



Breaking Down Barriers



What can you build out of a smidgen of colorful clay, a drinking straw, and a few small geometrical shapes cut from white paper and decorated with marking pens? A rocket of course! With a clay *nose cone*, a straw *fuselage* and paper *fins*. With exuberant cries of "Three... Two... One... Blast off!" the younger kids shoot their rockets from a pressurized launcher across the playground, two by two. Testing which ones fly further, they consider the variables of fuselage material (paper or plastic straws), fin design, launch angle... and don't forget the wind!



Erica and Herman Kreiman, who lead these learning adventures for CLASP during recreation hours, own and run the Inland Empire North franchise of Engineering for Kids, based in Upland.



For the big kids, their massive and powerful bottle rockets blast into the sky trailing a stream of water and sailing above the trees. It takes muscle to pump the heavy-duty launcher, as one girl discovers: "I tried to pump it down, but it pushed me up." These experiments teach CLASP kids about pressure, propellants, and psi (pounds per square inch). They learn that a car tire contains about 40 psi; but these rockets, pumped full of air and water, take off at 70.

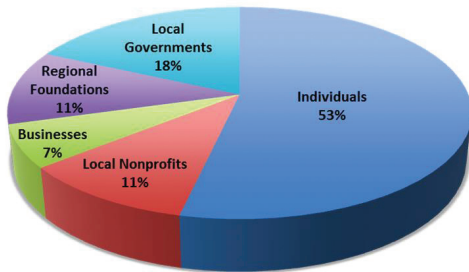
With over 240 branches worldwide, the organization's goal is to "break down barriers" that discourage kids from venturing into the sciences and engineering.

The Kreimans offer after-school and summer programs that inspire kids to experiment and explore.

The funding that brought these exciting educational programs to CLASP's five centers this spring, and will do so again in the fall, comes from the City of Claremont and the Claremont Community Foundation. Cynthia Cervantes-McGuire, co-chair of the foundation board, says, "The CLASP program extends vitally needed learning opportunities for our youth. Overall, the project further enriches our community now and for the future, which is also part of the mission of the Claremont Community Foundation."

WHO PAYS FOR CLASP?

2015 - 2016 INCOME



CLASP volunteers raise over \$175,000 each year thanks to the generous support of our donors.

The pie chart gives the big picture. In this story we acknowledge the organizations that currently support CLASP; in the accompanying story we look at the individuals whose donations play a critical role in its success.

While the cities of Claremont and Pomona and the Claremont Unified School District lay the base for our general operating budget, significant support from regional foundations including the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, the Ontario Community Foundation, and Rose Hills Foundation supplement it.

"We appreciate how CLASP marshals the resources of the community for the benefit of our children's education and ultimately for all of society. We are proud to support CLASP."

Donald P. Gould,
Gould Asset Management LLC

Businesses contribute vital funds and services. KDF Communities, the California corporation that owns Claremont Village Apartments, contributed 26% of this year's costs for the CLASP center located in its recreation room. Thrivent, a nationwide financial-services corporation, has donated hundreds of "Choice Dollars" when its clients select CLASP as a recipient organization. Claremonters Donald Gould and Geoff Hamill have supported CLASP through their businesses.

"As a graduate of K-12 Claremont schools myself and a long-time local realtor in the community, I cannot ignore the needs of so many children at all the Claremont schools that need just that extra bit of attention that will make a difference in their lives; and that helps all of us when you really think about it."

Geoff Hamill, Broker, Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's International Realty

Local nonprofit organizations support CLASP in various ways. We offer special events such as *Family Game Nights* and *Engineering for Kids* thanks to the Claremont Educational Foundation and Claremont Community Foundation. Claremont Presbyterian and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches provide spaces for two of our centers at very low cost. Mount San Antonio Gardens, a faithful donor of funds and services over the years, will host CLASP's third annual summer camp in July.

"Mt. San Antonio Gardens has contributed to CLASP over the years for two primary reasons: First, to honor and support our individual residents who have invested of them-

selves so significantly in the mission and work of CLASP since its founding; second, because we highly value educational opportunity and learning reinforcement for the children of our broader community, which CLASP fosters so beautifully."

Maureen Beith, President and CEO,
Mount San Antonio Gardens

Other local nonprofits provide essential support for our general operating fund: The Economy Shop, the Kiwanis Clubs of Claremont and Pomona, Rotary Club of Claremont, Claremont Sunrise Rotary Club, Claremont High School's Charity League and Interact Club, Claremont Faculty Association, Claremont United Church of Christ, National Council of Negro Women's Pomona Valley Section, the Children's Fund, and the Woman's Club of Claremont.

The Economy Shop Board has determined that CLASP does an outstanding job of working with kids in need.

Rich Laughton, President,
The Economy Shop Board of Directors

Some donors give through organizations they belong to. Members of Claremont Presbyterian Church donate through "Alternative Christmas." Members of the Claremont Cycling Club donate through a ride sponsored by the Upland Chamber of Commerce. And employees of Pomona College donate through the school's payroll deduction plan.

CLASP thrives because of the generous support of our donors. We are deeply grateful for their contributions and for their appreciation of our work.

Giving With Heart

Individual donors are critical to CLASP's success, contributing more than half of its annual budget. Here we spotlight just a few of our most loyal donors.

