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Community Learning Centers



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PASEFIKA Learning Center

The Grand Opening Tour on January 20, 2005, began at the PASEFIKA Learning Center located in the White Center area. The PASEFIKA learning center was officially launched with great hospitality, a festive atmosphere of traditional Samoan foods, excited students, parents, volunteers and Highline School District representatives present. Over 50 attendees celebrated the grand opening!

Pastor Dan Magalei opened the event with prayer and an introduction to what the learning center concept is all about. Doug Wheeler, Educational Consultant for CCDR, thanked everyone for all of the hard work to make the learning center possible: donors and volunteer IT time. Also, partners World Vision for hardware, and Alpha Omega Publications for software. Doug cast the vision for CCDR to facilitate eleven more learning centers by the end of 2005.



PASEFIKA Welcome Buffet



Pastor Doug Wheeler and
Pastor Dan Magalei

Edna Noga, Site Director, Annette King, Tutor & Coordinator for the Senior Citizen's Ambassadors program, and Joy Palmer, Tutor & Administrative Staff operate a Targeted Tutoring Center which works with students who are 1 to 2 years behind grade level in math, reading or writing. This program helps them get to grade level and develop computer skills, since many of the students do not have computers at home or access to them. Homework help, general tutoring and mentoring for students is also available whenever the site is open.

The PASEFIKA learning center has unique computer tables where the monitor is mounted below the glass table top. This protects the computer screen as well as the computer itself from damage and makes the room multi-purpose. This learning center is under the pastoral ministry of Pastor's Dan & Mabel Magalei, senior pastors of The White Center Samoan Assembly of God. Pastor Mabel is the newest member of the Highline School District Community Engagement Team.

The Highline School district is the only one in the State of Washington to have this type of paid team to help them facilitate the success of their students in communities of color. Maurico Ayon was present representing the Superintendent, Joe McGeehan of the Highline School District and gave his full support of the learning center.



Tutor Joy Palmer and student using
computer mounted under glass
at PASEFIKA

" The district has no problem working with faith-based groups. We want to work with people who will help our students achieve. "

-Maurico Ayon

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MEKONG Learning Center

The second stop on the grand opening tour was the MEKONG Learning center located at Rainier Avenue Church. This learning center serves Southeast Asian and immigrant students and has a partnership with Aki Kurose Middle School of Seattle.

The students served by this center are working on their English language skills, computer skills as well as academic advancement. The partnership between Youth Pastor Marvin Gray and Aki Kurose is long standing. He has been visiting the school and helping students for over six years. Students matriculating to the Mekong learning center is a natural outgrowth of his efforts and investment.



Pastor Paul Olver- Rainier Avenue Church, Pastor Daniel Villa- Allianza, Tally Hairston- SPU and BiHoa Caldwell, Principal—Aki Kurose Middle School, Seattle.

The afternoon began with socializing and Vietnamese sandwiches garnished with jalapeno peppers, punch, tea and coffee. Paul Olver— Senior Pastor Rainier Avenue Church (which provides oversight for this learning center) was present along with Tally Hairston, from SPU, Pastor Daniel Villa of the Alianza, Dena Parmer from World Vision KidReach, Learning Center Site Director, Farm Saechou, Choy Vong, ESL teacher from Aki Kurose, CCDR staff, volunteers and students.



Aki student working on software program.

Once the CCDR staff arrived, Marvin opened up with a brief history of how the learning center got started and thanked the volunteers who worked on everything from site preparation to remodeling and finally installation.

Mekong learning center is located in a room at street level of Rainier Avenue Church for easy access for the students. The computers have software loaded and are ready to complete the assessment process of all of their students. They have room for 15 students and are currently seeing 13 on a regular basis. Site Director Farm Saechou has contacted the families of each student and is building relationships with them.

Back Row: Paul Olver, Marvin Gray, Arlen Yan, Christalyn Grantier, Dena Parmer, Steven Ono, Jimme Saeturn

2nd Row: Tali Hairston, Daniel Villa, Farm Saechou, Doug Wheeler, Jennifer Jukanovich, Lyna Saechao, Lian Jukanovich, Julie Gray, Naime Gutierrez-Villa

Front Row Kneeling: Choy Vong, Brenda and Alyssa Keomany, BiHoa Caldwell, Steve Bury



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Final Stop: Hope Central



Student's receiving tutoring in the after school program.

