



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 26, 2010
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Community Service and Volunteer Recognition for A-OK Tutoring

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognizes Trinity Episcopal Church and Santa Barbara City College Federal Work Study Program for tutoring and mentoring assistance in the After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) program.

DISCUSSION:

The Santa Barbara School Districts and the City's Youth Activities section uses volunteers to provide help with homework and tutoring in our A-OK programs. Many of these students are English language learners, and are reading and writing below school grade level. With a staff to student ratio of 20:1, volunteers are essential to assist in achieving two main goals of A-OK: increasing English Literacy and improving the rate of homework completion.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Anne Porter, Volunteer

Over five years ago, Anne Porter came to A-OK in response to a community request for tutors and mentors. Since then, Anne has assisted the A-OK program by volunteering at Franklin and Harding Schools. As a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Anne proposed the "adopt Harding A-OK" program and has recruited over 20 volunteers. The church has also donated school supplies and fresh fruit for special occasions. Trinity Episcopal Church is a wonderful partner and Anne Porter has been a valuable asset to our program and students.

Santa Barbara City College Federal Work Study Program

Brad Hardison, Director and Eileen Amyx, Coordinator

The Santa Barbara City College work study program is funded by a Federal PEL grant to provide college students part-time jobs that compliment their pursuit of higher education. This is the third year that the SBCC work study program has provided college students to tutor students in the A-OK programs. The work study students take the least proficient English language learners assisting them in smaller groups or in some cases, one on one with their homework. This year, work study program provided six students at three A-OK sites. The Santa Barbara City College Work Study Program has provided valuable tutoring assistance and we are grateful for their partnership.

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