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Community Partnership for Youth (CPY) is a prevention program providing positive alternatives to gangs, drugs and violence while reinforcing individual strengths.

Building a Community
One Child At A Time

August 16, 2021

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Dear Deacon's Board,

It is with a great deal of thankfulness that Community Partnership for Youth (CPY) family of board members, staff and youth recognize your support. Your investment in the lives of our entire CPY family is very much appreciated.

It is interesting to look back a year ago, CPY campus activities ended on March 13, 2020. We quickly began to support families and the youth by providing remote mentoring and food distributions. Through a partnership with National Charity League, we stocked up on art and school supplies, games, puzzles, and creative projects. And, with the Monterey County Food Bank and ALL IN Monterey, we have distributed food twice a week to our families.

In August 2020,. at the height of the pandemic, the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) Superintendent asked us to provide services and connected learning spaces for kiddos with need in small cohorts on 4 school campuses. Over the course of the sch9ol year, CPY provided support to over 140 youth across 10 small cohorts.

In April, teachers came on campus and worked every morning to help address learning losses. By June, our numbers almost tripled and the staff worked in classrooms with teachers and became playground and cafeteria assistants in the mornings. The afternoons provided enforcement of the morning lessons, as well as, enrichment activities in smaller cohorts.

In July 2021, we provided as near as we could to our regular CPY programming. The first week, The Wahine Project provided scholarships for 30 of our students to learn leadership through surfing and embracing the Bay that they see every day. The letters you are receiving explain the first try for many students to express their thoughts through writing, to improve spelling and language skills and critical thinking to express their thankfulness and to share what they were learning. Hopefully, you will be encouraged and grateful that your support is producing resilient youth.

On behalf of the CPY Board, mentors, families, and youth we thank you for not only investing in the future of our CPY Family but for their basic needs during a very traumatic time in their lives. The letters show the gratitude of each individual writer.

Gratefully,

Shari Hastey Executive Director