

MISSION

To help elementary-school children enhance their academic, organizational and social skills by providing high-quality after-school programs in Claremont Unified School District neighborhoods.

Teachers Give Tutors Tools for Early Readers

Jeanne Merrill, Margaret Russell, and Karen Corrette, retired Chaparral teachers, recently offered two tutor workshops focused on teaching young children “sight words.” While teaching, they were aware of CLASP, but when Margaret became a tutor this fall, she realized the full impact of CLASP on students.

Margaret, Jeanne, and Karen together have over 100 years of teaching experience. As former colleagues and friends, they agreed, when asked by CLASP Director, Jan Creasey, to team up to share their wisdom.

As Karen noted: “Reading is the root to all learning. In the early grades students are being asked to summarize, make inferences and look closely at all types of text. They need to respond to text with comprehensive thoughts and reflection. Without a solid foundation, students struggle with finding meaning in text and get lost in the process of reading.”

Why offer a workshop specifically on teaching sight words? Margaret says: “I believe strongly that students have different learning strengths—for example, visual, auditory, kinetic. Sight words are the imperative base for all reading.”



Jeanne, Margaret, and Karen



Tutor Michelle and Bridget read together

Enthusiastic tutors filled both workshops, the first in January, and the second in March. Jan explained what happened next: “They undertook the daunting task of testing each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grader.”

“Armed with this information, tutors knew where to start the sight word practice program with each child. Providing a structured and easy-to-implement program for tutors to use with CLASP students is fantastic.”

Site supervisor Jim Keith said, “Since our students have a wide range of sight-reading skills, the customized worksheets are very important.” As the tutors filed out, they were clearly energized to help their K-3 students become better, more fluent readers.



Shivani reads with tutor Paul

Patrizia Richardson



“You should see the stickers I have,” says tutor Patrizia. “Aliens, globes, cupcakes, puffy ones, and planets!” Patrizia has become affectionately known as “the sticker lady” among the Wheeler Park students, who find motivation in earning a sticker for each day of completed homework, plus a bonus sticker on Thursday to reward an entire week’s worth of assignments well done.

She initially became a CLASP tutor last fall to fulfill a community service requirement for a course at Pitzer College, where she is in the New Resources Program for students of nontraditional college age.

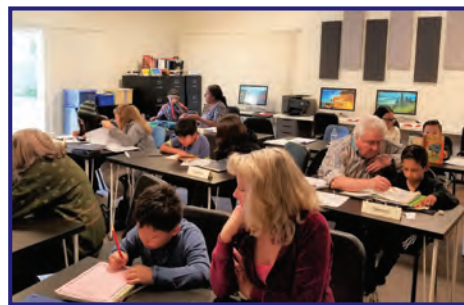
She stayed on after the requirement had been met. “I liked it and enjoy watching the kids learn. Sometimes it’s tiny steps; you don’t see it immediately. But I enjoy seeing their emotional and spiritual growth—when children start to get connected to the material and develop a healthy attitude toward their studies. It’s not just learning about dinosaurs and the names of rocks, but also about an understanding of how other cultures can be beautiful.”

Patrizia will be nurturing her own appreciation of other cultures this summer as she travels to Morocco and takes an Egyptology course at Oxford University. The art history major hopes to be able to continue tutoring this fall because “I really love the kids.”

CVA Contributes Revamped Study Space

Marsha Young, the community manager at Claremont Village Apartments (CVA), has long been a champion for the CLASP site that is hosted in the community room at the apartment complex. She was delighted to see that CVA’s new owners, MRK Partners, and management company, Winn Residential, shared her enthusiasm for the benefit that CLASP provides to the residential community.

When the aging buildings were due for a renovation, the companies devised a plan that would provide maximum improvement to the kids’ homework space with minimum disruption to the program. The study site got a total overhaul, including new flooring, updated kitchen appliances and cabinets, all new furniture, and new computers.



CVA tutors work with students in renovated study space

CLASP director, board members, and site supervisor pack up the study site



This phase of the renovation was carefully scheduled to coincide with winter break, so that tutoring wouldn’t be interrupted.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to provide this updated space,” said Marsha. “The kids who live here are getting better grades. CLASP is such a value to the community!”

CLASP earns Champions for Children Community Service Award



Greg Shapton accepts award from Lou Ehresman, President, West End Auxiliary of the Children’s Fund



The West End Auxiliary of the Children’s Fund chose CLASP to receive its inaugural “Champions for Children” award for community service on March 22nd at their annual gala. The award honors persons or groups who make significant contributions to their communities, serving as role models for compassion and service, while striving to make the world a better place.



We have come to the end of a very successful 14th year for CLASP. We provided 154 elementary school students with homework help. Tutors came to our five sites week-in and week-out to help our CLASP students with homework.

