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Cornerstone Kids, Inc. Annual Report of Activities Summary of 2010 Activities

The program operates Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with 35 children, a dedicated staff of eight and a small pool of volunteers.

Activities, Accomplishments, and Donations-2010:

- In January-Homework Assistance, Hooked on Phonics and WebQuest Technology Programs resumed after the holiday vacation.
- In February -Black History month was observed with a program and a soul food dinner. Parents were invited to take part in the celebration.
- In March, 4 students passed the test to attend The Academy Prep Center of Tampa. A Book Giveaway was held- the children took home books from First Book Marketplace. Funds were raised at dd's Discount Store on Hillsborough to purchase the books.-Bess the Book Bus was the guest storyteller, she also donated free books to each child and the program.
- In April, an ice cream social was held celebrating birthdays for the quarter.
- In May- The school year closed with the "End of Year Musical" held for family and friends.
- The six-week Summer Enrichment Program was fun-filled and exciting. Fieldtrips were taken to Chuck E Cheese, USA Skates, MOSI, Feeding America Tampa Bay (Food bank), and a Water Day with a waterslide was held on site. Other activities offered included arts and crafts, face

painting, storytelling, board games, outdoor activities and Tutoring/Mentoring by Travelers employees. Enrichment activities were facilitated by volunteers and Cornerstone instructors.

Volunteers and instructors were honored for the important work they do for the program.

- In August, Thirty-five children were given school supplies and backpacks provided by Travelers Outreach Committee.
- In the fall, WebQuest, a technology web-based program was expanded to include children in grades 3rd through 5th. Once again, Cornerstone Kids, Inc. participated in the Eckerd Family Foundation Scholarship Initiative awarding over ten scholarships to students.
- In October, “Lights on After School” was celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of after-school programs. A successful “Open-House” was held for family members and friends.
- Bank of America sponsored a fieldtrip for the children and chaperones to attend the Glazer Children’s Museum. Traveler’s employees tutored once a week for four weeks. Halloween was celebrated with a party and lots of donated-treats by Edna Locker and Marge Mayes.
- Sweetbay Supermarket in partnership with the food bank awarded Cornerstone a large freezer.
- The Board of Directors held a successful “Garage Sale & Fish Fry” fundraiser.
- Our Annual Thanksgiving bag and turkey distribution was held on November 18th. Cornerstone Board of Directors provided food items for each family.
- Cornerstone Annual Christmas Program/Party & Gift Distribution was exciting. The children received gifts and shoes from organizations and

private donors. Thanks to all our Christmas donors, we are very grateful.

- In 2010, over 6,000 well-balanced, nutritious meals were served through the Cornerstone Kids Café. Feeding America Tampa Bay is the program's food provider. Thanks to St. John The Divine Outreach Committee for donating serving supplies in 2010.

The following foundation, corporate and other grants were awarded to Cornerstone Kids, Inc. in 2010: ***Bank of America Foundation, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Conn Memorial Foundation, Travelers Foundation, Southwest Diocesan Council Grant, Jubilee Ministry Grant, and St. John's Outreach Committee Grant.*** Through grants, proceeds from the ***Lincoln-Douglass Ball*** and generous monetary and in-kind donations from private donors, churches/outreach ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, friends, board members and St. James House of Prayer parishioners, the program is able to meet its yearly budget. Special thanks to the members of the Cornerstone Board of Directors for their strong support, leadership, hard work and encouragement all year. Our year ended with hope for the future especially in our economic climate, and grateful for the past.

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Program Director