

CornerstoneKidsInc.org

Year in Review

January 2007

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“Black History Month” was also celebrated with a “Soul-Food Dinner”. The school year ended with an “End of Summer” program featuring “Razzmatazz Entertainment.” Throughout the performance, his message to the children was the importance of having a good attitude and acceptable behavior.

During the summer, the Cornerstone Kids Program operated on a modified schedule Monday through Thursday from 12 noon until 4pm. Mrs. Horsley served lunch daily with food prepared through the Summer Food Program. As a part of the program, the children attended a math workshop with instructor, Mary Jenkins and computer lab twice a week with Tiphani Sanders who successfully completed her internship with the program in

August. They were also entertained by movies, arts and crafts, dance and movement, inside board games and organized outside activities. The girls in grades 3-5 attended an Ophelia Circle workshop (“Full of Yourself”) on-site once a week that was sponsored by the YMCA. The children also enjoyed field trips to Chuck E Cheese, MOSI, USA Skating and Pin Teasers Bowling Lane. The field trip that was most exciting and highly enjoyed by everyone was the “Kids Lunch Cruise” on the Show Queen in Clearwater. The program ended with a beautiful “End of Summer” program featuring Miss Shauna Greene of “Silent Praize.” A big “Thank You” goes out to our hard- working instructors Ms. Brown, Mrs. Alexander and our high-school summer volunteers-Angelica, Brittani, Devon and Micaela.



Special thanks to Bayshore Baptist Youth Ministry for providing backpacks and school supplies for 35 children who attended the Summer Enrichment Program.



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Committee, every Cornerstone family will receive their annual “Thanksgiving Basket” and turkey on Monday, November 20, 2006.

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Cornerstone program this year: Bank of America Foundation, Conn Memorial Foundation, Hillsborough Sheriff Enrichment Grant, Jubilee Ministry Grant, Lowry Foundation, and St. Paul Travelers Foundation. The Cornerstone Kids Program also participated in the Eckerd Family Foundation Scholarship Initiative. Through grants, fund raisers (Lincoln –Douglass Ball) and contributions from private donors, Episcopal churches, friends and parishioners, the program is able to meet its yearly budget.

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