Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: YMCA of Greater Seattle

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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is building a community where all people, especially the young, are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind, and body.

Date of Award: 2021 Q2

Level: \$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from YMCA of Greater Seattle.



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2021 Y-LEAP

The Y LEAP (Learning, Enrichment, and Play) Academy program site at Fernwood Elementary, in the Northshore School District, located in Bothell, Snohomish County. Y LEAP Academy provides 10 hours of daily programming, inclusive of before-and after-school enrichment and supplemental instruction and guidance for students, in support of our school partners' learning outcomes and our commitment to education justice.

TOTAL NUMBER OF Y-LEAP RECIPIENTS

• 4,514 Y-LEAP attendees from January through December 2021

These numbers are the best estimation of Fernwood Elementary students. The school closures and erratic schedules due to COVID-19 forced our program to be flexible in availability to students from multiple Northshore School District sites.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES FROM THE INSTRUCTOR:

"A first grader shared out loud why she loves the YMCA and how much she enjoys our projects. She also made a card on how much she likes the YMCA and she drew her friends from the YMCA on it too.

When we did apple slime activity, all the kids loved how messy the activity was and played with it for a good thirty to forty minutes which showed me how much they loved it. It was so special to see all the kids wanted to do it and help the staff disrupt it. Also, a decent amount of the kids wanted to do the activity again.

On a number of occasions, I have had a particular kid who only comes certain days in the afternoon state that he wishes that he could come more days of the week. The parent always lets us know how appreciative they are that we can create a fun and engaging place for their kid.

Also, I have a girl that will get really emotional when she does not want to leave my program and she will beg her dad if she can stay a few more minutes. It shows me that the activities and the environment that I have created is really fun for her.

One day the older kids wanted to create their skit about selling food. They were really proud of it, so they performed it for the younger group. It was really adorable to see the older kids take initiative.

Recently the older group that I have at my site have been doing Perler bead club where did various themes, but I also bought cool stencils for them. Every week they are all super excited about doing the club. Some of the kids even bring all their creations to site and play with them.

Also, in the last few weeks I did an activity where the kids had to trace themselves and then draw what they looked like. The older kids were having so much fun that they did for over 30mins and would not stop laughing.



Back in March the school had picture day, which one wore his YMCA soccer jersey for his picture. He told me that he chose it because it is his favorite shirt that he owns.

During one of the half days this year a kid told me that he was excited that he got the chance to be with his friends longer, as well as being with me longer that day. It was a really sweet moment.

This week I did an activity which is called "If I were a teacher" and one of the kindergarteners drew themselves as a YMCA teacher. He was really excited to show me and explained that in the picture he was teaching kids how to play basketball. His drawing is in one of the attachments.

Another club that was a big hit at my site was Pokémon drawing club where I gave each kid a small journal to draw a Pokémon each week. A lot of my kids are really into Pokémon, so they were always so happy to pick the Pokémon for that week and it even empowered them to want to teach other kids to draw a Pokémon."

PHOTOS:













