

Communities In Schools of Clark County



July 2010

2009/2010 School Year Results

During the 2009/2010 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: 146

In-School Tutoring: 240

Centerstone Therapy: 159

New Hope Case Management: 104

Project 3, 2, 1 Read: 142

Referrals for Clothing, Shoes, Glasses, Coats, Etc: 320

Love and Logic Parenting Classes: 61

CISCC's Third Annual Golf Outing is a Huge Success

CISCC was blessed with another terrific turnout for our third annual golf scramble. Twenty teams participated in the golf outing, which was held on July 12 at Fuzzy Zoeller's Covered Bridge Golf Course. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and participants, we were able to raise close to **\$14,000** for CISCC!

We would like to give special thanks to our Title Sponsor: **Koetter Woodworking** Gold Level Sponsor: **Siemens Building Technologies** Silver Level Sponsors: **Huber's Orchard & Winery** and **Axiom Financial Strategies Group of Wells Fargo Advisors** and Bronze Level Sponsor: **Newlon's Grocery**.

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.

CISCC Offers Extended Day Learning Through After-School Programming

In April, we received the fantastic news that CISCC had been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant from the Indiana Department of Education. This grant will allow us to provide highly academic-focused afterschool enrichment opportunities for teacher referred students in grades three through five.

In more **great** news, CISCC was recently named as the designated before and after school child care provider for Greater Clark County Schools. We will offer extended day learning activities for students from 6:30 a.m. until the start of the school day and after school until 6:00 at all Greater Clark Elementary Schools. (Please contact the CISCC office for information on pricing for this program.)

Both programs plan to offer an academic rich environment that will include activities such as: homework assistance, individual and small group tutoring, ISTEP prep, guest speakers, drama/theatre programs, service learning, arts & crafts, music and movement, themed units, and other exciting hands-on experiences.

For additional information about extended day learning please contact the CISCC office.

Staff Spotlight

Tanyeka Percentie

CISCC recently hired Tanyeka Percentie as the Director of our new Extended Day Learning Program. Tanyeka earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Adult & Higher Education and Guidance & Counseling from Morehead State University. She also has an Associate's Degree in Interdisciplinary Early Education from Western Kentucky University and has her Childcare Director's Credentials. Tanyeka has a wealth of experience in serving young people. She has worked as a Program Director, Youth Coordinator, Community School Liaison, and most recently as the Director for the Children's Defense Fund, Indiana Avenue Christian Church "Freedom School" Program. Tanyeka has two children, a daughter who is 5 and a son, 2.



Welcome Tanyeka!



3, 2, 1 READ Program Completes Another Successful Year

During the 2009/2010 school year, **118** 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 **2599** hours of their time to the 3, 2, 1 program and distributed almost **2600** 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 18. Several volunteers spoke about their mentoring experiences during the breakfast. Pictured below are volunteers Charlie Reiser, Phyllis Nelson, and Ed Raker. Charlie summed up the 3, 2, 1 Read Program by calling it "promises kept".



Board Member Spotlight *Kevin Kirchgessner*



Kevin Kirchgessner has been an active CISCC board member since 2004 and has a passion for helping children. He is a member of the Executive Board and also does an outstanding job as the emcee for CISCC's Trivia Nights. He also serves on the Horseshoe Southern Indiana Grants Committee as well as helping with the annual scholarship golf outing for the Falls Cities Purdue Club. Kevin has been a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones in New Albany since 2001, helping clients reach their financial goals. Kevin lives in Floyds Knobs with his fiancée Jordan and daughter Molly. He can be reached at kevin.kirchgessner@edwardjones.com.

CISCC Becomes One of the First Local Affiliates to Receive National TQS Accreditation

In early April, representatives from CIS National visited CISCC for a Total Quality System (TQS) onsite review. The review consisted of interviews with CISCC employees, board members, and community partners. The review team also visited Greenacres and Wilson Elementary schools to talk with Resource Coordinators, principals, and students. In addition to the interviews, a complete check of CISCC's policies and procedures was conducted to ensure that "best practices" were in place. **We are proud to report that CISCC was one of the very first of the nation's 204 local affiliates to undergo the TQS process and receive National Accreditation.**

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:

- "It is very hard to communicate the numerous ways our students have been helped through CIS this year. The Resource Coordinator is very dedicated and goes above and beyond in all areas of her job responsibilities. The services through Centerstone and New Hope have had a most significant positive impact on our students and their families. Volunteers are so committed and dedicated! Great Program!" ~ **Principal, Parkwood Elementary**
- "(Resource Coordinator) really cares about her students in the Homework Club. She seems to be on top of their needs and is able to pass that info to the teachers. Communication has been great!" ~ **5th Grade Teacher, Greenacres Elementary**
- "My students that had reading difficulties improved immensely working with the CIS tutor. They are stronger, more confident readers due to the one-on-one tutoring." ~ **2nd Grade Teacher, Silver Creek Elementary**
- "The therapist has made a huge difference by giving my students consistent support that they don't always receive at home. The homework club and tutoring have also benefitted students academically and improved their attitude toward school." ~ **4th Grade Teacher, Parkwood Elementary**
- "Great Team – Great People! I value and appreciate these services at the school for our kids. My son loved it as well. We hope to continue with the counseling and service club if it is available in middle school." ~ **Parent, Wilson Elementary**
- "I have three children and am trying to hold down two jobs and the house by myself. I am also dealing with the death of my mother. I admit I haven't been able to spend a lot of time with the kids and this service helped a lot!" ~ **Parent, George Rogers Clark Elementary**
- "(Resource Coordinator) doesn't put pressure on me and she makes it fun. I have got less problems wrong." ~ **Student, Silver Creek Elementary**
- "(Resource Coordinator) is funny and helpful and he doesn't yell at you if you mess up. He just takes his time to help you - just like he helps me in math." ~ **Student, George Rogers Clark**



Did you notice our new look? After 35 years, CIS National has updated the CIS logo. "Champ" superimposed on the schoolhouse represents the community's presence in supporting the education of our children.

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.