

Communities In Schools of Clark County



July 2009

2008/2009 School Year Results

During the 2008/2009 school year, CISCC was able to serve hundreds of students through the various programs and services we provide. Listed below is a breakdown of some of those programs and the number of children and their families that were served by each this year.

Homework Club: 123

In-School Tutoring: 248

Centerstone Therapy: 173

New Hope Case Management: 110

Project 3, 2, 1 READ: 150

Referrals for Clothing, Shoes, Glasses, Coats, Etc: 155

Love and Logic Parenting Classes: 40

Parents Attending Family Night Events: 1052

LifeSkills Classes: 277

Average # of Head Start Students Attending "Story Time": 28

CISCC's Second Annual Golf Outing is a Huge Success

For the second year in a row, CISCC was blessed with fantastic weather and a terrific turnout for our golf scramble. Twenty teams participated in the golf outing, which was held on July 13 at Fuzzy Zoeller's Covered Bridge Golf Course. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and participants, we were able to raise over **\$14,000** for CISCC!

We would like to give special thanks to our Platinum Level Sponsors: **Koetter Woodworking** and **Siemens Building Technologies** and our Silver Level Sponsor: **Huber's Orchard and Winery**.

Thank you so much to the wonderful CISCC board members, especially Kevin Smith, the chairman of the golf committee, and to everyone who helped out by volunteering, donating, or participating in the event. We truly appreciate your kindness and your generosity. We are already looking forward to next year!

Clark Kids Connect

Through a grant from the Clark County Youth Coalition, CISCC has already published three issues of Clark Kids Connect. Clark Kids Connect is a compilation of programs and activities offered for children throughout Clark County. The newsletter is distributed to agencies, schools, and other organizations that work with the youth of our community.

If you know of any inexpensive kid/family-friendly programs or activities in the area and would like to have them included in the next Clark Kids Connect, or would like to receive the Clark Kids Connect newsletter yourself, please contact Cathy or Michelle at the CISCC office.



Pictured above are **Steven Daeschner**, Superintendent of Greater Clark County Schools; **Kim Knott**, Superintendent of Clarksville Schools; **Cathy Graninger**, Executive Director of Communities In Schools of Clark County; and **Monty Schneider**, Superintendent of West Clark Schools

NAP Credits

CISCC has applied for NAP (Neighborhood Assistance Program) tax credits to sell to our donors again this year. We expect to receive word by the end of July as to whether we will be awarded the tax credits and if so, what amount we will have to sell. Tax credits are perhaps the best way a person can leverage their charitable giving. The credits are distributed to donors at 50% of the contribution amount and are subtracted from the donor's state income tax liability. Many people were able to take advantage of this program last year and were very happy with difference it made on their taxes. If you would like to purchase these tax credits, or would like more information about the program, please contact the CISCC office after the first of August.

3, 2, 1 READ Program Completes Another Successful Year

During the 2008/2009 school year, **126** community volunteers made weekly visits to elementary schools throughout Clark County to read with students in grades 1–3 as part of Project 3, 2, 1 READ.

This year, these volunteers donated **2528** hours of their time to the 3, 2, 1 program and distributed **2512** brand new books to students to help build their personal home libraries! The volunteers were recognized at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast held at Kye's on May 26.

This year was especially exciting because we were able to expand the 3, 2, 1 READ program to two additional schools. The program was very well received in its first year at Riverside and Northaven.

3, 2, 1 READ remains one of the most popular CISCC programs with both teachers and students. Parents also had very positive things to say about the program. One parent writes, *"It really helped my daughter gain confidence in reading and made her feel special. She enjoyed getting a book to read at home."*

We are currently recruiting volunteers for the 2009/2010 school year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer contact Cathy or Michelle at 280-0028 or email us at cis@cisclark.org.

Pictured below are Charley, Mickey, and Perry Reisert ~ an entire family of wonderful 3,2,1 volunteers!



Mark Your Calendars and Brush Up on Your Trivia.....

Our next Trivia Night is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2009 at Kye's. It's not too early to call and reserve your team's table now!

Thanks to all Book Harvest Donors

CISCC would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of those who donated to this year's Book Harvest. Thanks to your generosity we raised over \$3,500.00 and collected over 1200 new books. This will allow us to continue our partnership with the Clark Memorial Hospital Foundation to provide a brand new book for every baby born at Clark Memorial. We will also distribute new books to agencies that serve children throughout Clark County.

Our donors this year include: Taste of Jeffersonville, Altrusa Club of Jeffersonville, Metro United Way Community Solutions Committee, Riverside Elementary, Clark Memorial Hospital Committee, New Neighbors Program, and Steel Dynamics.

Comments About CISCC

Perhaps our best measure of success is the comments CISCC has received on evaluations of its programming. Listed below are examples of comments from the End of the Year surveys given to principals, teachers, parents, and students:

- "Your support has helped tremendously. The Resource Coordinator has impacted so many of our students. She works with them to help meet academic, social and emotional needs, and is part of our school family. Our therapist is fantastic! She has worked so well with our families and students. She has a true passion for kids and we have seen wonderful turn-arounds with many of her cases. The CAPE Director and Executive Director of CISCC have been wonderful support to me as a new principal. They have consulted with me on numerous occasions about how to improve our services at JJ. I appreciate the continued concern and support for our school. I truly cannot imagine our building without the support of CIS." **Principal, Jonathan Jennings Elementary**
- "The students who were served through tutoring and 3, 2, 1, READ programs improved their reading skills. Students participating in Service Club learned the value of hard work and took pride in helping others." **Teacher, Silver Creek Elementary**
- "With our budgets being cut, now more than ever, we need your services. We need as many positive adult role models to give students individual attention as possible." **Teacher, GRC Elementary**
- "CISCC has helped some of my borderline students now be ready for promotion to the next grade level." **Teacher, Greenacres, Elementary**
- I like the homework club very much because it is right after school and it helps my son with his homework and helps him turn it in on time. It has helped improve his grades and taught him better study habits. **Parent, Spring Hill Elementary**
- "The ISTEP prep class taught me things I didn't know, and then those things showed up on the test!" **Student, Borden Elementary**
- "It helped me by knocking some sense in my head. And I didn't get in trouble with (my classroom teacher) anymore." **Student, Wilson Elementary**

To learn more about CISCC and find out how you can be more involved, please contact Cathy Graninger or Michelle Allen by phone at (812) 280-0028, or by email at cis@cisclark.org. Your gift to our organization will help continue our important work. All gifts are tax deductible as we are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations and correspondence can be sent to our address at 1406 Frederick Ave., Jeffersonville, IN 47130.