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Building our future....One person at a time

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Summer Enrichment Program: Achievement and Fun!

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In July, Succeed2gether completed its 6th four-week Summer Enrichment Program, which accommodates 50 students in grades 3 through 8. Students participate in a morning academic program of math and language arts and an afternoon program of extracurricular activities. The program is free for low-income families.

Measurable Results

The program was an outstanding success with progress made in math, language arts, and writing. Before and after-test results showed dramatic improvement in average reading and math scores as demonstrated in the graph.

Not all Academics

In addition to academics, students participated in art, music, leadership, nutrition programs, swimming, physical education, field trips, a lacrosse clinic, and special visits from distinguished guests. They watched the Oscar-winning documentary, *Innocente*, a film about a homeless 15-year-old girl pursuing

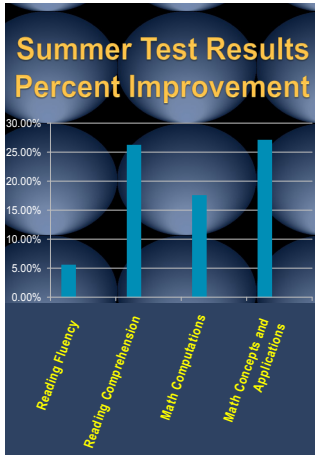
her dreams as an artist. In art classes, they created self-portraits and canvas paintings based on the film.

Music and Literacy!!!

S2G board member Carrie Cantor, taught the children to play a rousing version of "We Will Rock You" on strumsticks. A strumstick is a small, light-weight, easy-to-



play version of a guitar. In language arts and writing classes, the children read novels, created art quilts, and wrote essays related to the books they read. Many of these creations have been reproduced in our summer journal for them to share with their families and friends.



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Thanks to our Funders!!

- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- Montclair Fund for Women
- The Montclair Foundation
- The New York Community Trust
- Community Foundation of NJ
- Albie Hecht and Susan MacLaury
- Marcia Marley and Peter Rappaport
- Community Development Block Grant
- Investor's Charitable Foundation
- Lila Lustig Bequest
- BJ's Charitable Foundation
- Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence

Support Succeed2gether at our Oktoberfest Fundraiser!

Oktoberfest
 Join us for beer, wine, food, live music, dancing, and Oktoberfest Fun
 American Traditional Dancing with Ridge Kennedy squares, circles and so much more!
OCTOBER 15, 2014
 6:30-9:00 PM - 11 Pine Street, Montclair
HELP A CHILD SUCCEED
 General Admission: \$75
 Supporter: \$150 (t-shirt)
 Sponsor: \$1000 (4 tickets, t-shirt, gift bag, name/logo in program and on our website)
RSVP to info@succeed2gether.org by October 12

 Our after-school and summer programs are making a very big difference in the academic performance of the students we serve and we have the data to show this. Please support a program that really works!



Succeed2gether's Fall Fundraiser promises to be a merry event! Help us build bright futures one student at a time!

Celebrate the season with an American Traditional Dance Party. Bring your friends and family.

Whether you are experienced or a novice, our square dance caller Ridge Kennedy and his live band will insure that a good time is had by all.

Tickets are available at our website, succeed2gether.org, or you can email us at info@succeed2gether.org, or call our office at 973-746-0553.

Dear Families and Friends,
A sincere thank-you to our community—families, tutors, and supporters—which has made 2014 our best year yet in enrollment and achievement, as illustrated by our successful summer program. With the start of school, we at Succeed2gether are hard



at work planning for our 2014-15 programs.

Thanks to our new tutors from Montclair State University and honor students from local high schools, we have significantly expanded our After-School Tutoring Program, which began on

September 15. This year, we are partnering with the Montclair Public Library's Big Read Program, which will supply a book to each of our students. Through our partnership with Toni's Kitchen, a free backpack of food will be provided to families that wish to participate.

We will again host fall workshops in Math Fundamentals, Algebra Readiness, and Literacy. We will also offer our popular Parent Workshops, covering topics of interest.

