Randolph Community Partnership, Inc.

New Horizons

ANNUAL REPORT - FY09/FY10

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A Letter From Our Director

Randolph Community Partnership has gone through a lot of changes in the past two years. We saw our former and founding Executive Director of ten years, Gloria Watanabe, step down to move onto a new venture. We've also seen the impact that our struggling economy has had on our program and our students. In light of recent budget cuts we've also seen the need for our services grow. We've seen the need for services, such as GED classes, increase as well. With all of these changes upon us, we began the search for a new Director. We struggled to find new leadership. After a long search, the Board of Directors named me as the Executive Director in June 2009. I began working for RCP in February 2007. I came with some knowledge of the adult education field since I had worked for another program in the past. I worked closely with Gloria and learned a great deal from her. Over this past year I learned a lot about this organization and the direction it needs to go in. There is a lot more to be learned but I feel prepared to handle the challenge of running this organization.

This report will highlight the achievements our organization made in FY09/FY10 amidst the challenges we faced. Through the struggles we endured we have become a stronger organization. I look forward to helping RCP continue to offer quality services and to expand our offerings to better serve the community!

Our Vision

Achieve a community where multicultural residents demonstrate literacy, civic awareness and pride

Our Mission

To provide educational opportunities to build an integrated multicultural community

Community Support

Due to a contribution from Sovereign Bank, RCP was able to offer a new Intermediate Level ESOL class. Their generous donation covered the cost of books, supplies and teacher salary. This class met once per week for 20 weeks and each class was 2 hours long. This class served 12 students who came from Haiti, Peru, China, Viet Nam and Columbia. We recruited one of our volunteers, Tasha Bello, to teach the class. She did a fantastic job and was loved by her students! This class was also included in our Completion Ceremony. We hope to enroll the students of this class in our DESE funded classes in the fall.

Through a generous donation made by The Bank of Canton, RCP partnered with Randolph Public Schools to hold an Introduction to Computers class in the spring of 2010. This 4 week class was offered in two sessions and served 24 residents of Randolph. Students were introduced to computer terminology, shown how to access the Internet, open and email account and use Microsoft Word.

Student Activities

The Bank of Canton hosted a "Banking Basics" presentation for all students in May 2010. The students were able to learn about checking accounts, savings accounts and debit cards. The Bank of Canton also distributed free gifts as well as vouchers valued at $5 for opening up an account.

On June 5, 2010 the staff and students visited Plimoth Plantation. The Beantown Trolley met us at the high school parking lot and drove us to Plymouth. We toured the grounds and met with the staff who portray the Natives Americans and the Settlers. The students asked many questions and learned a lot about this piece of history. It was an enjoyable visit and everyone asked to return next year!

Completion Ceremony - June 15, 2010

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 marked the end of another successful year at RCP. We saw over 100 students enter or continue in our ESOL program. Families and friends of the students and staff, as well as RCP Board members, helped us celebrate the achievements each student had made during the school year.

Executive Director Susan Hearn welcomed all in attendance and began the evening's events by welcoming two students, Luis Fargas and Emilienne Desronvil to the stage. Each student performed a song for the audience. Emilienne also read a letter of gratitude she wrote to her teacher Tina Fournier. Educational Advisor Drew Jeglinski then presented awards to the students who obtained best attendance during the year. Following was the presentation of completion certificates. Each teacher presented their students with a certificate and with smiling faces, the flashbulbs went off! The students also presented gifts and flowers to their teachers as well as to our Executive Director.

The ceremony drew to an end but a potluck dinner followed. Each year students prepare a festive meal. Dishes included those from Haiti, China, Vietnam, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico and more! Music played in the background along with the chatter of multiple conversations. It was a wonderful end to another wonderful year!

Financials