Oakland's children and a life changing week at Mission Springs Frontier Ranch.



Lewis with camp staff