

Community Service Association Newsletter

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Celebrating
60 Years
in
2016

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Message from the CSA Board of Directors

Welcome back to a new school year!

This year CSA's annual membership drive will run from October 4 through December 9. We ask all CSA members to ensure that your site or department has a site representative for the campaign, and to help spread the word about CSA.

Don't miss this event! CSA will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Tuesday, October 4 from 3 – 6 PM on the front lawn of the Eugene Brucker Education Center. The annual Site Representatives and CSA Membership meeting will be held from 3:30 – 4:30 PM at the same location. Please join us for refreshments, information, and a special Board Proclamation recognizing CSA's 60 years of service.

A heartfelt thank you to CSA members for your generous donations which support charitable agencies throughout San Diego County!

Profile of Tariq Khamisa Foundation

The Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) is a San Diego nonprofit with a mission to educate and inspire children in the restorative principles of accountability, compassion, forgiveness, peacemaking, and support for safer schools and communities. TKF is recognized as a community leader in interventions that reduce student misconduct incidents and elevate school culture. TKF was formed in 1995 after 20-year-old college student, Tariq Khamisa, was killed by 14-year-old gang member, Tony Hicks, who was tried as an adult and is still serving time today. Moved by the profound loss on both sides, Tariq's and Tony's families came together in a spirit of healing and forgiveness with a vision to stop youth violence. For twenty-one years, TKF has provided innovative youth programming in schools that has reached over 500,000 local children.

Through restorative practice techniques, TKF's programs support children within a healing approach, teaching them to repair harm, build healthy relationships, and proactively encourage peace.

TKF's methods coordinate with California Common Core Standards by enhancing communication skills, teaching sound problem-solving techniques, promoting healthy decision making, and exposing youth to positive role models. TKF conducts a Safe School Model that addresses the well-being of youth through a continuum of proven-effective prevention strategies. Their core programs include Mentoring, Classroom Curriculum, Assemblies, and Youth Community Service Projects.

At TKF they strongly believe that violence is a learned behavior that can be changed. Their school-based interventions are designed to teach our children the strategies and skills needed for them to develop a positive self-esteem, to become peacemakers, and to act as responsible citizens. Through TKF-organized service projects, students are giving back to their communities in a meaningful manner. TKF incorporates service as a key intervention because it develops goodwill and a sense of community, teaches respect, and encourages positive engagement in one's environment. Under TKF's direction, children have performed hundreds of hours of service in hands-on projects such as school gardens, cleaning beaches, renovating parks and trails, sending holiday cards to the elderly, feeding the homeless, and collecting food for families in need. TKF encourages students to be active community contributors and to have a positive voice in change. Support from CSA enhances TKF's capacity in organizing school service projects.



Monroe-Clark Middle School students during a gardening service project

To learn more about TKF and its programs please visit www.tkf.org.

CSA Mission Statement

The Community Service Association of San Diego Unified School District is a nonprofit association organized to solicit contributions from district employees for recognized charitable agencies in San Diego County which support the arts, education, health, and human services.