

# FAITH NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to give hope to vulnerable children by showing them God's unconditional love, surrounding them with caring adults, helping them develop academic and life skills so crucial to their growth and fulfillment, and working together to meet the diverse needs of students in our East Bay public schools.



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## TUTOR TRAINING



**Who:** You! Your investment of an hour or two per week can open the world of learning to a second grader. Reading is the key!

**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, Oct. 8, 9:00 - 11:30 am

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

To sign up for this workshop, call or e-mail **Varetta Mayes** (510) 836-5100 or [Varetta@Faith-Network.com](mailto:Varetta@Faith-Network.com)

## CONTACT

Interested in volunteering?  
Contact us:

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## Become a Champion!

It's time to register for the **Champions for Children 5K Walk/Run**.

Help raise funds and awareness for struggling students in our public schools!

Here is how **YOU** can get involved:

### 1. Sign up to walk or run!

Call our office or register online: [www.faith-network.com](http://www.faith-network.com)

Click on the Champions for Children Logo on our home page.

Register as a walker or runner and then ask friends and family

to sponsor you through your own online fundraising page!

The cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt.

### 2. Make a donation

Mail a donation with enclosed response card or sponsor a walker/runner by visiting:

<http://www.ministrysync.com/event/?e=3622>

Click on "Sponsor". You can sponsor anyone you like, it all goes toward the same cause!

### 3. Volunteer at the event

Call or email Chelsea Boniak - [chelsea@faith-network.com](mailto:chelsea@faith-network.com) or 510.836.5100.



Become a champion for children like Andrew.

**CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN 5K WALK/FAITH NETWORK OF THE EAST BAY 2011**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 8:5AM LAKE MERRITT NEAR FAIRYLAND**



## PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

- Top fundraiser will win an iPad2!
- Prizes for walkers/runners/team leaders and a raffle.

Register now! [www.faith-network.com](http://www.faith-network.com)



RANDY ROTH

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## Scholarship Recipients Headed for Higher Education

Recently I had phone conversations with each of our Max Martinez Scholarship recipients from Longfellow Middle School, each of whom were awarded \$2,000 to be received upon graduation from high school and enrollment in college. I'm happy to say that all four are on track, doing well and headed for higher education. They all spoke articulately in a cordial manner. These students are on a good trajectory, definitely college-bound. Here's a brief update:

**Napoleon Samad** is now in his junior year, having transferred from Berkeley High to Berkeley School of the Arts. He has a keen interest in vocal music.

**Jacqueline Verdin** is a junior this year at Berkeley High and is especially interested in psychology.

**Jacqueline Garcia**, a senior at Berkeley High, has a 3.75 GPA and studied Japanese last summer.

**Miguel Guiza**, also a senior this year at Berkeley High, continues to enjoy math and getting mostly A's.

I've assured each of them that their scholarship funds are safe and secure in a savings account at Union Bank. These promising students deserve our continued attention and encouragement as they set their sights on high school graduation and commencing to college.

For the children,

### NEWS

Faith Network in the news!  
Randy Roth was interviewed for the Sept./Oct. issue of Oakland Magazine.

Check out the hard copy (pg.20):



or online:  
[www.OaklandMagazine.com](http://www.OaklandMagazine.com)

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## It All Begins With Reading Skills

Former Oakland City Councilman **Dick Spees**, 82, knows the problems that plague Oakland. In a recent interview with Oakland Tribune columnist Dave Newhouse, Spees weighed in on Oakland's No. 1 problem.

"The biggest problem we've had all along has been the truancy in schools... We have 4,000 kids out on the streets because, in most cases, they've fallen behind in school. That's an essential issue because most of the crime in the city, if you analyze it is (committed by those) between 16 and 24 years old. You really have to put them in a place where they see some opportunity so they can develop some marketable skills...but it all begins with reading skills."

