



CIS Lakewood Annual Report 2008-09

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Helping kids to prepare for life

www.lakewood.ciswa.org • 253-589-7489

Why Communities In Schools?

Colin Powell, Founding Chair of America's Promise, recently stated that "when 1,000,000 students drop out of high school each year, it's more than a problem, it's a catastrophe. And it affects all of us, not just the kids. We can no longer afford to allow 1/3 of all public school students and 1/2 of all Black and Hispanic students to drop out of school."



I think we all agree that our community would be much safer and healthier if more young people graduated on time with the skills they need to succeed in life. The question is how to do that effectively and efficiently. Communities In Schools of

Lakewood was founded in 1993 to address the high number of students who were failing in school and dropping out. It was apparent to CISL founders that schools could not do it alone. Teachers could not be parent, counselor and social worker to their neediest students.

Over the past 18 years CISL has honed the concept of school-based, integrated services for students and their families. The strategy is simple: bring the resources and services available in the community into the schools. Since

1993 over 16,000 students have received free academic help, mentoring, health care, books, enrichment and more. The tide is turning. **Graduation rates have increased from 56.1% in 2005 to 71% in 2008** (Clover Park Data Book).

The needs of Lakewood's children and youth are urgent. Clover Park School District has initiated a series of innovative strategies to increase student achievement. However, even the best teachers and the best curricula do not ensure success for students who have a history of failure and behavior issues. CISL has a proven track record for getting positive results from "hard to reach" students through after-school, mentor and readiness to learn programs.

There is a poster at the CISL office that reads, "Each One, Teach One". If every Lakewood citizen made a commitment to connect with one student or financially support a youth serving agency, we would not only reverse the dropout epidemic, but dramatically increase the vitality and health of our local community, the "village" we call Lakewood.

If you are ready to make a difference, call 589-7489 and we will find you the perfect volunteer opportunity!
You can also download a volunteer application from our website: www.lakewood.ciswa.org.



OUR VISION

Promoting readiness to learn and success in life for our children.

OUR MISSION

To help kids prepare for life through a network of parents, volunteers, businesses and community organizations working together and focused at school sites.

Board & Staff

Officers

- Mary Green**, Board Chair - Retired Principal
Mark Bergin-Sperry, Vice Chair - Madigan
Jim Maus, Treasurer - Boeing
Kim Prentice, Secretary - CPSD

Board Members

- Paul Bocchi**
Dennis Higashiyama
Heidi Hoffman
Dan Livingston
Cecelia Loveless
James Manning
Mary Moss
Eden Mostoller
Victoria Nelson
Bill Orrange
Ellie Wilson
Gary Wilson

Staff

- Dave O'Keeffe**
Diane Formoso
Christina Klas
Mimi Tucci



After-School Programs Target Math

CISL supported after-school programs at Tillicum, Tyee Park, Oakwood, Lake Louise, Southgate, Evergreen, Hillside, Woodbrook and Lochburn. The average number of students who passed the math WASL at these schools in 2008 was 23.6%, so targeting math was imperative. The 304 students referred into after-school programs last year were typically one or more years behind their peers. Advancing one or more grade levels during the year would be a significant gain for these students. In 2008-09, 73% of students advanced one grade level or maintained their grade level through the year!

The three elements that make CISL After-School Programs effective are: 1) students have extra time to finish homework and focus on math and reading with proven curriculum resources and competent teachers; 2) there is a 5:1 ratio of students to teachers and tutors; and 3) they have opportunities for recreation and special projects which promote excitement, cooperation, and higher levels of social functioning.

Other After-School Program results:

- 94% of teachers agreed that "the after-school program helped their students improve math scores"
- 77% of students improved attendance to missing one or less classes per month
- 82% of students related positively with others most or all of the time

After-School Students Thriving at Lochburn Middle School

-by Shelley Knoll, Instructional Facilitator at Lochburn

"Last year, 51 students had the opportunity to attend the Lochburn After-School Program. This program has provided our lower level (and some grade level) math students with an opportunity to increase their math abilities. Highly skilled teachers worked with students to address their questions and targeted their individual math difficulties. Last year, the average student gained at least one full school year in math skills! The After-School Program is a vital component of student success here at Lochburn."

