

Area Children Get Needed Funds

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SCC COMES TO AID

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The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center has a great interest in the education of children. In early October, \$30,000 was donated to the Redlands Christian Migrant Association Academy in Wimauma. The funds will be used to provide supplemental assistance to low-income families who can't afford the full price of the after-school program.

"Our motto at RCMA is 'We open doors to opportunity,'" said volunteer coordinator Sister Maureen Smith.

"By getting this extra tutoring, the children become more successful at an early age, and hopefully, it will be the foundation to carry them through high school successfully, and then onto college," said Smith.

The majority of the the students involved in the afterschool program are from migrant farm working families and are bilingual and benefit greatly from the additional tutoring they receive both after school and during a summer session.

The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center also donated \$5,000 for leadership development for RCMA staff, many of whom are former field workers and who desire to move into other positions with RCMA.

The academy is in need of more funds to help provide the summer-school program and also more volunteers.

"We need people who can help the students a few hours during the day and after school," said Smith.

Smith encourages those readers who can help with volunteering to call the Ruskin RCMA office at (813) 671-5624.



Photo courtesy of Sister Maureen Smith

Pictured are members of the Community Foundation mingling with students. At the top from the left, are Evelyn Lundsford, Sister Rosalie Hennessey, Roxann Seeley, Sally Erath, Frank Koebrich and Dave Moore. The children pictured, from left are: Marcos Miranda, Carlos Santiago, Erik Santiago, Julissa Lucas and Jennifer Tacuba.