Atlanta Chapter Educational in general Family empowerment

Let’s Learn! Program Reading/ Literacy Self-esteem Building

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

At St. Peter Claver Catholic School three Tuesdays per month from the months of August through May.

Christmas parties for St. Peter Claver and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Schools in December

Summer Enrichment Program runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the first three weeks in June at St.

Peter Claver and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Schools.

Under the “Let’s Read!” program, members collect and deliver books year-round.

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year Budget: $12,000; Spent: $20,000\* \*New schools added

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total) $3,000 (Estimate of $1 per book for 3,000 books)

**Partnerships**

Atlanta Academy, St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School, individual families from their personal book collections at home, and chapter members holding individual and community book drives.

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? They donate gently used books

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year 3,000

Age range of clients served: The ages range from babies/toddlers to the late teens.

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 40-50

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Reading & library assistance, working with students on craft projects, Christmas event planning, wrapping of books for Christmas gifts,

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program

What service/materials do you provide to your clients?

There are several distinctly different programs that fall under Let’s Learn. These include volunteers during the school year, summer enrichment programs, and children’s book donations under our Let’s Read program for children’s literacy. Volunteers are provided for the classroom, staff, and library to outreach partner St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School. Volunteers are available to work in the classroom and library or support the staff for a variety of projects in the school. The chapter also donates books to the main school library and classroom libraries. For the Christmas service project, each student at St. Peter Claver School, Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, and Bright Futures Academy receives a new wrapped book from their friends at CCSA. In addition, volunteers organize and fund Summer Enrichment Programs at Bright Futures Academy, St. Peter Claver and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Schools. These camps help students retain reading and math skills over the summer break. Students participate to boost reading comprehension, critical thinking skills and review vital math concepts. The goal is to show sustained or increased levels in reading and math over the course of the summer.

One of the main focuses of our organization is children’s literacy in the Atlanta area. In the“Let’s Read!” program, volunteers collect new and used children’s books and donate these to man of their clinic and school partners. To date they have donated 30,000 books to area children since the chapter was founded. To sustain this effort, they work with community partners to hold and promote book drives, as well as purchase new books. CCS has 11 outreach partners where they are placing books in the hands and homes of children in need, including schools, hospitals, and nonprofit agencies.

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