

Responding to Challenges

Faith Network's three targeted programs came into being out of response to grim statistics reported by the Oakland Unified School District:

- 60% of Oakland 3rd graders read below grade level
- 55% of 5th graders score poorly in science
- 67% of students who depend upon school-supplied meals are undernourished on weekends

Succeeding by Reading



The Succeeding by Reading (SbR) initiative strives to advance student achievement in the area most critical for academic success: literacy. Research shows that children become readers when they have been supported in their own efforts to learn to read, saturated with age-appropriate books, and surrounded by role models who read.

Excel Reading Clinics offering no-fee, one-to-one individualized tutoring sessions to students referred to us by school personnel. In the 2012-2013 school year, we staffed 17 Excel Reading Clinics with 115 trained tutors to serve 213 students. Post-test results showed that 72% of our full year students made two or more grade levels of gain.

Faith Network offers **Library Services** to school libraries that would otherwise be closed or have limited access due to lack of funding. In the 2012-13 school year, 15 weekly library volunteers supported 7 schools and served approximately 1,900 students. Over 100 short term project volunteers provided 309 hours of service. Our staff and volunteers secured and processed books from donated sources to supplement the library. We partnered with the OUSD Head Librarian to channel resources and volunteers to the most underserved libraries.

Literacy Take-Home Bags allows children to take home books to read and encourages parent engagement and family literacy. We circulated 92 bags to 2 schools. Students read an average of 20

minutes a day. Feedback forms returned show the books were read multiple times each week for a cumulative average of one hour per week, a total of approximately 1,300 hours of reading.

Science Horizons

Science Horizons (SH) gives underserved 4th and 5th graders a unique hands-on learning experience of the life sciences, inspires them to raise their scholastic performance and promotes good stewardship of the environment. Our goals are to reinforce and enrich science learning in diverse settings – classrooms, afterschool programs, outdoor science



camp and field trips. We support the teaching and learning of elementary grade science with standards-based hands-on activities.

Our program served 813 students at 7 schools. We enabled 250 fifth grade students from 6 schools to participate in the 3-day Mission Springs Outdoor Education Science camp. The instructors are certified naturalists and the curriculum is in alignment with the California Science Standards. In addition, 6 schools attended one-day field trips to local destinations such as Berkeley Labs and Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Over 800 K-5th graders received engaging, hands on science lessons during or after school. Subjects included food chain/web, electricity and magnetism. 6 volunteers invested over 300 hours.

For the second year in a row, SH was able to partner with Sandia National Laboratories to bring Family Science Night (FSN) to families at PLACE@Prescott Elementary School and neighboring schools. Activities employed everyday household materials like coffee filters, baking soda, straws, balloons and glue to explore basic scientific concepts like aerodynamics, magnetism, and chemical reactions.

New this year was the launch of the Caroline Yee Future Scientists Fund. This fund, in collaboration with CalTrans, has provided summer internships to McClymonds High School students.

Health4Kids



During the grant year, Health4Kids (H4K) helped make it possible for low-income students to receive adequate nutrition on weekends. H4K partnered with the Alameda County Community Food Bank

(ACCFB) to distribute bags of nutritious food to elementary schools. We packed 2,000 bags of food each month during the school year for distribution to 20 schools in Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward and Livermore.

In 2012-13 H4K piloted a healthy cooking class for parents at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary in West Oakland. The goal for this class is to emphasize healthy preparation and cooking, demonstrate ways to make food taste delicious and appealing to kids, while using healthy ingredients and techniques.

Faith Network also continued its partnership with the Kaiser Permanente Educational Theatre Program to bring performances, workshops and family presentations/dinners to several of our schools.

Project Urban School Adoption

Thanks to the generosity of community partners, Project Urban School Adoption (PUSA) addresses needs outside of our three core programs and channels a variety of resources to our students and schools, e.g.,

- books, computers, school supplies
- writing coaches, classroom helpers
- college and camp scholarships
- Cal campus visits, campus beautification
- family crisis support, ESL classes

*“Do your little bit of good where you are;
it’s those little bits of good
put together that
overwhelm the world”*

Desmond Tutu



Annual Report 2012-2013
at a glance

About Faith Network

Faith Network is a collaboration of congregations, community-based organizations, individuals, businesses, educators and civic leaders mobilized to help disadvantaged children reach their full potential and to strengthen the institutions that serve them. We are a non-sectarian 501(c)(3) and are open to the community at large.

Our mission

Our mission is to give hope to vulnerable children in East Bay schools by showing them God's unconditional love, surrounding them with caring adults, and helping them to develop academic and life skills crucial to their growth and fulfillment.