Our Resource Center will continue to offer assistance to families this fall. Please check the calendar for dates. Along with North Jersey Ceasefire, we will once again sponsor anti-violence programming with area schools including assembling the annual

calendar of young artists. Great programs require great resources. While nearly 40% of our operating expenses are supported through in-kind donations of time by our volunteer tutors and free program space, there are still substantial costs. Funding from our donors allows us to operate these life-changing programs that offer both quality educational support and services to families in



need. Your continued support is vital in order to maintain and expand these necessary programs. Please attend our fall FUNdraiser on October 15. Tickets are avail-

able at www.succeed2gether.org. We welcome suggestions to better serve our students and families. Please email your thoughts. Contact Barbara at bkaplan@succeed2gether.org or Contact Marcia at mmarley@succeed2gether.org. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please go to our website for a volunteer form.

We look forward to a productive partnership with all of you.

Regards,
Marcia Marley, Executive Director
Barbara Kaplan, Program Director



Succeed2gether's Fall Programs

After-School Tutoring and Enrichment

After-School Tutoring for children in grades 2-12 runs from September through May, Monday through Thursday, in the Montclair Public Library. Tutoring is provided by trained volunteers in math and language arts.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the school year. The program is free for low-income families. Income verification is required before students are matched

with a tutor. Sessions are one hour a week per subject.

For more information or to sign your child up call us at 973-746-0553 or visit our website at succeed2gether.org to download an application.

Students in the program who qualify will receive food through our Backpack Food Program. Backpacks are donated to S2G students by Toni's Kitchen. Please call us at 973-746-0553 to sign up.

Algebra Readiness for Grades 5-8

Algebra can seem like rocket science without the proper preparation.

The goal of this workshop is to take the confusion out of algebra by covering fundamental concepts of mathematics that are prerequisites for understanding the concepts and operations of algebra. Completion of this workshop will get a child ready to tackle Algebra I. Focus will include introducing

algebraic concepts such as solving equations with unknown variables, working with exponents and square roots, and introduction of slope and factoring.

The workshop will meet for four Sundays beginning Oct. 26 and ending on Nov. 16, from 1:00-2:30 pm. For applications go to succeed2gether.org, or call us at 973-746-0553, or email info@succeed2gether.org.

Math FUNdamentals for Grades 3-5

Basic math skills provide the building blocks for the sciences, technology, engineering and financial literacy. This workshop will reinforce and develop the skills necessary for mastering the new Common Core Curriculum.

The sessions are geared to students in grades 3-5 and will focus on the following areas of mathematics; frac-

tions, place value, multiplication, division, geometry, math vocabulary, and word problems.

The workshop will meet for five consecutive Sundays from 1-2:30 pm beginning on Oct. 19 and ending Nov. 16. For applications go to succeed2gether.org or call 973-746-0553 or email info@succeed2gether.org.

Literacy Workshop for Grades 3-5

Understanding what one is reading is the key to mastering con-



tent in all subjects. Reading comprehension is the key to success

in school. Our Literacy Workshop prepares your child for comprehending text in any context and subject. It is our goal to make reading both instructive and enjoyable. The workshop will meet from 3 to 5 pm for five Sundays beginning Oct. 19 and ending Nov. 16. For applications, go to our site at succeed2gether.org, or call 973-746-0553, or email info@succeed2gether.org.

'Hear Our Voices' Program Honors Montclair's Young Peacemakers



Young artists from Montclair elementary schools were honored during the 19th annual "Hear Our Voices" awards ceremony and program on June 1, at the Montclair Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The theme of the annual art awards was "Build Positive Friendships, Make Violence Disappear."

Brendan Gill, Essex County Freeholder, addressed the assembly sharing concerns about the scourge of vio-

lence and urging attendees and honorees to work together to create a more peaceful world. Marcia Marley, Executive Director of Succeed2gether, also spoke.

Francesca Elms, co-chair of North Jersey Ceasefire Group, who co-sponsored the event with Succeed2gether, said, "The award ceremony was all the more poignant this year, with the continuing tragic proliferation of school shootings across the country."

Other presenters at the awards ceremony were Nancy Haven, and Nancy Taiani, from the North Jersey Ceasefire Group.

Thirteen children won

awards. The winning submissions appear in Ceasefire's 2015 Calendar, which was distributed to every classroom and office within the Montclair School system.

