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Nueva Vista Community Resources and Live Oak Community Resources have become beacons of strength to the youth of our community. As local families shifted from in-person to online learning, students were left without the traditional support and in some cases access to adequate technology.

To help close the achievement gap and digital divide for low-income and Latinx families, these resource centers stepped up to provide free one-on-one, in-person, and online tutoring support to K-8 grade children, throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Many of the children accessing these services come from low-income, monolingual Spanish speaking homes and do not have access to traditional resources needed for success in school.

By participating in our afterschool programs children are able to improve their overall grade and reading level by one whole letter grade as measured by students' progress report.

Tutoring Support

Our **Family Resource Centers** provided support to local families in 2020, including:

1080 hours of Summer Fun! recreational activities to 36 Elementary age children to keep children active during the pandemic,

575 hours of 1-on-1 homework tutoring to 47 elementary school age children to help them with their distance learning, and

36 hours of technical support to 16 parents so that they are able to assist their children with access and submission of homework assignments at home.

Support Youth Tutoring

Volunteer Tutors

The volunteer tutors at our centers are making a big impact in the lives of the children we serve. Not only are they building vital educational skills, but they also bring the critical social interaction element these children have missed out on over this last year.

Caden, a four year student at UCSC and a tutor at Nueva Vista Community Resources, says one of the biggest factors affecting students is their need for socialization, especially with younger participants.

"Younger students don't remember life pre-COVID. For example, there was one kid that came in and she was really shy at first... Overtime, as I worked with her, she started getting used to being here and being with me. Now she's jumping and she's excited to share," he said.

The center has adapted to new safety protocols and kept almost 50 students engaged and on track.



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Ray's Corner



Essential Services for Families

At Community Bridges, we realize that our childcare and afterschool programs are essential support systems for families struggling to make ends meet.

We are extremely proud that we never closed in-person childcare and afterschool programs over the past year, which provided over 65 families with critical services and ensured continued student success through the course of the pandemic.

Our team's ability to activate and adapt has been truly amazing and exemplifies the attitude and

ethics it takes to do what is needed to be on the forefront of this work and this sector.

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