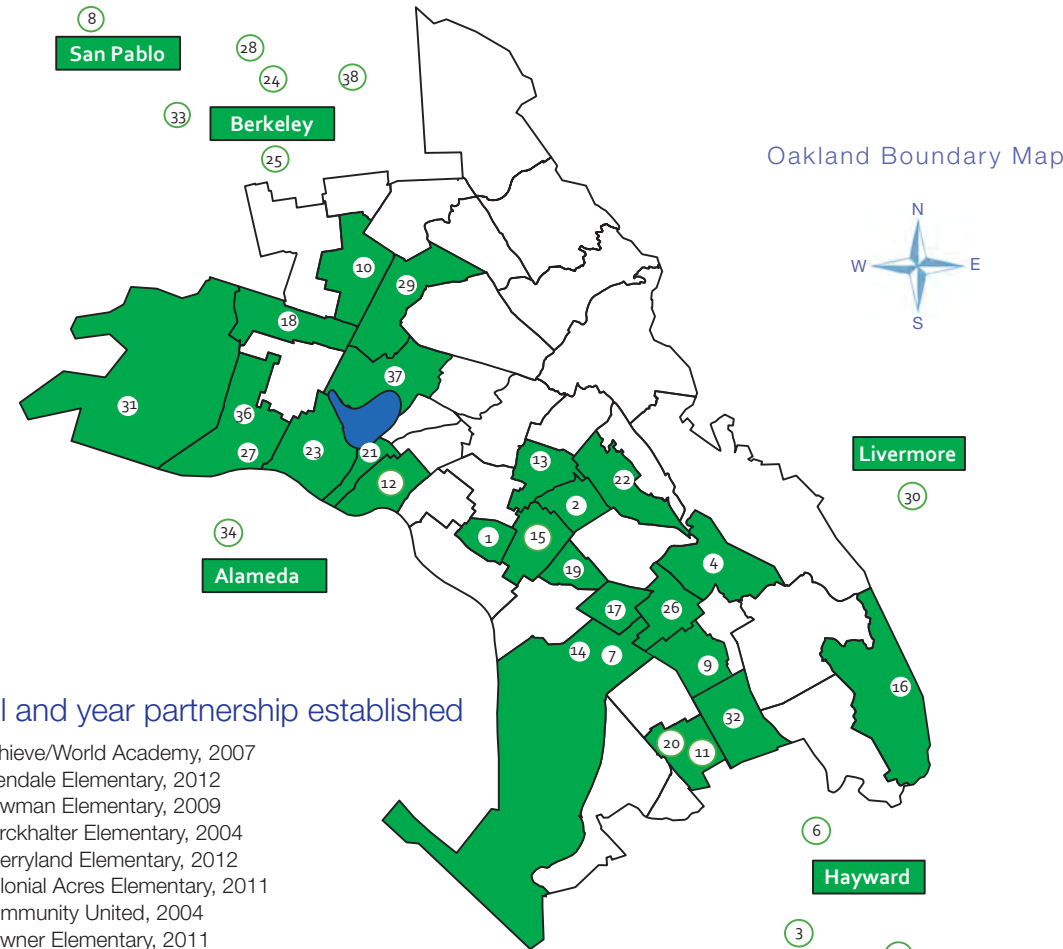
Who we serve

We served directly and indirectly over 7,000 students, ages 5 to 18, who are attending under-resourced urban schools. Most of these students come from low-income families, 70% of whom qualify for free/reduced priced meals. Demographically, these students are: 30% African American, 41% Latino, 14% Asian, 9% Caucasian, 2% Filipino, and 4% Other. Nearly a quarter of these students are learning English as a second language.



Where We Serve

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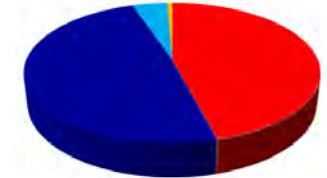
School and year partnership established

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| 1. Achieve/World Academy, 2007 | 24. Longfellow Middle, 2006 |
| 2. Allendale Elementary, 2012 | 25. Malcom X Elementary, 2006 |
| 3. Bowman Elementary, 2009 | 26. Markham Elementary, 2010 |
| 4. Burckhalter Elementary, 2004 | 27. MLK, Jr. K-4 Elementary, 2005 |
| 5. Cherryland Elementary, 2012 | 28. MLK, Jr. Middle, 2011 |
| 6. Colonial Acres Elementary, 2011 | 29. Piedmont Ave. Elementary, 2007 |
| 7. Community United, 2004 | 30. Portola Elementary, 2009 |
| 8. Downer Elementary, 2011 | 31. Prescott Elementary, 2009 |
| 9. East Oakland Pride, 2003 | 32. Reach Academy, 2002 |
| 10. Emerson Elementary, 2003 | 33. Rosa Parks Elementary, 2009 |
| 11. Esperanza Elementary, 2005 | 34. Ruby Bridges Elementary, 2007 |
| 12. Franklin Elementary, 2011 | 35. Tyrrell Elementary, 2011 |
| 13. Fruitvale Elementary, 2001 | 36. West Oakland Middle, 2008 |
| 14. Futures Academy, 2004 | 37. Westlake Middle, 2008 |
| 15. Global Family/Learning w/o Limits, 2011 | 38. Willard Middle, 2011 |
| 16. Grass Valley Elementary, 2006 | |
| 17. Greenleaf Elementary, 2005 | |
| 18. Hoover Elementary, 2006 | |
| 19. Horace Mann Elementary, 2008 | |
| 20. Korematsu Elementary, 2006 | |
| 21. La Escuelita Elementary, 2011 | |
| 22. Laurel Elementary, 2003 | |
| 23. Lincoln Elementary, 2009 | |

Financial Report

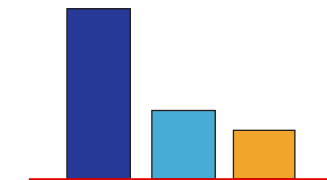
JULY 2012 - JUNE 2013

INCOME



● Individual Donations	\$307,253
● Corporate and Foundation Grants	\$288,500
● Institutional Giving	\$28,712
● Other	\$3,985
Total Income	\$628,450

EXPENSES



■ Program Expenses	\$337,463
■ General Admin.	\$132,895
■ Fundraising	\$84,450
Total Expenses	\$554,808
Carryover Revenue	\$73,642



DONOR DATA 2012-13

Total Number of Donors	644
Number of New Donors	233
Average Individual Gift Size	\$245