



# THE LEAGUE LETTER

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## Lantern League Awards Inaugural Round of Grants

The Lantern League proudly awarded its first round of funding to the following organizations:

Girls for A Change  
Learning and Loving Education Center  
Our Lady of Grace Nativity School for Girls  
Rosemary Family Learning Center  
Presentation High School

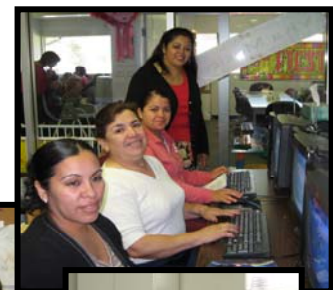
### Girls For A Change

The Lantern League's \$20,000 investment in Girls For A Change helped to support Girl Action Teams including girl events and trainings, team supplies, social change handbooks for girls, and coach trainings all at no cost to schools, girls or volunteers.



### Learning and Loving Education Center \$10,000 Grant:

- Purchased English as a second language, textbooks, English Spanish Dictionaries and classroom supplies
- Supported the expense of two bilingual literacy and a one computer (job skills training) instructor and teaching assistant
- Provided classrooms for language and job skills acquisition
- Augmented the expense of providing onsite preschool and childcare for 78 children of adult learners
- Provided one year of internet access for our computer lab



## Our Lady of Grace Nativity School for Girls

This \$15,000 grant from The Lantern League provided one of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls with a full year scholarship. Ana is committed to a demanding daily schedule and will take classes in Computers, Public Speaking and Family Life in addition to her core subjects. Presentation's Panther Pride and Alumnae Association play key roles in providing enrichment activities for the girls including art, sports, and scrap booking workshops. Our Homework Club, which meets daily from 4:30-6:00pm, benefits greatly from Presentation's Community Involvement. Students from Presentation and other local high schools and colleges, along with women from the community tutor our students, providing the advantage of individualized attention and instruction. All of our students attend 2 days of Saturday School per month during which time the emphasis is on service. Ana spent one Saturday helping the elderly in our parish community with gardening and household chores. She also helped prepare lunches for builders of Habitat for Humanity at an all woman site. Ana especially enjoyed a field trip to San Francisco to see *Precita Eyes*, Mural Art by Latino artists.



## Rosemary Family Learning Center

Thanks to the Lantern League Even Start parents have the opportunity to improve their English skills!!! The Family Learning Center at Rosemary Elementary School was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Lantern League in order to purchase 3 levels of Rosetta Stone. Parents utilize this English learning software in their adult education classes at Rosemary. All of the parents are low-income and a large percentage have gross family incomes at or below the federal poverty level. Many parents had never touched a computer before committing to participate in the Even Start Family Literacy Program. The parents study English as a Second Language for 20 hours a week and parenting and Spanish literacy 5 hours per week. In addition, they spend a minimum of 4 hours a week in their child's classroom participating in parent and child interactive literacy activities. All of the parents have their children on site in one of 5 early childhood education classrooms. There is an infant, toddler and 3 preschool classrooms serving a total of 96 four month to five year olds. The goal of the program is to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and illiteracy. The Lantern League grant money allowed the purchase of software for the computers that are utilized within the adult ESL classroom. Approximately 75 adults per day benefit directly from the software purchased

with Lantern League grant funds.



## A Letter from a Presentation Student



My name is Pamela Jimenez Cardenas and I am a sophomore at Pres. I was recently

accepted into the Living Oceans and Global Climate Change cluster at a 4 week summer program called COSMOS at UC San Diego. I knew this was a really competitive program and this particular cluster deals with 2 areas that I am most interested in (ecology and the environment) so I was naturally thrilled. Unfortunately, I was only given a half scholarship, and if it was not for the help that I will be receiving from you, my family would not have been able to afford the rest of the tuition. Going to COSMOS means so much to me! I will not only learn a lot, but I will also be exposed to new people and ideas that will hopefully help me when the time comes to choose a career. So I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, along with my family, for this incredible opportunity. Look forward to sharing my experiences with my fellow classmates next year. Thanks again, I will not let you down!

Sincerely, Pamela Jimenez Cardenas

### Membership

Please encourage your family and friends to join Lantern League

Two Ways to Join

Pay Online via Credit Card

Or

Download a Pledge Card and Mail To:

Lantern League

c/o PHS

2281 Plummer Avenue,

San Jose, CA 95125

Memberships may also be renewed online

[www.lantern-league.org](http://www.lantern-league.org)

## Welcome to our New 2007 Members

(as of September 30, 2007)

Marie Anderson  
Joy Brown  
Erin Bentley  
Joy Brown  
Nancy Cannon  
Drew Coble  
Michelle Collins  
Maureen Conlin  
Jackie Courtney  
Linda Doolin  
Sharon Drake  
Pam Flournoy  
Cassidy Garrett  
Susan Gentile  
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Silvia Malaccorto  
Kimberly Mulcahy  
Nahla Nijmeh  
Marina Pace  
Mary Ann Ramirez  
Robin Royle  
Linda Russo  
Johanna Schwartzkopf  
Karen Strobach  
Jaya Subramanian  
MaryAnn Wallace  
Lissa Whelan



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Lighting the way for women & girls  
through education

## Conversations and Libations

On September 25, The Lantern League hosted an evening titled "Conversations and Libations" for its members and invited guests at the Valenzuela Theater at Presentation High School. Panelists from Global Fund for Women, Women's Foundation of California, Global Women's Leadership Network, Hewlett Packard, and the Cardea Center for Women shared their perspectives to paint the "big picture" perspective on the global and local issues facing women and girls. Some noteworthy facts:

- Women perform 2/3 of all labor, produce more than 50% of the world's food, yet women own only about 1% of the world's assets, and represent 70 % of those living in absolute poverty
- 2/3 of the world's uneducated children are girls, 2/3 of the world's illiterate adults are women. Educating women & girls is the single most effective strategy to ensure healthy children and the success of developing economies
- Women make up 51% of the world's population; they hold only 16% of parliamentary and congressional seats worldwide

We are planning to provide the pod cast of this event on the Lantern League website.  
Stay tuned!

## 2007 - 2008 Grant Process

October 15, 2007  
Grant Applications Due

November 15, 2007  
Grant Applications Distributed to Members

December 10, 2007  
Preliminary Votes Due from Members

January 28, 2008  
General Voting Meeting

All perspective grantees must be sponsored by a Lantern League member.

All forms are available on the Lantern League website:

[www.lantern-league.org](http://www.lantern-league.org)



### Lantern League Pledge Card

Yes, I want to become a member of the Lantern League and will give a gift of \$1,000 annually, renewable each year.

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I wish to make my annual contribution of \$1,000 in the following manner:

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I wish to pay by credit card \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Annually

\_\_\_\_ Contact me about a gift of stock \_\_\_\_\_ My employer will match my gift

Please return completed form to: Lantern League, c/o Presentation High School, 2281 Plummer Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125, Tax ID Number 94-1562816