Readiness to Learn (RTL)



Diane Formoso

The economy has hit Lakewood especially hard. Families who were on the fringe last year are desperate this year. The number of kids who qualify for free and reduced lunch has jumped from 61% in September 2008, to 70% in September 2009! These 8000+ kids often need more than a good meal at school, and counselors are simply unable to meet those needs. Their "go to" person is Diane Formoso, who coordinates CISL's RTL Program and directs the work of Caring for Kids. Each day Diane responds to numerous requests from counselors for clothing, school supplies, food, medical/dental/vision resources and more. By bringing these items directly to schools, she takes a load off of counselors, school nurses and parents.

Grant funding from Comcast and Target, combined with support from Caring for Kids, enabled CISL to assemble 1155 "Growing Up Is Fun" bags. These bags contain instructional materials—in Spanish and English—for low-income preschool families. Lakewood is lucky to have such a champion for children.

Committed to Keeping Lakewood's Promise

CHAMPIONS Mentor Program

by Mimi Tucci, Mentor Trainer

The Champions Mentor Program, started in 2006, has grown leaps and bounds this past year under the guidance of Executive Director, Dave O'Keeffe. We started the 2008 school year with 42 mentors and ended the year with 80 mentors! Each year, we retain over 80% of our mentors and mentees, and many have been together since 2006. Studies show that the longer the mentoring relationship, the greater the chances of succeeding in school and life.

Many mentors are now working with their students in high school. As the students transition to a new

C Caring
H Helping
A Adults
M Mentoring
P Proudly
I In
O Our
N Neighborhoods &
S Schools



Kayli and mentor Kathie These are developing a business plan for Kayli's future animal care venture. Over the summer Kayli developed a board game around the business concept.

developmental stage and new school, our mentors transition as well. Their task becomes helping students identify post-high school options and achieving their dreams.

A unique feature of the Champions Program is that we offer a monthly training and support meeting for all of our mentors. Last year, we invited several community speakers who brought a wealth of new information to our mentors. Our mentors come from very diverse educational and professional backgrounds, so these meetings are a good place to share successes, challenges, ideas and goals with each other.

**We have students in grades 4-9 waiting for a mentor.
 Applications can be downloaded at www.lakewood.cisw.org**

Site Coordinator Strategy

In order to best serve the growing number of students and parents in After-school, Mentor and Readiness to Learn programs, CISL is phasing in Site Coordinators at partner schools. Shirley Gascon at Oakwood Elementary writes, "A Site Coordinator at Oakwood would be such a treasure. They will provide great support for the teaching staff, parents and students. They would be the "oil" to keep the program running smoothly...the outreach we need to keep parents informed and involved...consistently connecting families, school and community." Last year we started two Site Coordinators and this year we plan to start three more.

Champions for Youth Breakfast

Our annual breakfast at Old Country Buffet, honoring CISL partners and champions for youth in our community has become a signature event for Lakewood. We were pleased to have Randy Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Erin Jones, Deputy Superintendent, speak in support of CISL and its mission. Individuals, community organizations and local businesses contributed \$21,000 last year!

Financial Report 2008-09

INCOME

State, County and City of Lakewood.....	\$111,289
Private Foundation Grants.....	\$75,050
Corporate Foundation Grants.....	\$52,102
Individuals and Community Groups....	\$50,088
Local Businesses.....	\$7,750
Lollipop Stands.....	\$1,243
Interest/Dividends.....	\$1,316
Misc.....	\$230
Total Income.....	\$299,068

EXPENSES

After-school Programs.....	\$149,439
Champions Mentor Program.....	\$40,177
Readiness to Learn.....	\$54,914
Fundraising.....	\$8,793
Administration.....	\$28,165
Total Expenses.....	\$281,488

Proposed Budget 2009-10

INCOME

State, County and City of Lakewood..	\$48,300
Private Foundation Grants.....	\$95,000
Corporate Foundation.....	\$74,500
Individuals and Community Groups....	\$44,000
Local Businesses.....	\$10,000
Lollipop Stands.....	\$1,500
Interest/Dividends.....	\$1,500
Total Income.....	\$274,800

