

ForWords' Factsheet

2007-2010

Mission:** To assist students who face significant economic and community challenges & lack the resources & access to effective educational programs. ForWords provides educational, technological & professional assistance to ensure these students develop **writing, reading, researching, technology & digital story-telling skills, and oral & presentation skills.

Since 2007 our students have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, determination, & success in developing these important 21st century skills as they work toward high school graduation & college.

Looking at numbers:

<i>Students served:</i>	<i>500+</i>
<i>University of California Bay Area Writing Project Teacher/Consultants[BAWP] hired:</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Digital Arts Teacher:</i>	<i>1 each year</i>
<i>Mentoring/coaching teachers/staff/interns(public schools & Canal Alliance):</i>	<i>800-1000 hours</i>
<i>Direct 1:1 teaching (BAWP) with junior & senior high school students:</i>	<i>1200+ hours</i>
<i>In-service/training for teachers/staff:</i>	<i>50 staff, 150+ hours</i>
<i>Student presentations & community celebrations:</i>	<i>1-2 per year</i>
<i>Publications & Projects:</i>	
<i>Published books:</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>CDs/DVDs:</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Student field trips (i.e., visit universities, cultural venues):</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Local student support: college stipend, support student intern</i>	

Looking at numbers (cont'):

Purchases:

- 40 personal computers*
- 25 digital & video cameras*
- 2 printers*

Supplies (e.g., flash drives, memory cards, etc.)

- Publication expenses for student writing, projects, DVDs, CDs*
- Transportation for student field trips*

Web site created and launched

Established ForWords' Advisory Board

In addition to continuation of the ForWords' programs (as detailed above), the following is planned for 2011:

Development of a The ForWords Center in the Canal area of San Rafael: secure community input, complete needs assessment, & goal setting.

ForWords was Awarded Marin Community Foundation grant for arts' based literacy project, to begin in January, 2011. Students work with Precita Eyes to develop and create one of the first murals in the Canal neighborhood.