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FACT SHEET

MISSION:

To assist educationally at-risk youth from low-income areas by providing academic support and homework help in order for them to stay in and succeed in school.

BACKGROUND:

THINK (Teaching, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing Kids) Together is a network of afterschool programs that began in the Shalimar neighborhood of Costa Mesa in 1994. The success of the program led to the establishment of the organization that currently operates 20 sites serving over 3,000 students across four cities in Orange County. The more than 1,450 volunteer tutors that work with the students come from local colleges, churches and other community organizations.

PROBLEM:

The program was developed in response to the growing numbers of non-native English speaking students in Orange County who were performing far below grade level and/or at risk of retention.

THINK SOLUTION:

Trained volunteers and staff work with at-risk students to provide homework assistance and academic support by focusing on English, Reading, Math and computer literacy. On Fridays, THINK Together provides enrichment activities that promote character development and social responsibility.

ACTIVITIES:

Homework Support, Literacy Programs, Math and Language Proficiency Computer Activities, Enrichment Activities

TRAINING & ORIENTATION:

Orientations and workshops are provided to support volunteers and staff in their tutoring and mentoring efforts. Volunteer training courses are: *Developing Math Skills in Primary Grades*, *Guided Reading in Primary Grades*, and *Discipline Methods in a Classroom Size of One*

COMMUNITY SERVED:

1st through 12th grade students from low income neighborhoods in the cities of Costa Mesa, Orange, Santa Ana and Tustin

FEE:

Free

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Thursday, 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Friday, 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm

LOCATION:

Sites are located on school campuses, church community rooms and apartment complexes

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