EXPENSES

After-school Programs.....	\$130,150
Champions Mentor Program.....	\$52,650
Readiness to Learn.....	\$50,000
Fundraising.....	\$12,000
Administration.....	\$30,000
Total Expenses.....	\$274,800



Thanks to Supporters of Communities in Schools of Lakewood

Special Recognition

Communities in Schools of Lakewood gratefully acknowledges the individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations whose support is invaluable to our mission. Your generosity helps our students to be prepared for school and focused on learning. Thank you for caring.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Bruce & Wendy Alexander	U.S. Senator Norm Dicks	Kris & Sylvia Kauffman	Sunday Morris	Sound Banking
Dale and Ann Jones Almlie	Kim Dodds	Walt and Martha Kelly	Dick Muri	Mr. Robert Spoon
Donald and Nancy Anderson	Mary Dodsworth	Dr. James and Eileen Kelley	Walter and Cindy Neary	Jutta Stevens
Sandra Anderson	Pat & Judy Donley	Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kernutt	Andrew & Marie Neiditz	Joy Stohr
Wally & Mindy Baade	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Durbin	Mac & Betty Kirk	Vicky Nelson	Leslie Swalley
Koree Baker	Tal & Mary Edman	Rick & Harriett Kirk	Delphie Nielsen	Ms. Jayme Taylor
Bill Barber	Mr. Wally Endicott	Dr. Corky & Sydna Koontz	Mr. Eric Norton	Dr. Claudia Thomas
John & Sally Barline	Dr. Jim & Ginny Eshelman	Mark and Catharine Lariviere	Dave & Lindy O'Keeffe	Ms. Cindy Thompson
Mary and Frank Balogh	Sarah Fairweather	Charlotte Larson	David and Janelle O'Keeffe	Ms. Shelley Thornton
Johan and Ann Marie Battie	Al and Elli Falk	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Laubach	Dorris Okoro	Mr. Chuck Tiernan
Tamara Beason	Bret Farrar	Herb & Debbie LeBeau	Mr. Rick Oldenburg	Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tinsley
Mark and Mary Pat Bergin- Sperry	Mary Jean Finnegan	Becky Liebman	Bill & Marie Orrange	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Towell
Mr. Mike Block	Mr. David Flentge and Mrs. Yvonne Hughes	Anne and Dan Lordahl	Dr. & Mrs. Art Ozolin	Mike & Mary Jo Tucci
Paul & Holly Bocchi	Judi Floyd	Janet Lordahl	Shawna and Joyce Pace	Mike and Mimi Tucci
Mary Bohn	Tracy Fowler	Bradley and Cecelia Loveless	Dr. Don & Peggy Paradise	Mr. Nathan Turner
Mr. John Bourgaize	Ronald and Shawn Gagnon	Lucky & Liz Lufkin	David & Patricia Paul	Noreen Victorine
Bonnie Boyle	Bill & Andie Gernon	Mr. Thomas Maliska	Noel & Christie Perkins	Joe & Janet Vlaming
Chris & Patty Bridge	Joe & Carolyn Ghilarducci	James Manning	Tom & Kim Prentice	Neil and Heidi Ann Wachter
Mr. Robert Bronoske	Joseph & Mary Green	Mr. Stephen Mauer	Daniel & Faaluaina Pritchard	Mr. Tim Wade
Mr. Tony Bulleri	Jim & Wendy Griffin	Jim & Laurie Maus	Katherine Radcliffe, PHD	Odell & Edith Wallace
Shirley Burns	Lori Griffin	Brian and Patty Maxfield	Mr. Chuck Radziski	Robin and Frank Walter
Jack Butson	Mr. Joseph Guzzo	Janet McCaffrey	Skip & Judith Rash	Sulja Warnick
Robert and Sharon Camner	Bill Harrison	George and Helen McClure	Robin and Linda Rego	Mr. Jason Whalen
Mark Ceccarelli	Dennis Higashiyama	Hallie McCurdy	Dennis Reid and Anne Cosgrove	Hollieann White
Ms. Diane Chick	Ed and Pat Hildebrandt	Dawn McGinnis	Doug & Charleen Richardson	Gene & Ellie Wilson
Bob & Doris Claypool	Dr. & Mrs. Dale Hirz	Helen McGovern	Mr. and Mrs. Marty Schafer	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson
Dan & Cheryl Comsia	Heidi Hoffman	Barbara McKinnon	Kristin Schlechten	Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson
Duncan & Joan Cook	James and Mary Holroyd	Mr. Bill McMeekin	Holly Shaffer	Dr. John & Dede Winters
Nancy Cook	Tom & Judy Hosea	Alyce McNeil	General John & Mrs. Shalikhavili	Lenore Wyatt
Bill & Janet Cox	Terry Hulin	Georgene Mellom	Deb and Steve Shanafelt	Dave & Barb Young
Ann Cuoio	Bill & Betty Hyde	Ray Miller	Mr. James Sharp	Roger and Debra Young
Bert and Barb Dalton	Rose Jetter	Patty Mitchell	Ken Sharp	Mr. William Yu
Ann Davis	Dr. Michele Johnson	Carolyn Modarelli	Walt & Renee Shaw	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zaro
Elizabeth Davis	Nancy Josue	Gloria Morehouse		
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dennerly	Sharon and Mike Kanter	Justin and Dolores Morrill		

