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## Building Community at Casa

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At the Casa site in Longmont you can find the following: computers, flashcards, games, snacks, playground, basketball court, moms, dads, siblings, living rooms, and pantries. That's because, unlike most of the other programming sites for 'Dreamers,' the Casa Community Center is literally feet from the homes of many of the Casa Dreamers. And if you've ever visited the Casa Community Center, you'd know that the programming has a unique style of educating, interacting, and supporting Dreamers. Because we are so close geographically, it brings us emotionally and relationally closer to our Dreamers and their fami-

lies. Siblings of Dreamers are often welcomed to the center, where they too receive tutoring, snacks, and playtime. If you stop by, you'll often see 1st grader Jose working on his reading or playing animals on the trampoline with AmeriCorps member Scott Parker. Scott offers Jose a positive relationship and the support Jose needs despite the fact that he is not a Dreamer. At Casa, we provide both tangible and intangible support to the entire families. Thanks to the Jared Polis Foundation, we were able to provide computers to most of our families, which not only benefits the Dreamer, but also helps the families by

giving them a tool to learn new skills. Community Food Share has also been a great partner, as they offer our families the chance to receive free food once a month. Our first priority will always be the Dreamer, but it is incredibly important that we sup-



port the families who raise our Dreamers, and at Casa, we are proud to offer so much to the Casa community!!

### IHAD Site Closures

- Sanchez-12/13-12/17, 12/20-1/3 and 1/14 or 1/17
- Columbine-12/13-1/4
- Casa-12/1 & 12/2, 12/18-1/2
- Central Office- 12/15, 12/24-12/28, 1/3
- Angevine- 12/10-1/3
- Broadway- 12/20-12/29

## News from Sanchez Elementary

So much has been happening over at Sanchez Elementary lately. Last week the Dreamers ventured over to the University of Colorado, Boulder for a tour of the school. The Dreamers had been anxiously awaiting this field-

trip and were very excited about visiting the university and learning about campus life. The visit was a success as all the Dreamers learned about the educational and social opportunities at CU, Boulder. The Sanchez staff would like to

thank the tutors and mentors who volunteered for the trip: Shawn Gardner, Bryce Schonberger, Jenny Naumann, and Tom Mares. Thank you all so much for your time! Sanchez also needs chaperones, on 1/14 or 1/17 for field trips!

## The Casa Corner

Over at the Casa Community Center in Longmont the Dreamers have been taking tons of fun field trips! This past Friday afternoon was spent getting a tour of the aromatic Celestial Seasonings factory. From Lemon Zinger to Sleepytime Tea, the Dreamers saw it all, from production to supermarket shelf.

Another group of students from Casa volunteered at King Sooper's Friday evening to help get food donations for Community Food Share in Longmont. This is a very busy time of year for the Community Food Share. If you are

interested in Volunteering or donating food, please contact us.

In addition to all this, Dreamers have been counting down the hours until they can go rock climbing again with Climbing for Life. This program has been highly regarded by the Dreamers and really gives them an opportunity to challenge their own strength as well as gain valuable team building and



trust skills. Thanks to Climbing for Life for doing such a great job!

Another great program that is going on at Casa is the weekly Yoga class for middle school girls. These lucky girls have been practicing with Tamara each week at a local studio. Hooray for yoga!

## Have a Hauntingly Good Time at Columbine!

Columbine has made some program changes over the last couple of weeks which should lead to much more one on one tutoring with students. They have split the Dreamer class in half, so half go on Mondays and Wednesdays, the other half go on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and all the Dreamers reunite on Fridays for traditional Friday Fun-Day activities. Last Friday Sandy and Jason had the pleasure of

joining the Dreamers for an afternoon of arts and crafts. Many beautiful original pieces of art were created and the Dreamers had an awesome time. Since Friday is a full program with 42 Dreamers, Columbine can always use help at 2:45, even if you normally tutor at another site. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. In other news at Columbine: October was a frightful month for most of the

Dreamers. They were able to take a nighttime field trip to a haunted house! According to Ameri-Corps member Sally Vizas, "It was a first experience for many of them, and they loved it!"

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## IHAD Receives Mentoring Grant

The I have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County was recently awarded a \$462,000 mentoring grant from the United States Department of Education. This grant will help IHAD recruit mentors, as well as hire a permanent Director of Volunteers. The interview process for the director is currently happening and hopefully the position will be filled by early December. In addition to the Volunteer Di-

rector position, IHAD is going to be moving in full force to recruit and train as many mentors and tutors as possible. The semester has started to wind down and everyone is very excited about all the new volunteer possibilities which should



come with the new year. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us at IHAD as either a tutor or mentor, please let us know!

