



Reasons to celebrate



WK helps Cincinnati achieve '100 Best Communities' honor



Whiz Kids volunteers, supporters, churches, schools and communities have helped elevate the program to new heights.

On Martin Luther King Day, America's Promise Alliance officially announced Cincinnati as among the "100 Best Communities for Young People" in 2010 during a ceremony at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Whiz Kids is among 40 local youth programs recognized as helping Cincinnati receive the award.

The Whiz Kids staff congratulates all of our students, parents, volunteers, supporters, churches and schools for helping to make this award happen.

For information on America's Promise Alliance, visit americaspromise.org.

The 'community' site receives school board recognition

In Finneytown, the community has truly rallied around the Whiz Kids site.

"We're represented by lots of different churches and receive support from all over the community," says Jenny Towner, co-site coordinator. "That's what makes our site unique."

Dr. Alan Robertson, Superintendent of the Finneytown Local School District, has visited the site twice this school year, prompting him and the Board of Education to officially recognize and honor Whiz Kids at the Jan. 18 board meeting.

In a few years, the site has grown from a handful of tutors and students at one school to 24 tutor/student relationships reaching children from both Brent and Whitaker elementary schools. The diverse group of tutors includes students from Finneytown High School; several students have gained an understanding of the importance of serving those in need in their community.

A Whiz Kid at the Athony Muñoz Foundation site in Price Hill

Kids' Marathon sign-up

"Hog Log" training is a great way to further connect with your student. To register for the 2011 Flying Pig Kids' Marathon, contact Jeannette at jrobinson@citygospelmission.org or 513-345-1028.

Registration deadline is Feb. 4.

Annual Fund update 2010-11 GOAL: \$573,000

Funding is vital for the 1,100 at-risk youth experiencing Whiz Kids. Donate now by visiting us online at citygospelmission.org.

Ask a friend to ... take action!

- An estimated 10% of Whiz Kids students are homeless.
- 90% of Whiz Kids students receive free or reduced lunch.
- 13,000 at-risk youth in the city of Cincinnati do not have a mentor.

Kids are on a waiting list to receive a tutor. Please ask a friend to volunteer!

Sources: Whiz Kids Staff Research
 Ohio Dept of Education
 Strive Partnership



Tutoring in Finneytown

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