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ART CLUB

LNFI strives to provide unique opportunities for students to learn and experience art. As part of Art Club this year, students were given the opportunity to participate in the **Expressions that Move You Art Contest** sponsored by the T.

This contest prizes its winners with the honor of having their art work featured on T buses throughout the summer. T staff and select members of the board of directors get to choose whose art work is featured.

LNFI is proud to announce that **Alylah**, an after-school student from J.P. Elder Middle School, was selected as a winner in the contest! Join us in keeping an eye out for her artwork to be showcased on the T buses this summer!



LOVE NEVER FAILS 5K



LNFI was excited to host its inaugural Love Never Fails 5K at **J.P. Elder Middle School** in support of at-risk children on Saturday, May 28th, near the historic Fort Worth Stockyards.

The Love Never Fails 5K provided a great opportunity for supporters to partner with LNFI's mission to glorify God by providing at-risk children, both locally a globally, "a hand up, not a hand out." This was also a great way to open the door in building relationships with the local Northside community of **J.P. Elder** in a fun and healthy way.

Together we had over 50 race participants and volunteers! Medals and certificates were awarded to the top 5 female and top 5 male racers. The first place female and male racers also received a donated gift card package from our local **Chick-fil-A** on Rufe Snow.

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CREATING RESILIENCE

LNFI CAMP 2016

What opportunities are provided to at-risk children with envisioning futures? The LNFI camp set out to provide 40 at-risk children the opportunity of a lifetime: to 'rise up' from their seemingly impossible situations into a brighter future.

Experiences such as nature hiking and geocaching promoted increased competence and confidence as they recovered from challenges. Daily small group time allowed them to build stronger connections with one another and their mentors so that they felt a sense of belonging, security and learned to develop creative solutions to their problems. Late night kickball helped each child contribute to the well-being of others. During the water games and lake exploration, teams understood privileges and respect that is earned through demonstrated responsibility. Camp fire night and whole group sessions gave way for our children to acquire a clear sense of right and wrong and a

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*To see all children, both locally and globally,
live a successful and joyful life.*



LNFI Camp 2016

"I will never forget all the days at camp. I didn't know I would make so many new friends. LNFI is my forever family."

Lamont
Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary

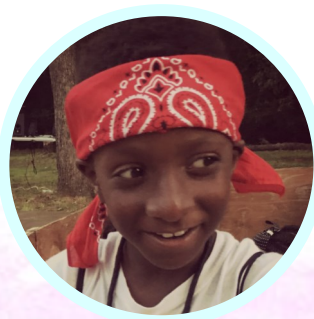


"Foster care has been really, really hard for me. I haven't been able to make any friends at my new school, but I met my best friend at camp. I want to stay at camp forever."

Gwendelyne
Eastern Hills Elementary

"Campfire night was my favorite time at camp. I learned how to find out the best in people when I get angry or upset at them."

Marcellis
I.M. Terrell Elementary



"I loved the lesson times at camp. I learned how to give to others what you were given. The leaders made me feel special and I got to help out a lot."

LaChauntay
Eastern Hills Elementary

commitment to integrity. Ultimately, each child left camp with a grander sense of hope for their future and new friends and mentors to support them along their road to success; the greatest opportunity a child could receive is one that creates resilience.

S.T.E.M. CLUB Cardboard Boat Regatta

On April 26th, over 20 students involved in STEM Club in 3 of Love Never Fails' after-school programs participated in the 27th Annual River Legacy Cardboard Boat Regatta as part of their STEM project for the spring semester. The Cardboard Boat Regatta is an event hosted by Six Flags Hurricane Harbor where "amateur boat builders are challenged to design, build and navigate boats made entirely of corrugated cardboard." This project truly enveloped LNFI's objective to engage students in STEM disciplines so that they may be inspired to pursue subject areas in school that will equip them with the skills necessary to thrive in a 21st century workforce. Without any prior training or experience in making a cardboard boat, these students skeptically accepted the challenge.



The STEM Club students were given two months to complete three different phases of the project which consisted of Budgeting & Designing, Constructing and Launching. Each phase required the students to take on different roles within the team and to carry out specific tasks. Each team worked together to create an official team name and a team chant that they shouted as they practiced their rowing skills. All of these efforts nourished skills students need to be successful in a STEM focused culture.



On the day of the Boat Regatta, all skepticism turned to pure excitement as the LNFI students launched their boats and participated in this big event along with hundreds of other students from other schools and programs. They realized that their hard work and creativity gave them the

INTERNATIONAL

In May, The Team visited Casa Hogar de Niños Camargo and brought with them vibrant colored bed covers, bed sheets and pillows for the 25 orphaned children living there. These children come from broken homes and traumatic experiences of abuse and neglect. They have very little material possessions of their own.

All 25 of the children also received a brand new pair of tennis shoes and socks. They had been wearing very worn or mixed matched shoes and were so excited to receive a new pair of shoes just in time for the summer. The director of the orphanage, Pastor Osdy Luna, expressed that LNFI had come to offer support at a time when he felt they were "sinking and drowning."

This July, the Team plans to visit Nopalera Colonia and continue investing in the lives of the people in that area by building another fully furnished home for a family in need. For only \$4,500, one house can be built and furnished; A house that becomes a home to a family in Mexico and a home that changes their lives forever! Please consider supporting our great work in Mexico!



opportunity to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

These students left this experience not only with an increased interest in the STEM disciplines, but also with a sense of pride in who they are and what they are able to accomplish when they work together as a team.

Source: "River Legacy Cardboard Boat Regatta". River Legacy. <<http://riverlegacy.org/component/content/article.html?id=128>

POETRY SLAM

One extra that our LNFI students truly benefited from this year was Poetry. LNFI was able to partner with the **Thank You Darlin' Foundation** who brought their award winning program, Voice2Youth, to all of our elementary programs.



During their poetry class, our students studied different poetic concepts, genres of poetry, and participated in dramatic play. At the end of the year, our students were able to compete in the annual Poetry Slam! To see a shy, reserved child perform as a confident and eloquent speaker was an extraordinary sight.

These students were able to give a voice to their own creativity. Many of our LNFI students also had their poems published in Every Voice Matters, a collection of poems written by over 100 kids who live throughout Tarrant County, Texas.

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