

September 28, 2014



**Upcoming Events**

**09.29.14** CAP's 5th Grade Mentoring Program Begins

**10.07.14** OCCHC/SteppingUP Advisory Board Meeting

**10.11.14** CAP Career Day

**10.25.14** CAP College Tours: Cal Poly Pomona & Pomona College

**10.28.14** Annual Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

**11.15.14** CAP College Tours: UC Riverside & Loma Linda University

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**Dear Friend,**

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

OCCHC/SteppingUP provides the tools necessary for our families and those in surrounding neighborhoods to be better educated. Our office houses a dedicated group of passionate individuals who serve as Academic Advisors, Family Mentors, Development Assistants, Teaching Assistants and Office Assistants. This team works tirelessly to provide a stable environment and access to higher education for low-income families. Through their experiences with SteppingUP they have developed into change agents and servant leaders in the community.



*Volunteers and staff enjoying their time together*

The lives of the SteppingUP participants are propelled forward, and the staff, interns and volunteers also grow and learn from the communities they serve. "SteppingUP gives the opportunity for students to have someone on their side and guide them to a better future," said Nora R., who volunteers as an Academic Advisor. "Our sessions can cover A-G requirements, systems of higher education, time management, and goal setting. But sometimes students' personal lives are the priority and we take the time to work through them together. It feels good knowing that my students put their trust in me." Through SteppingUP, Nora has been given the professional and interpersonal skills needed to pursue her career aspirations in children and youth services.

Students, parents, volunteers, interns and staff-the impact of OCCHC/SteppingUP knows no limits! Rocio, a former intern and current volunteer, credits SteppingUP and its staff for providing her the skills to find employment after graduation. "Even though having a full time job has decreased the amount

*of hours I can spend in the office, I will not stop going and giving my time. I have gained invaluable knowledge and experience through my work with SteppingUP and for that I will be forever grateful," said Rocio.*

Our team of interns and volunteers have committed to over 1,500 hours of service this season. Their labor of love is equivalent to \$40,000 in dollar value.

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."  
-Sherry Anderson*

OCCHC/SteppingUP would like thank this season's interns and volunteers for striving to make a difference:

Chaise Madden, Academic Advisor  
Chelsea Noble, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Coordinator  
Diane Negrete, Academic Advisor  
Doan Dao, Family Mentor  
Dolores Sarinara, Family Mentor  
Elyana Valtierra, Development Assistant  
Isak Flores, Academic Advisor  
Jessica Bello, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Coordinator  
Joshua Lopez, Teaching Assistant  
Nora Rodriguez, Academic Advisor  
Phillip Ngo, Development Assistant  
Rocio Telumbre, CAP Office Assistant  
Ruben Rodriguez, Academic Advisor

*\*2013 value of volunteer time in California, according to [www.independentsecor.org](http://www.independentsecor.org)*

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to transition extremely low-income families toward greater self-sufficiency by assisting them with housing and education