The final stop on our grand opening tour was the Hope Central Site—an outreach of Northwest Urban Ministries. This new learning center is an extension and enhancement of a tutoring program which has five elementary school partners, all from the Seattle Public School District: Bailey Gaztert, T.T. Minor, Thurgood Marshall, Leschi, Lowell, and Hawthorne.

Hope Central has a core of volunteers and university students who help tutor the students and work with them on their homework. This center provides a positive, uplifting environment for children to spend their after school hours in a positive productive way.

Since Hope Central is working with younger children, they provide other activities and opportunities for them to go outside (in good weather) to break up the afternoon. Working with children in their elementary years can prevent a lot of problems for them in school, by identifying where they need help early, getting them the help, and setting them up for success in school. Mrs. Jackson (Program Site Intern) is very excited about having new computer equipment & software to work with. The children are so happy to come into the learning center to work and soon they may have a waiting list to help children.



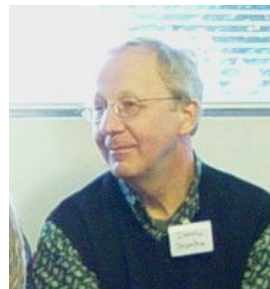
Pictured Left to Right:
Cheryl Haskins,
CCDR
Mrs. Janice Jackson,
Program Site Director
Naime Villa, CCDR
Ryan Schmid,
Executive Director Hope Central
Pastor Doug Wheeler,
CCDR Educational Consultant

Special Thanks!

A special thanks to Dennis Terpstra— member University Presbyterian Church, who has dedicated hundreds of hours to CCDR by leading the IT effort for the learning centers. He has acted in the role of IT consultant for CCDR, providing input on computer purchase, site planning, installation of hardware & software, and final approval of site. Without his help, none of this would be possible. He has done all of this while working full-time.

Dennis is an example of how CCDR is partnering with local suburban churches to provide pathways of participation for individuals who want to be involved in supporting and helping ministries in the urban core.

Each learning center needs its own IT person which Dennis will help train and continue to serve as a resource. Thank you to his wife, who has supported his commitment to CCDR even on Saturdays!



Dennis Terpstra
IT Specialist



Personalized stuffed Beanies for each student provided by Hope Central.

SCHOOL PARTNERS

Bailey Gaztert Elementary
Hawthorn Elementary
Leschi Elementary
Lowell Elementary
T.T. Minor Elementary
Thurgood Marshall Elem.
White Ctr. Heights Elem.
Aki Kurose Middle School
Cascade Middle School
Evergreen High School
Rainier Beach High School
Highline School District

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-Dennis Terpstra

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Additional Sites for 2005

LEARNING CENTER LOCATIONS

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Location: *White Center*
School Partners:
White Center Heights
Elementary
Cascade Middle School
Evergreen High School
Focus Group:
Pacific Islanders
Site Director: TBD

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Location:
Rainier Beach
School Partner:
Rainier Beach High School
Focus Group:
African-Americans
Site Director:
Katrina Cathcart

MEKONG

Location:
Rainier Avenue Church
School Partner:
Aki Kurose Middle School
Focus Groups:
Southeast Asian Immigrants
Site Director: *Farm Saechou*

HOPE CENTRAL

Location:
Central Area
School Partner:
Bailey Gatzert Elementary
Focus Group:
Ethnic Minorities
Site Director:
Anna Maria Pasley



JUST PEOPLE

Location:
Highline-El Dios Viviente UMCs
Burien, WA
Partners:
Evergreen High School
Focus Group:
Hispanic
Site Director: TBD
Funding Needed: \$18,000
Scheduled Opening: March '05

BEACON HILL

Location:
Christian Restoration Center
Partners:
Beacon Hill Church-Nazarene
Asa Mercer Middle School
Focus Group:
Ethnic Minorities
Site Director: TBD
Funding Needed: \$32,000
Scheduled Opening: April '05
Volunteers Needed:
Site Prep, Building Materials, Wiring,
Security System, Work groups



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