#### **SUMMER OF SCIENCE**



Yajaira Marcia, Hope Street teacher's assistant, shows the results of the crystal experiment students conducted.

Hope Street's Summer of Science program kicked off June 12th with Weird Science week. Sponsored by funds raised from our annual February Circle of Hope Luncheon, the Summer of Science schedule has a different theme each week. The June 19th Oceanography Week opened with a presentation from Hope Street Volunteer Judy Thompson, sharing her rare shell collection from the Philippines which she then donated to Hope Street. Students also got up close with sea life on a visit to the Aquarium of the Pacific.



Volunteer Judy Thompson shares her shell collection with students.

#### **Hope Street Hires**

When Hope Street hires, it's more than filling a position. It's about developing and empowering parents to take leadership roles in the community. Our two most recent hires, Marisela Blancas and Sandra Serrano, joined Hope Street's staff in May as part-time Community Outreach Representatives with the JIB Fund Community Building Initative. Ms. Blancas has strong community ties and is an experienced parenting class instructor for local community groups and schools. Ms. Serrano, was involved with Hope Street during the four years her child attended our Early Head Start program and she will continue her job as a librarian in a community school while also serving in her new Hope Street capacity.

Dr. Sherrie Segovia, Hope Street Clinical Manager, welcomed Ms. Blancas and Ms. Serrano saying, "Partnering with parents is what makes Hope Street so successful. I am so excited that, after working with Sandra as a parent-client of our Early Head Start program, she is now part of our team while Marisela brings such valuable community experience to our program."

The JIB Fund program focuses on strengthening Hope Street's adult education services and our relationship with Los Angeles City College (LACC) while also increasing parent involvement and civic engagement.



Dr. Sherrie Segovia (left) welcomes new hires Sandra Serrano (center) and Marisela Blancas

## HOPE STREET HAPPENINGS:

#### **CALENDER**



#### **Summer Movie Nights:**

All are invited to bring the family, blankets and a picnic and watch a favorite animated movie under the stars at the Hope Street Margolis Family Center park at the corner of Hope Street and Venice Boulevard (1600 S. Hope) in Downtown LA. Thanks to a generous donation by Matthew Katz, Founder and CEO of Verifi, we have an outdoor projector and inflatable big screen that bring the indoor movie theater experience outdoors for all to enjoy.

#### **HOPE STREET LIFE:**

# IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND IN A CART<sup>TM</sup> Comes to Hope Street Margolis Family Center

The arrival of Imagination Playground in a Cart<sup>TM</sup> created a lot of excitement at Hope Street as children discovered the equipment's innovative design which collaboration. A Let's Play Improvement Grant awarded \$13,200 for the purchase of the equipment supported by funding from Dr. Pepper Snapple Group (DPS) in partnership with KaBOOM!, a been awarded this grant to further our mission to combat the growing epidemic of childhood obesity through access to recreational space," said Margaret R. Peterson, PhD, President of Dignity Health-California Hospital Medical Center. As a model program housed within a hospital campus, Hope Street is able to offer a network of center and homebased programs focused on prevention and health education for working poor families.

#### "YELP"

### YOUTH EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Students completed their first month in this special Hope Street program for junior high and high school students. Here they share the words that best describe what they've each experienced.

Through the generous support of the Honorable Donna Ellman Garber, "YELP" students are engaged in helping others. Students say they've been learning time management while having fun collaborating with each other. As mentors of younger Hope Street students, our "YELP"-ers say they've observed unique personalities among the younger children and have formed bonds with them. The students say they've observed how children learn differently and they've enjoyed helping younger students accept that it's okay to be different. Some of the "YELP" students have siblings in the younger student group and they've noticed their siblings' personalities are more outgoing and social at Hope Street than they are at home.

#### Movies start at dusk... around 8 p.m.

**July 27th-- Finding Dory August 3rd--Moana** 



While some "YELP" students say they've been pushed out of their comfort zone, they realize it's helped them improve their own interaction skills, helped them to be more playful, and opened them up to discovering they have a passion for working with

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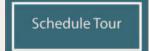


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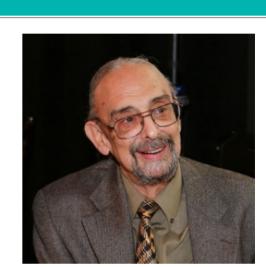


Herbert A. Lampert... 'Hal' to his friends... is a partner with Lampert & Eskridge, C.P.A.s, in Sherman Oaks, where he's assisted by his wife, Sharon. Through their generosity, Hal and Sharon have made a significant difference in Hope Street's ability to expand our after school programs.

We asked Hal how his career has influenced his desire to give back--"Through my profession, I have a broader vision of the business side of non-profit operations," Hal told us, adding, "My financial position has impacted my philanthropy as I now have the ability to champion more charities to a greater financial extent." Hal's advice to others who want to make a difference: Commit yourself to charities you feel passionate about and decide what you will donate- your time, expertise and/or financial support.

"I'm inspired by Hope Street's leaders, its dedicated Fund Development Committee members, others who support the cause, and most importantly, the passion of Hope Street's students to pursue college degrees with a desire to give back to their community when they graduate," Hal told us.

What's a perfect day for you, Hal?" we asked. "At my age," Hal wryly chuckled, "There are no perfect days... only good ones or bad ones."





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