Devon and Chuck Freitas are well-known members of Claremont's educational community, both serving CUSD for forty years. Devon's career progressed from teacher to counselor to assistant principal of El Roble to principal



of San Antonio High School to Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Chuck, a teacher and coach at Claremont High, became the principal of the new Adult School, then Sycamore and Condit elementary schools and finally, Director of Student Services.

As long-term donors to CLASP, this couple prioritizes their giving to programs that help children. They want to support CUSD

students, and they love the fact that CLASP involves the whole community, connecting, as Devon says, "students of promise" with volunteers who have a "positive attitude toward helping kids, and kids who have a healthy self-concept due to the attitudes of the people who work with them."

Judi Pocock has spent many decades impacting the lives of children and families as a social worker for the County of Los Angeles Department of Child and Family Services. She has never stopped.

Since her retirement in 2007, she has been a thrice-weekly volunteer tutor for CLASP and a faithful donor. She is attracted to CLASP because she enjoys working with children, experiencing their unique perspectives and boundless energy.

"Every week I see the importance of the program and the results; it's measurable, and that is very rewarding. I want the program to continue and succeed; it's an important part of my life."



Mary and Chris Caenepeel have donated to CLASP since its inception. From 2005, Mary was on the CUSD School Board and the CLASP Board.

After retiring from Cal Poly Pomona, Chris joined CLASP as a tutor. For six years he has continued to volunteer in that capacity as well as serving on the CLASP Board and Tutor Committee.



This dedicated couple was attracted to the program for its commitment to working with children who would most benefit from the help volunteers offered.

Mary and Chris agree: "All children should have an equal chance at a good education; some just need a little more help than others. With CLASP, the light in the eyes and the smile on the face of a child when they suddenly know that they 'know' is the best reward for the time and effort spent in the program."

We have come to the end of another very successful year for CLASP. We have provided 146 elementary school students homework help this year. How do we do this?



Week in, week out, volunteer tutors, mostly from the ranks of high-school and college students and retirees, come to our five centers to offer help. They are making a difference in our world, in our very community, through their generous donation of time, knowledge, and encouragement to youngsters that need help at school.

Our Program Director, **Jan Creasey**, and Tutor Coordinator, **Jim Keith**, have provided great leadership and direction to CLASP. We have fabulous Site Supervisors and Recreation Leaders at each center, plus our Office Assistant, **Sandy Fenton**, who makes sure that each day is a good day for our kids and tutors. And finally, our board and committee members have worked tirelessly to continuously improve CLASP, offer solutions to problems when they arise, and provide support to the organization.

I thank each one of you who has played a part in CLASP this year, be it as volunteer tutor, financial supporter, staff, committee member and/or board member. All of you make CLASP what it is: a stellar community organization that helps our kids.

Greg Shapton

Sharing Fun as a CLASP Family

Four years ago CLASP received a grant from the **Claremont Educational Foundation** to help fund **Family Game Nights**, where students, their parents, CLASP staff members and tutors could experience fun activities that would entertain the kids and show their parents ways of becoming even more engaged in their children's learning.

This April and May, all five centers held **Family Reading Nights**, offering pizza, parent-provided foods, and prizes for all the students. A librarian from the Claremont Library talked to students and parents about summer programs and walked them through the steps to obtain their very own library cards.



The families played several lively reading games that generated lots of energy and enthusiasm—and a teensy bit of competitiveness:

For example:

Scattergories—As the timer ticks, list all the words you can think of that fit in a category and begin with a certain letter.

Monster Smash Swatter—Find the card with the word called out and smack it with a fly swatter!

Zap—Either read the word written on a tongue depressor or else zap it back to the pile!

A father at Claremont Village Apartments said, "It's great, these games! It reminds me of when we kids used to entertain ourselves."

At Blaisdell, a parent whose first language was not English said, "I didn't know that playing games would help me know so many words so fast!"

CLASP is grateful to the **Claremont Educational Foundation** for its support of Family Game Nights. President **Robert Fass** noted that his organization is proud to support them. As he said, "We are especially impressed with the inclusive nature of the program, bringing parents together with their students and siblings to make learning a shared family experience."



Kay Held



As her 33-year teaching career in the Azusa Unified School District drew to a close, Kay Held recounts, "I had a little piece of paper in my drawer, and I would write down things I wanted to do [in retirement], and CLASP was one of them."

Though some acquaintances advised her to take a break between retiring and jumping into volunteer commitments, Kay wasted no time in signing up as a tutor at the Claremont Presbyterian Church center, where she just wrapped up her second year. She enjoys the hands-on contribution to this organization that she and her husband **Paul** have supported financially since its founding.

"You can make such progress with that one-on-one time. The students just love being the center of attention."

As she juggles volunteer work with CHAP (Claremont Homeless Advocacy Program), plays golf and racewalks, she plans to continue to make time for CLASP, saying that "there's a camaraderie [at the tutoring centers]. It's fun to make connections. Life's about connections with other people."



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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. 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
Wed. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Grades 3 – 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 K – 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

Mission Statement

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.



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- Volunteer to tutor
- Provide financial assistance
- Donate supplies
- Serve on a committee

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CLASP thrives because of the outstanding commitment of hundreds of community volunteers who donate thousands of hours of their lives 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.

Weekly Community Tutors 111
 College Tutors 55
 High School Tutors 87
 Substitute Tutors 27
Total Tutors 280

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