
A Message from Farmworker Housing Development Corporation: Making a Difference in the Lives of Farmworker Children through Summer Programs

Dear Supporter,

Six summers ago, Giselle Solano would wake up almost every day around 4am to the noises of her parents getting ready to head out to the berry fields. She knew she would not see her parents until late in the evening and her older sibling would act as her second mother. Because there was no play ground where she lived, she would spend much of her day watching television. Giselle's family moved to Nuevo Amanecer in the 2003. For the past 6 summers, Giselle has visited at least one university near her community. When she talks about college to her friends and parents it's no longer about whether she will attend a higher education institution, but which one she will be attending. Giselle is 11 years old.

Helping children such as Giselle continue their learning during the summer time is one of the goals of FHDC's Summer Enrichment Program. With a large Community Center at each of FHDC's main sites and with a staff dedicated to serving the needs of farmworker families, Giselle will be one of **180 children and youth proudly participating** in FHDC's Summer Enrichment Program.

What activities will Giselle be involved with this summer?

- Arts and crafts using recycling material
- Spanish and English family literacy
- Participating in "A Day on Campus" field trips to local colleges and universities
- Learning to improve her eating habits through Nutrition Classes
- Receiving Tutoring in Math and Science
- Participate in Dance and Yoga
- Learning about Composting and Gardening
- Attend the 2009 4-H Latino Style Olympic Summer Camp

How can you help children such as Giselle?

The cost to operate our Summer Enrichment Programs this year will be \$27,000. **The cost per participant is \$150.** We have already fundraised \$17,000. Our goal is to fundraise the remaining \$10,000 before July 1st, 2009. Reaching our goal will allow us to sustain 66 children active in the program. Please help our children continue their learning this summer.



Summer Activity



Giselle

Sincerely,
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