## Broadway Bike Day

The “I Have a Dream”® Foundation along with the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department recently sponsored a bike give-away day. About 40 lucky Dreamers received lightly used bicycles tuned up and ready to ride. In addition to receiving a bike, Dreamers were also given a brand new helmet, bike lock, a water bottle, and a bike tune up. To offset some of the costs for parts, IHAD charged \$10 for each bike. Danny Chaires was

one of the lucky Dreamers who received a bike on November 6th. When asked about his bike, Danny replied, “It’s great when it’s a hot day, and the cold air is right in your face.”

The Broadway Bike Day was organized by, AmeriCorps Volunteer, Molly Griffith from the Broadway Community Center. Bike helmets were donated by the Boulder Police Department, and all the bike mechanics on duty volunteered their time

as well. A special thanks is due to Sports Garage Bicycle Shop for donating all the new inner tubes and other bike parts that were used throughout the day.

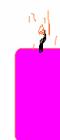


## Listen Up: Big News From Angevine!

Yes, it’s true: the Pioneer Class has successfully made the transition from Pioneer Elementary to their new home away from home — Angevine Middle School. This is no small feat, and we wish the Dreamers the best of luck in their new environment. In addition to their big move, Angevine has been very busy since program started this fall. Big fun was had by all on Nov. 5th, when the Dreamers hosted a Family Fun Night at Angevine, where they played games like shuffle board, pool, and air hockey,

while also feasting on the delicious food that each family contributed to the potluck. There were 77 people in attendance at the Fun Night, which is over a 98% turnout of Dreamer families!! The Dreamers have also been working hard by fundraising for their trip to Washington D.C., which is scheduled for the spring break of their 8th grade year. Over the past month and a half, Dreamers have been selling soy candles that feature mouth-watering, nostril-filling scents. So far, candle sales have contributed over

\$2500 toward the D.C. fundraiser. Great job Dreamers!! Angevine would like to extend a huge ‘thank you’ to tutor and mentor Luana Richards for making this fundraiser possible, as she has tirelessly made the candles, toffee, and chai to benefit the class trip.



## Your Editors

My name is Sandra Newton, and since the beginning of September, I have been one of the AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinators for IHAD. After spending my first 18 years in Wyoming, I headed to the west coast, where I attended the University of Oregon and pursued my B.A. in Political Science and International Studies. After experiencing a couple of phenomenal study abroad programs, my ever-evolving world view and values pointed me toward the non-profit world, and I am im-

mensely enjoying my time here in Boulder with IHAD.



And the other editor:

My name is Jason Giguere, and I am the newest AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer to join the “I Have a Dream”® Foundation. I recently moved to Boulder after spending the summer months exploring the western coast of the United States. Prior to living in Boulder I lived in San Diego and Western Massachusetts. I have a B.A. in English/ Literature from the University of Massachusetts and hope to start an MSW program within the next two years.

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**HEY MENTORS!**

**Need Some Ideas for Inexpensive Holiday Events?**

1. Ice Skating
2. Have Hot Cocoa on the Pearl Street Mall
3. Volunteer at the Community Food Share
4. Hike one of the Local Mountains
5. Go on a Celestial Seasonings Tour
6. Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes
7. Dinner and a Movie!

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**Extra..Extra..Extra...Just a Bunch of Random Information**

Sandy and Jason would like to thank all of the Volunteers for being so diligent about completing their online reports right after each session. We understand that it takes a little of your time to complete the form, and we love getting the feedback from you. Your comments and concerns help us plan new training seminars as well as host in-house trainings for all of our present tutors and mentors. We also use these reports when applying for funding, as a non-profit this is very important. If you have questions regarding your service or the site that you are working at please feel free to express them through the forms or by emailing Sandy or Jason

Another great resource that we recently started is an IHAD Mentors list-serve. Mentors can use this site to ask questions, get suggestions, and

plead for help if needed. The list-serve is very easy to use and it does not have to clog your inbox with tons of messages. You can choose to receive all the emails posted throughout the day or a daily digest of everything posted. And if you really don't want anything mailed to you at all, just check the option to get nothing mailed and you can check the website whenever you choose to do so. Once you have subscribed or joined the group all you need to do to email is address it to:

[ihadmentors@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ihadmentors@yahoogroups.com)

Yes, it is as simple as that. Keep in mind though that everyone on the list gets each email, or at least has access to see each posting.

The central office for the Boulder "I Have a Dream"<sup>®</sup> Foundation will be moving from its Pearl Street office building on December 15, 2004. We are moving into a brand new building just one street north off of Valmont Street. Our new address will be:

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