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Cornerstone Kids, Inc. Annual Report of Activities Summary of 2009 Activities

The program operates Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with a dedicated staff of eight and a small pool of volunteers.

Activities and Donations-2009:

- In January, St. Andrews Episcopal Church Outreach Committee donated the following items from Cornerstone's wish list: 20 alphabet and number bingo sets, a big book rack and 2 writing boards.
- In February, "Bess the Book Bus" visited the program for the first time. She read stories and each child selected a free book from the bus to take home. Black History month was observed with a program and a soul food dinner.
- In March, four 4th -grade students passed the entrance exam to attend The Academy Prep Center of Tampa.
- In April, an article spotlighting the Cornerstone Kids program appeared in the Tampa Tribune.
- Channel 13 News featured a short story on Mrs. Leggett and the program in May. Also, parents & friends were invited to the annual "End of Year Musical" that closes the regular school year.
- The six-week Summer Enrichment Program was fun-filled and exciting. Fieldtrips were taken to Chuck E Cheese, Pin Chasers, USA Skates, MOSI and a Water Day was held on site. Other enrichment activities offered included Orff Music lessons, face painting, crocheting, beginners

Spanish, Ophelia Project for girls with Boys Initiative, storytelling, scrapbooking and arts & crafts. Enrichment activities were facilitated by volunteers and Cornerstone instructors.

- In July, Cornerstone presented the annual “End of Summer Program” for parents, family members and friends. Volunteers and instructors were honored for the important work they do.
- In August, Thirty-eight children were given school supplies, backpacks and reading books. School supplies were provided by Travelers Outreach Committee and St. Mary’s School.
- In the fall an instructor led technology web-based program called WebQuest was added to the curriculum for children in grades 4th through 5th. Once again, Cornerstone Kids, Inc. participated in the Eckerd Family Foundation Scholarship Initiative awarding over ten scholarships.
- In October, Cornerstone Kids participated in “Lights on After School” to raise awareness of the importance of after-school programs. A successful “Open-House” was held for parents. Halloween was celebrated with a party and lots of trick-O-treats.
- First Book Marketplace awarded Cornerstone book credit of \$528.00 to purchase books.
- In November, the Board of Directors held a successful “Garage Sale & Fish Fry” fundraiser.
- Our annual Thanksgiving bag and turkey distribution was held on November 19th. Cornerstone Board of Directors provided food items for each family.
- Cornerstone Annual Christmas Program/Party & Gift Distribution was exciting. Each child was given a pair of shoes by the Alegria’s Kickin for

Kids Program. Thanks to all our Christmas donors, we are very grateful.

- In 2009, over 6,000 well-balanced, nutritious meals were served through the Cornerstone Kids Café. America's Second Harvest is the program's largest food provider. Thanks to St. John The Divine Outreach Committee in Ruskin and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lee for donating serving supplies in 2009.

The following foundation, corporate and other grants were awarded to Cornerstone Kids, Inc. in 2009: Bank of America Foundation, Conn Memorial Foundation, Eckerd Family Foundation, Travelers Foundation, Tilchin Charitable Foundation, Southwest Diocesan Council Grant, Jubilee Ministry Grant, Tampa Chapter of the Links Inc., and St. John's Outreach Committee Grant. Through grants, proceeds from the Lincoln-Douglass Ball and generous monetary donations from private donors, churches/outreach ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, friends, board members and St. James House of Prayer parishioners, the program is able to meet its yearly budget. Thanks to our contributors for their financial and in-kind support. Special thanks to the members of the Cornerstone Board of Directors for their strong support, leadership, hard work and encouragement all year.

Olatha Leggett,
Program Director