MAJOR FUNDING PARTNERS (2008-2009)

\$15,000+	Rotary Club of Clover Park	Korean Women's Assoc.	Caring for Kids	ACHIEVEMENT CIRCLE, 2008-09
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Vogt Foundation	Lakewood 1st Baptist Church	Centro Latino	Individual donors who have contributed \$1,000+
City of Lakewood	\$1,000+	Lakewood First Lions Club	City of Lakewood	Bill & Andie Gernon
Clover Park School District- Readiness to Learn Grant	Dimmer Family Foundation	Lakewood Knights Lions Club	Clover Park Technical College	Mary and Joseph Green
Costco Wholesale	Harborstone Credit Union	Lakewood Ford	College Success Foundation	Bill & Betty Hyde
Discuren Foundation	Key Bank Corporate	LeMay Enterprises	Community Health Care	Paul and Harriet Kirk
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)	Lakewood First and Lakewood Knights Lions Club	Les Schwab Tire	Gear Up	Dave & Lindy O'Keeffe
State Farm Insurance Corporate	Lakewood Knights Lions Club	Mallon Investment Co.	Great American Casino	Deb & Steven Shanafelt
\$10,000+	Medina Foundation	Microsoft	Greater Lakes Mental Health	Cindy Thompson
BEA Foundation	Rotary Club of Lakewood	Mt. View Funeral Home	Kids At Hope	Mike & Mary Jo Tucci
Dimmer Foundation	Old Country Buffet	Pierce College	Lakewood Police and Fire Departments	Mike & Mimi Tucci
NW Children's Fund	Puget Sound Energy Foundation	Sound Banking	Departments	Col. Joe Tyo
Pierce County Council	Russell Investment	Tacoma Links	MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) South-sound branch	Lenore Wyatt
United Way	Simpson/Kraft Tacoma	Walmart	Pacific Peaks Girl Scouts	
\$5,000+	Target	Other Community Partners and In-Kind (not listed above)	Pierce County Library	
Bank of America	Windermere	ABCD Dental	Pacific Lutheran University	
Comcast	Up to \$1,000	Alliance for Youth of Pierce County	Reading Tree	
Don and Pat Nelson Family Foundation	Clover Park Kiwanis	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Rotary Club of Lakewood	
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation	Columbia Bank	Boys and Girls Club/Hope Center	Tacoma Public Health Dept.	
Rainier Pacific Bank	Eisenhower & Carlsson Law		Washington Reading Corps	
	John Korsmo Construction		WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	

We hope we have not inadvertently left anyone out. If you have been missed or would like to become a partner with CISL, please give us a call at 589-7489 or e-mail kidsandfamilies@CISLakewood.org.

**CISL Annual
Report Editors**

Ellie Wilson
Sharron Kanter