



CHILDREN'S PATH PROGRAMS

The future depends on the passions and dreams of today's youth

Annual Report 2010

A MESSAGE FROM CPP BOARD PRESIDENT

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Thank you so much for your contributions to Children's Path Programs! You have made it possible for us to continue our programs and make it through 2010 with our changes from the Founding Board to our Board. We have been busy bringing on four new members to the Board, and a new Executive Director. It has taken us a year to re-organize and negotiate the change in direction from developing programs and getting them underway, to shifting toward the focus of fundraising.

2010 was a busy year for Children's Path Programs. We have focused on continuing to provide CPP with greater organization and structure in order to grow and develop the overall operations and funding as well as the board seeing some transition with a few members stepping down and three new members joining early in the year. The board adopted new bylaws, revisited and refocused the mission and engaged in strategic planning. Additionally the board held a brand new fundraiser at Bin 38 this past Fall which aided in expanding our reach and bring the message to a larger audience. Our biggest step forward includes the addition of two new programs which are featured within this annual report. As move into 2011, we are focused on pursuing new funding sources including grants and fine tuning our fundraising events. We hope you will continue to support our efforts and tell you friends and colleagues of the work of CPP!

Join CPP for MARCH MADNESS & support the Sneakers Academy

PETE's TAVERN
7 pm Thursday, March 17th
128 King Street, San Francisco

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Your donations are very valuable to us, as they allow for the continuance of our work. 100% of the donated money goes toward the mission and causes of CPP.



CPP REPEATS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In a “Virtual Enterprise” class with 37 Regional Occupation Program (ROP)* high school junior/seniors. In this class students collaborate in the design, corporate structure, roles and operations of an original “Virtual Enterprise.” Across a 10-week period, CPP with the co-sponsorship of Toastmasters members facilitated students in honing specific communication, self-management and leadership skills. Eye contact, vocal variety, gestures and use of props were some of the skills presented, then individually coached by the facilitators with the whole class cooperating.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Teri Smith partnered with principals and other school staff to set up and support this needed program. Teri recruited, trained, and supervised weekly a counseling intern to provide counseling services throughout the school year. CPP is a partner with this program, providing limited funding to alleviate some of the program costs. As a result of the economic crisis of 2009, California public school budgets were so severely cut that many important programs were cut.

FILIAL THERAPY

The Filial Therapy Program continues to help parents and their children together by enhancing relationships and resolve problems through the use of play, the language of children. Parents are trained to conduct a special kind of play session with their child in a one-to-one format and subsequently supervised by the therapist. In the process the family is strengthened, problems are resolved and appropriate discipline replaces abusive punishment. This program is managed by Karen Pernet.

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New Programs-SNEAKERS ACADEMY & SOUL



Anthony Jones has a pilot program called Sneakers Academy which teaches young people principles of running a business by using making and selling sneakers as a model. He seeks to teach this economic model in school classrooms. www.sneakeracademy.com. Anthony is an attorney, entrepreneur and founder of Catalytic Reaction, a successful branding and web marketing company based in San Francisco. His experiences coaching basketball during college summers; serving as a teacher and administrator at Gompers Continuation High School in Richmond, California; and, later, learning the ropes in business, have instilled in him strong desire to help better prepare young adults for the real world. Anthony earned a B.A. in Economics from Stanford University, a law degree from the University of Southern California, and is an active member of the California Bar



Mer Zandifar has a program that introduces children and young people to artistic expression in a non-judgmental way. This allows the children to learn how to express themselves artistically in a positive environment while also learning life and social skills. Mer also teaches them to listen to others and create music and art with other children. Mer is an artist, musician and co-founder of the non-profit organization, Awakening Through Art. She is a Certified Hypnotherapist with over ten years of experience studying music, dance, therapeutic and meditative techniques from around the world. Mer holds a BA degree in Psychology and is enrolled in a MA program in Counseling Psychology and Holistic Studies.



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