

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.

Homework Here or Homework There?

Students attending CLASP have help with their homework three days a week. What is it like for them on the days that they do their homework away from CLASP? We asked students how doing their homework at CLASP differs from how they do it at home. Here is what some of them said:

ALICE

CHAPARRAL 4TH GRADER
CLAREMONT VILLAGE APARTMENTS

"At home I use a desk in my sister's room. I like to concentrate, no noises, and my sister watches stuff on her iPad in the room. She helps me if I need it, but at CLASP it is easier because I always have someone to help check my homework, and I have snacks and play, too. I felt shy and nervous in the beginning with my tutors, but now it feels like I'm talking to my own family. I prefer to do my homework at CLASP."



JAYDEN

CONDIT 4TH GRADER
CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"It's easier here (at CLASP). There are no distractions. My tutors help me understand all my homework. At home there are a lot of distractions like TV! I lay on my bed; it makes me sleepy, then I fall asleep and don't get my homework done."

TAIYO

CONDIT 6TH GRADER
CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"I do my homework on my desk in my room. My parents aren't really good at speaking English, so I try to do it myself. Sometimes I get kind of confused.

At CPC I learn better; my tutors review my homework (after I finish) as well. They are kind; they sometimes work with me on stuff I didn't know or forgot, so that helps me."

USHNA

MT. VIEW 6TH GRADER
CLAREMONT VILLAGE APARTMENTS



"I work at a little table in the living room at home. My mom sometimes helps me. My little sister plays with her toys and makes loud noises, so I ask my mom to

move her. I get more support at CLASP. My tutors ask me questions and review with me after. They don't make it boring; they set me examples and make it easier and more fun."

TYLER

VISTA DEL VALLE 1ST GRADER
WHEELER PARK



"At home I watch a cartoon show first, or have a snack. My homework takes an hour at the kitchen table or until dark. I do it myself, or my mom helps.

I am happy to do homework with my tutors, because they make it easier."

TUTOR CORNER

Nancy Ambrose



Nancy began her career as an elementary-school reading specialist. She eventually moved into the field of fundraising, working for many years in the Institutional Advancement Offices at Harvey Mudd and Scripps.

After her retirement from Scripps in 2012, Nancy began putting her early teaching experience to good use by tutoring at CLASP's Good Shepherd center. She describes helping a second grader learn to comprehend what she was reading, with pauses at periods and appropriate intonation. As they read together, Nancy noticed that when her anxious student talked about a story, every statement sounded like a question: "It's a boy?" Nancy gave her a tip: "Say it like you believe it! Drop your voice at the end." When her student did so, she not only *sounded* more confident, she *became* more confident. Nancy has loved seeing her bloom into a happy, thriving fourth grader.

The skills Nancy acquired as a fundraiser, coordinating events and running annual campaigns, have served CLASP well since she joined the board in 2013. As chair of Development, she and her energetic committee members have turned CLASP's annual donor-appreciation party into a successful fundraising event.

Nancy will keep sharing her heart and her skills with CLASP because, as she says, "I don't think there's anything more important in our society than educating kids. I feel I can make a real difference at CLASP."

CLASP Annual Party Honors Summer Camp Founders

Congresswoman Judy Chu, Carole Harter, Maureen Beith



On November 11, 175 guests gathered at the Garner House courtyard to celebrate CLASP.

President Greg Shapton and Congresswoman Judy Chu paid a special tribute to the founders of CLASP's Summer Camp at Mt. San Antonio Gardens, Carole Harter and Maureen Beith. Many Garden residents were on hand to honor these leaders, as well as Nan Maples, who directed the camp this

summer. While Carole recognized the enriching experiences the camp has provided for students since its inception in 2015, Maureen celebrated its value to residents of the Gardens.

Greg also honored two former board members. **Sam Mowbray**, who passed away this summer, made many valuable contributions to CLASP during and after his tenure on the Claremont School Board. **Barbara Shelley**, who also served CLASP for many years, ably co-chaired the tutor committee, one of the most critical and demanding board positions.

As the **Pomona College Jazz Combo** played, guests mingled and sampled the delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared and donated by caterers **Robin Leonhard and Karen Rosenthal**.

When **Rosie Bister**, office manager at Oakmont School, won the opportunity drawing for \$500 worth of gift cards for Claremont businesses, she graciously thanked CLASP for its tremendous support of her students.

Sincere thanks also go to board members and their committee members for organizing the party, and to our sponsors and all of our guests for their generous support.



Greg Shapton, Rosie Bister

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Over 250 volunteer tutors come from our local community every week to provide homework help to our CLASP students. A remarkable feat! We simply could not do what we do without these giving individuals donating their time to help others. Our young tutors from CHS, Webb, the Claremont Colleges and the University of La Verne are laying a foundation for their whole lives by giving back to the community.

Many older and retired folks bring a breadth of life knowledge and education to tutoring our CLASP students. These eminently successful people are giving back to our community by tutoring our students.

Then there are those energetic volunteers making up our board and committees, people who selflessly give their time and dollars so that CLASP prospers. They work hard to ensure the current and future viability of our organization. And many of them tutor as well!

The fabulous CLASP staff works with this dedicated mixture of volunteers, shaping it into a homework-help system that is making a true difference in the lives of our kids. CLASP doesn't just happen—it is the result of very deliberate work to make sure our kids are successful members of the community.

Everyone plays their part: tutors, board and committee members, staff, donors, and kids. Thank you for being a crucial part of CLASP!

Greg Shapton

Erabella
Chaparral Elementary 5th grade
Blaisdell Park Center



A smiling Erabella sits down to talk. At school she enjoys helping the aides, playing handball, and chatting with friends. At home she loves listening and dancing to music, bouncing on her trampoline, and playing with her dog, Humphrey.

At the beginning of last year, Erabella was finding school work overwhelming—long division, language arts, and reading were all a struggle. "I was worried about coming to CLASP, about whether the tutors would be really strict. But when I came I saw a lot of other kids here who also needed help. The tutors were wonderful: funny, nice, and explaining things better than at school, because here it is just me and my tutor."

Erabella has made great progress with her tutors, and her confidence shows. "I began to understand what we were doing in math, how to work with large numbers. My grades improved." She likes that the recreation hour gives her the chance to meet new friends and play. "I'd tell anyone who is worried about coming to CLASP that there are lots of kids and you will be happy later in the year that you are coming."

**MākMō MARBLES
MAGNETIZE MINDS**

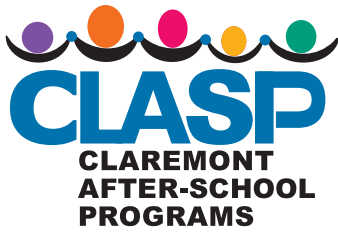


It's a bird, it's a plane, it's **MākMō!** L.A. County Library's new "makermobile" rolled into Claremont on November 1 to deliver a structural engineering lesson at CLASP's Blaisdell Park center. The kids eagerly embarked on a mission to make a marble run that would send their marbles twisting down the plastic chutes at breakneck speed.

Guiding the activity, LA County **MākMō** Librarian Nancy Munoz, says that it promotes logical thinking skills, with trial-and-error efforts to make the structures stable and to make the ball go where it's intended. There is no one right answer, and the challenge fosters teamwork.



MākMō vehicles are a new delivery system to support makerspaces and promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, with hands-on learning. These vehicles will be traveling throughout LA County to bring creative programming to local communities and will make stops at all CLASP sites throughout the winter and spring.



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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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