

Mission statement: Surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life

Winter Wish



The Newman family is very grateful for what Communities In Schools of Tacoma has done for them during the holidays.

Communities In Schools of Tacoma Site Coordinator Gina Irvin learned from the school counselor that the Newman family was in need of a Thanksgiving food basket.

After delivering the food basket, the staff agreed it would be great to adopt this family for Christmas.

Before Winter break, Gina delivered presents (new coats, handmade scarves, toys, a Christmas tree plus decorations) and food to the Newman family.

Ms. Newman would like to thank everyone who contributed to this Christmas memory.

She hopes to return the gift to another family in the future.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF TACOMA

Communities In Schools of Tacoma is a non-profit organization, serving youth and families in the Tacoma School District since the Fall of 2001. Many of the youth we serve attend schools in high poverty areas, with some schools reaching over 80% free & reduced lunch. By bringing caring adults into the schools to address children's unmet needs, Communities In Schools provides the link between educators and the community. Schools are realizing they cannot do this job alone. By brokering necessary resources into the school, students can concentrate on learning and teachers can concentrate on teaching.

We believe that every child needs and deserves the 5 Basics:

- A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult
- A healthy start and a healthy future
- A safe place to learn and grow
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation
- A chance to give back to peers and community

Accomplishments

Communities In Schools of Tacoma was awarded an AT&T Foundation grant, one of 8 in the country, to help the drop out crisis. The funding was specifically for salaries for Site Coordinators at persistently low achieving schools. We were able to place 2 full-time staff at Mt. Tahoma and Oakland High Schools. We are already seeing positive results with increased attendance.

In December of 2009 we received accreditation from CIS National as one of 4 affiliates found to be using model business and program standards. *Communities In Schools of Tacoma was one of four "early adopters" to go through the CIS National accreditation process in 2009-2010, along with Communities In Schools of Clay County, N.C.; Communities In Schools of the Midlands, S.C. and Communities In Schools of Richmond, Va.*

Stuff the Bus Campaign

Stuff the bus campaign is a joint effort among Communities In Schools of Tacoma and local businesses, government agencies and organizations to provide children in need with backpacks, school supplies, clothing and shoes for school. This school supply drive helps children start school with the tools to succeed. In the past six years we have provided backpacks and school supplies for more than 14,000 students in the Tacoma, Franklin Pierce and Bethel School Districts.



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Results	
# of volunteers	275
# of volunteer hours	3,678
# of students served	3,810
Youth who received one time services	3,413
Youth who received ongoing services	397
Youth who were tutored/mentored	125

Thanks to the partnership between Communities In Schools of Tacoma and Mt. Tahoma High School, an additional 135 students were able to graduate on-time with their class. An on-line credit retrieval program purchased by CIS helped in this process.

For the students logging-in at school, Communities In Schools of Tacoma provided tutors and a certificated teacher to help answer questions and monitor progress. The students logging in from home checked in weekly and submitted final exams to the teacher.

"CIS has provided an extremely valuable addition to our tool kit by providing opportunities for many Mount Tahoma students to retrieve credit and graduate with their class."

-- Cynthia Endicott, Mt. Tahoma Guidance Counselor

"The year is finally coming to a close and graduation is quickly approaching. I have just a few things to say before I leave through the doors of Mt. Tahoma one last time. I would like to thank Communities In Schools of Tacoma for even giving me the opportunity to be a part of this program. If it weren't for your help I definitely would not be graduating with my class."

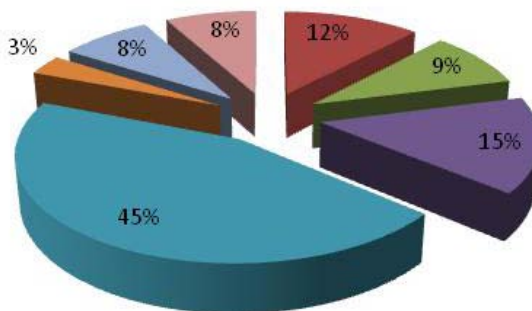
-- Gabriel Young, Mt Tahoma Student

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Financials 2009-2010

Income	
Individual Donations	12%
Corporate Donors	9%
Federal Grants	15%
County Grants	3%
State Grants (OSPI)	45%
Tacoma Public Schools	8%
City of Tacoma	8%



Expenses	
Programs	40%
Salaries	52%
Training/Travel	2%
Legal/Accounting	4%
Insurance	1%
Office Supplies	1%
Bank Charges	<1%