Through their generous donation of time, knowledge, and encouragement, our tutors have made a meaningful difference, not only in the lives of these kids, but also in the quality of our community.

Program Director, **Jan Creasey**, once again provided great leadership and direction, aided by Office Assistant, **Desiree Davison**. Our new Tutor Coordinator, **Raydie Buckley**, found many new volunteer tutors for our program. **Kacey Ross**, our new

grant writer, will help us secure even greater financial stability. We also have creative and strong site supervisors at each site, making certain that both our kids and their tutors have successful days together.

Our tireless volunteer board and committee members continue to develop solutions to problems as they arise, and provide strong support to the organization. Our 4th annual Celebrate CLASP Party last November was the most successful ever, with over \$52,000 raised for CLASP!

I thank all of you who have played a part in CLASP this year. You make CLASP what it is: the vital community-based organization that helps kids succeed!

Greg Shapton

“Hooray! It’s Rec Time!”

At CLASP students spend an hour working with a tutor and an hour playing with their friends under the guidance of two recreation leaders. They often eat cheese sticks or apples and relax after a long day in the classroom.



Enjoying a game of jacks



Flower pen craft project

“What will we play today?” Usually the rec leaders decide, but sometimes the children do, or someone draws the name of an activity out of a hat. *Sharks and minnows* vies with soccer and *capture the flag* as favorites.

Some days are for crafts. You can make your own nametag, a thank-you note for your tutor, or a flower pen to give your mom on Mother’s Day. (The colorful, sticky tape for the flowers is a donation from Joann Fabrics.)



Honor on a snack break

Rec leader **Eileen Saldivar** at Claremont Village Apartments introduced her kids to the game of jacks. “They need to develop eye-hand coordination and motor skills,” she says. The kids also develop social skills: how to share, ask politely for the scissors, take turns, follow the rules, be a good winner and a good loser. But the most important lesson? To treat each other with respect.

Aiden Summer Elementary 3rd grade Good Shepherd Center

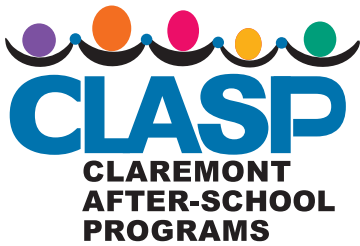


When Aiden grows up, he wants to be a marine engineer. Then he can build underwater robots that make exciting discoveries, like a megalodon! “That’s a humongous shark with jaws stronger than a T-Rex,” Aiden explains to his puzzled interviewer. “It existed 23 million years ago.” (Wikipedia agrees.) “People think it went extinct, but in Japan in 2017, they may have spotted one.”

At CLASP Aiden is sharpening his skills for the future. “I read very fast,” he says. “And I like math. I’m at a higher level than my class, and I add and subtract very fast, like one page in one minute. It’s super easy!”

Now in his third year at CLASP, Aiden has come a long way. Site Supervisor **Cristina Moreno** remembers that when he entered as a first grader, he struggled to catch up: “It was torture to get through one page of homework.” Now, she says, “He’s one of our huge success stories.”

Aiden remembers that first year differently. “I used to be shy,” he says. “I thought the other kids were giants, but now I’m one!”



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Tutoring Sites

Volunteer tutors are welcome to join CLASP throughout the school year. Students may enroll at any time if space is available.

Blaisdell Park Community Center

440 S. College Avenue
Mon., Thurs. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Grades 4 – 6

Claremont Presbyterian Church

1111 N. Mountain Avenue
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Grades 4 – 6

Claremont Village Apartments

965 W. Arrow Highway
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
Grades 1 – 6

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1700 N. Towne Avenue
Mon., Tues. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Grades K – 3

Wheeler Park Recreation Center

626 Vista Drive
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 2:35 – 4:35 p.m.
Grades 1 – 3

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- Tutor
- Donate
- Contribute supplies
- Serve on a committee

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Please join us to help CLASP kids!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS !

CLASP thrives because of the outstanding commitment of hundreds of community volunteers who donate thousands of hours to our program each year.

Our board members are volunteers, our tutors are volunteers, and our committee members are volunteers.

TUTOR VOLUNTEERS

We at CLASP, and especially our students, are fortunate to have all of you in our lives. Thank you for your dedication and your unwavering passion for helping each child succeed.

- 102 Community Tutors
- 116 College Tutors
- 69 High School Tutors
- 13 Substitute Tutors
- 300 Total Tutors**

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In addition to our board members, who devote much time and energy to CLASP as officers and as chairs or members of committees, these volunteers have served on our committees with enthusiasm, creativity and commitment.

We deeply thank all of you who have helped CLASP thrive this year.

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