

2010 PROGRAM RESULTS

Since 1993, School on Wheels has been helping reduce the gap in educational opportunities for homeless children from kindergarten through grade 12. In 2010, through our programs, we served over 6,000 homeless children. We are committed to helping more this year.



In 2010, 1,501 volunteers tutored 1,400 children. These tutors went every week to a shelter, or a library or a book store to help their students solve math problems, learn to read, complete their homework. They showed them how to use a computer, how to apply to college, and took them on campus tours.

"It's a privilege to serve with School on Wheels. I feel very blessed to be able to spend time with my student Jordan each week. The bond we're developing is very special. It is an amazing vehicle for giving many kids hope, who may not have had it before." -Chris Sutherland, Volunteer Tutor, Los Angeles

Other volunteers taught art classes, fixed computers, provided legal services, performed music and poetry recitals, built databases – in total, we had the privilege of almost 90,000 volunteer hours last year.

In July, we opened a beautiful new Learning Center in Skid Row that allows us to serve over 250 students a year from nearby shelters and missions and provides a quiet haven for them to access computers and work with tutors. We expanded our operating hours to include Saturdays so that we can offer classes such as nutrition education, career counseling, and writing workshops. The new Center also provides space for program staff and allows us to train and offer additional workshops to more volunteers.

In 2010, School on Wheels distributed 6,270 brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies. The potential of clean paper and colored pencils is a powerful talisman for a child with so little else in her life.

We facilitated 157 re-enrollments into public schools by helping parents gather needed records such as birth certificates and immunization records, and completed the paperwork needed to get their kids reenrolled in school – all in one day versus the two weeks it can take them on their own.



We funded 454 school uniforms that many children need in order to be allowed into school or to stay out of detention.

We provided 3,600 bus tokens so that children can get to school and so that their parents have the opportunity to be there with them on their first days.

We awarded three scholarships in 2010 – to a former student at UCLA; to a current student to purchase school books and supplies; and to members of a family to attend a junior lifeguard school.

"School on Wheels is an amazing organization. Thank you for working hard to make volunteering meaningful. Working with the kids has given me the opportunity to grow a lot as a person. Meeting other volunteers makes me feel that people do care. Cheers to making the world a better place!" -Chiaw Yong Pang, Tutor, South LA Learning Center