



The Pomona Hope Kids Summer Program was a huge success this year, with 50 kids and youth participating.

Pomona Hope Reaches New Heights by Joe George

Pomona Hope broke new ground this summer by launching an ambitious 6-week Summer Reading Program. Students from kindergarten through middle school came five days a week for fun, academic enrichment, and discovery of the performing arts. Our dedicated staff of adult volunteers worked alongside a growing team of teenage Pomona Hope Kids alumni to give over forty kids a truly fantastic summer!

The Summer Program was planned and implemented by four absolutely fantastic summer interns from the Claremont Colleges. For the duration of the program, Harvey Mudd College students Joshua Ray and Ben Margolis and Scripps College students Emily Luttrull and Amanda Winges lived on site working full time to facilitate the academically rigorous and multifaceted program. Upon enrollment, students were assessed for their math and reading levels in order to target instruction and evaluate the program's efficacy. Students learned and practiced a new vocabulary word each day and read with volunteers for half an hour. In addition to reading, student "teams" rotated through a variety of engaging classes. In Math, students not only practiced

basic skills (like multiplication tables), but were also introduced to logic and problem-solving strategies. In Visual Art, students experimented with color theory and styles like Cubism while producing realistically proportioned self-portraits. Students learned to sing songs and perform on wind instruments in Music, acted short plays in Drama, and completed experiments in Science. In the midst of all of the academic and arts enrichment, time was still found for snacks, games, and sports! The Summer Program culminated in an Open House. Proud parents and families filled the gym to enjoy drama and musical performances from the children. The gym was festooned with student art, photos, and stations showcasing the summer's achievements. Like at a high school graduation, proud parents snapped photos of their children while they were recognized individually with certificates and Pomona Hope monogrammed backpacks. The Summer Program represents a great leap forward in what we are accomplishing together in Pomona. Thanks to your generous support, kids had enriching experiences this summer that will stay with them for a lifetime. I'm already looking forward to next summer.

Coming Events

- September 28th is the first day of the Pomona Hope After School Program
- September 14th through the 17th at 6 pm will be volunteer training. Please contact Emily Peine if you are interested in volunteering this year. New volunteers are always needed. See contact information on the bottom of this page.
- September 21st-23rd at 6pm is the After School Program Parent/ Student Registration.

You are invited to:

2nd Annual Pomona Hope Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, October 18th

Beginning at 1:30- Lunch

Served at 2:00

Pomona Valley Mining Company

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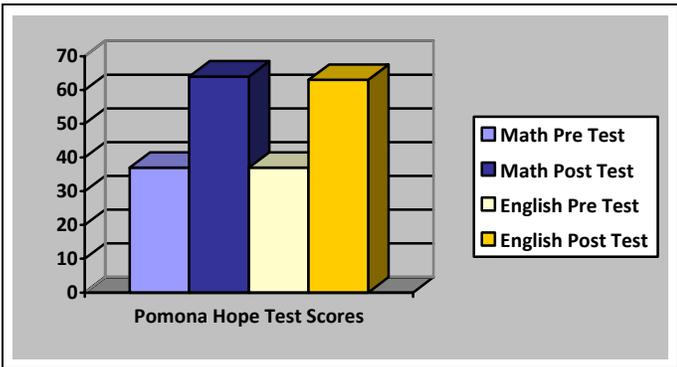
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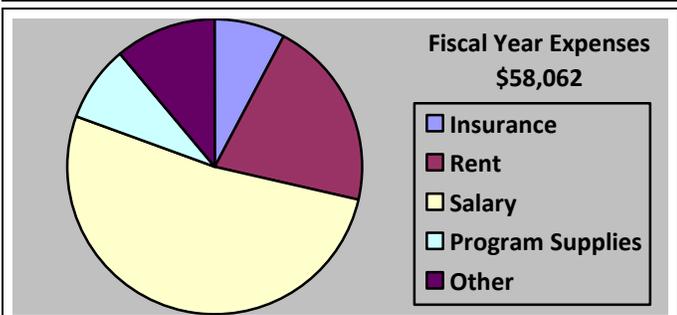
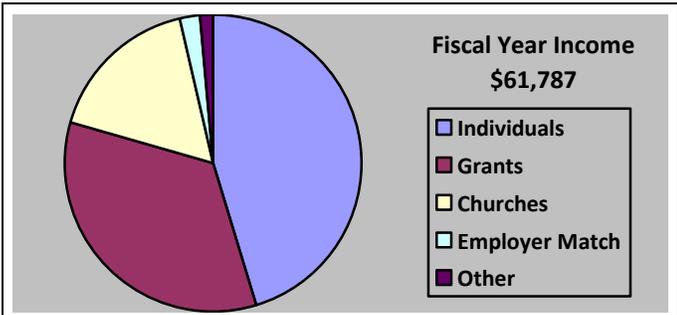


Highlights From the Past Year

Over the course of the 2008-2009 school year, Pomona Hope Kids After School Program offered after school supervision, organized activities, homework help, and individualized tutoring to over 40 children ranging from first through eighth grades. The program ran from September 29th through June 17th and had 34 volunteers participating on a regular basis. Above is a chart showing student results of a pre and post test given at the beginning and end of the program. Below is an analysis of the student report cards during 2008-2009 school year from the students who brought in their report cards.

% Improvement	Subject
43%	Reading
71%	Reading Level
57%	Writing
50%	Listening/Speaking
79%	Math

Pomona Hope ended its fiscal year on July 31st.



Students learned to play instruments during the music portion of the summer program.



Proud parents watched their students perform drama and concerts the last day of the program.



The program wouldn't have become a reality without the four hard working and dedicated college interns. Many thanks Amanda, Emily, Josh and Ben (pictured with two students).