The event and the calendar were made possible by the efforts of the Montclair Public Schools and the judges, Trish Angellillo, Diana Polack, and Philhemona Williamson.

In addition, Peacemaker scholarships in the amount of \$500 were awarded to three Montclair High School students who demonstrated dedication to the prevention of violence. Awardees included Linda Meliani, Ibn Wallace, and Rayanna Yarborough.

Resource Center Programs

Succeed2gether's new office and Resource Center is at 11 Pine Street in Montclair. The Resource Center will continue to be open this fall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, staffed by our **Resource Center Coordinator, Alan Myers.**

The Center provides an important connection to the Greater Montclair community. Our service programs, co-sponsored with Toni's Kitchen, include clothing collections for distribution, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) sign-ups as well as employment search assistance.

Our popular **Clothing Give-Away Days** are held season-

ally. The next one is scheduled for October 11. We will start accepting donations of clothing for this distribution at 11 Pine St. on Oct. 6th.

The next SNAP registration is scheduled for October 3, 11:00 am to 3:00pm, at Toni's Kitchen, 73 So. Fullerton Ave.

On Dec. 6, we will hold our annual winter coat distribution also at Toni's Kitchen. Please bring gently worn coats to 11 Pine **after Thanksgiving.**

Please feel free to stop by the Resource Center to complete applications for the above services or to sign up your children for after-school tutoring, workshops, or other assistance.



"Math was always a struggle for my daughter. Since being a part of SEP [S2G's summer program], she has gone from earning C's and D's to A's and B's. She has become more confident and self motivated and has gained more friends."



"I am extremely grateful to the Succeed2gether Summer Enrichment Program for helping my son become a better writer and for the help he received in math. You taught him to write with more detail, and there was a definite re-awakening of his love of lit-

Build Positive Friendships, Make Violence Disappear 2015



The 2015 North Jersey Ceasefire Group calendar featuring Montclair elementary school children's award-winning artwork.

2014 Succeed2gether Board

- Alice Freed
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- Mark Alexander
- Susan Gifford

Our Program Partners

- Essex County Case Workers
- First Lutheran Church of Montclair
- Montclair Public Library
- Montclair Public Schools
- Montclair State University
- Toni's Kitchen



About Succeed2gether

Calendar of Events

Succeed2gether exists to provide the skills, services, and resources necessary for the well-being and economic success of those most in need. Through our Resource Center we develop and implement education and youth empowerment programs, anti-violence initiatives, and human needs activities, such as clothing distribution and social services. Our After-School Tutoring Program (ASTP) and Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for families in need comprise the cornerstone of our mission. These free programs meet the academic needs of both low-performing and accelerated students whose low-income families are unable to pay for tutoring. By focusing on closing the achievement gap in literacy and numeracy, these programs help to fill the void left by the elimination of many free and low-cost academic services previously provided by the public schools.

We meet the unique needs of economically disadvantaged and academically struggling public school students from Montclair, East Orange, Bloomfield, Orange, and Newark, New Jersey. We provide free services to these low-income students who are at-risk academically or who will excel with enrichment.

September 15—After-School Tutoring Begins

Mondays-Thursdays, September-May at Montclair Public Library, 50 S. Fullerton, Montclair.

October 3—SNAP Registration Day.

11:00 am-3:00 pm. Toni's Kitchen, 73 S. Fullerton Ave, Montclair.

October 11—Clothing Distribution.

Succeed2gether Resource Center, 11 Pine St., Montclair.

October 15—Succeed2gether Oktoberfest Fundraiser.

Succeed2gether Resource Center, 11 Pine St., Montclair.

October 19—Literacy Workshop Begins.

Sundays through November 16 from 3:00-4:30. 11 Pine St., Montclair. Call 973-746-0553 to enroll.

October 19—Math FUNDamentals Workshop Begins.

Sundays through November 16 from 1:00-2:30 11 Pine St., Montclair. Call 973-746-0553, to enroll.

November 2—Algebra Readiness Workshop Begins.

Sundays through November 23 from 1:00-2:30. 11 Pine St., Montclair. Call 973-746-0553, to enroll.

December 6—Coat Distribution Day.

Toni's Kitchen, located at 73 S. Fullerton Ave, Montclair.