

Our presence in the parade and Alternative Gift Giving Fair was a huge success! I'm still hearing from parade viewers about how much their kids enjoyed getting the books and seeing the Cat in the Hat! I met two people at the Fair who asked about tutoring and I have already heard from both of them—how exciting! Great job, everyone!

I have turned in both the HELP and the Highlands Community Foundation grants and hope to hear back from them soon. Also, I spoke with Avary Doubleday of the Hack Family Foundation and she agreed to give us \$2800 this year, a \$300 increase from last year and \$300 more than they usually give! We have gotten good response from the last of the newsletters. One couple, whose child attended our After School Tutoring Program two years ago, sponsored FIVE students and another student's grandparents sponsored one student so we are making some headway in that campaign.

Our GED class has been so successful that SCC is giving Zach a raise!! That is very unusual for the community college system and a real honor for both Zach and our program.

Our Computer Lab numbers are slowly creeping up now that the season is over and the time has changed. I have had between two and five people who come sporadically during the day for the last few weeks and both Letty and Faviola have students who come regularly to work with them.

And the After School kids are working so hard this year! They get so excited when they successfully complete a section on the computer and get to pick out a book. All of the books they get to choose from are used but they don't mind a bit. It's such a great part of my day!

Keep an eye on the local paper for more Literacy news and happenings. I'm really gearing up for our "Year of Literacy" in 2008 by keeping the Literacy Council in the paper each week.

Don't forget to read over the Organization Assessment report that I forwarded from Angela and bring any questions you have to our board meeting/holiday party. Angela will be there to present the report to us and answer our questions. This is the last time we will be joining us so we need to be sure we get our money's worth out of her!:) See you then.....

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