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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

**A BLAST FROM THE PAST: FAMILY SNAPSHOTS ART OPENING AT NEW LANGTON ARTS**

*I did not know that photography had this much depth in concept until I became a part of this program.*  
- Ashley Hurtado, age 16



above: artist apprentice Rebecca Ho and her mother. right: artist apprentice Elizabeth Marroquin with her mother. Both featured images of their mothers.

Founded in 1999, Oasis for Girls (O4g), a project of The Tides Center, a nonprofit organization, serves ages 10-20 in free after-school/summer programs and paid teen internships in San Francisco's culturally diverse South of Market (SoMA) neighborhood.

The vision of Oasis for Girls is to provide a safe place where girls and young women are inspired and empowered to become strong and creative leaders.

The mission of Oasis for Girls is to cultivate self-esteem in girls and young women through arts, education, and leadership development programs.

On Wed, August 17th, more than 80 O4G community members celebrated the opening of A BLAST FROM THE PAST: FAMILY SNAPSHOTS at New Langton Arts Theater. Created by 12 O4g teen art apprentices, in an intensive four week (12 hours per week) paid internship, the exhibition featured 12 large-scale prints that were accompanied by an audio loop of the stories behind the images. Under the guidance of Ecuadorian Curator, Maria del Carmen Carrion, the apprentices investigated cultural and family heritage through a curriculum exploring the interpretation process of curatorial studies, photography and storytelling. The program exposed the apprentices to 11 professional women in the arts, ranging from photography to museum marketing, to graphic design. Allison Saunders provided a gourmet art opening buffet and the "O4g Cup Cake Crew," earned \$65. The exhibit was enjoyed by more than 100 visitors before it closed on Sat, Aug 20th. Log on at www.sfoasis.org this fall for program and exhibit archives!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

**CULTURAL ADVENTURES**



Carla Fuentes & daughter, Azia enjoy the Aquarium of the Bay at Pier 39.

Led by Summer Coordinator, Carla Fuentes, O4g participants enjoyed field trips to the Aquarium of the Bay, North Beach Swimming Pool, di Rosa Preserve: Art & Nature in Napa, and the Giant Killer Robot computer graphic design studio that worked on the movie, Fantastic 4. On site, cultural adventures in La Cocina de Oasis included: Peruvian & French culture & cooking classes, and 4th of July sundaes!

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

**6TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**



On June 23rd, the Oasis For Girls 6th Anniversary celebration began with an exclusive feature on the KTVU, Channel 2 Five O'Clock news (available on our website)! Four scholarships were awarded, including two honorable mentions.

**\$1,000 Future Fund academic scholarship winners:**  
Ms. Almaz Nigusse, Sonoma State University (1);  
Ms. Amani Almahbashi, San Francisco State University (2);  
Ms. Nilda Mae Factor, Mills College (3).

**\$100 Future Fund honorable mention winners:**  
Ms. Vicki Deng, San Francisco State University (4);  
Ms. Yeni Chen, University of California, Davis (5).

**\$500 Mrs. Katherine Flowers Reid Scholarship for the Arts** was awarded to Ms. Nancy Salcedo (6) of San Francisco State University, who aspires to be a fashion designer.



Summer Office Intern, Su Mei Mai decorates for our 6th anniversary.

**WISHLIST**

- sewing machine
- digital camera(s)
- IKEA gift certificates

Do you share our vision? Join our mission & donate today.



Summer Coordinator, Patty Lindahl mentors Tracy Wheeler.

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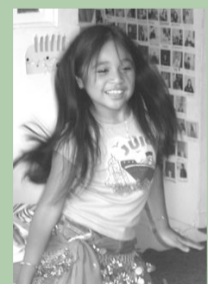


**PEER MENTOR SPOTLIGHT**  
**YOUTHMENTOR MATCH**  
Peer Intern Sara Latimore (above left), age 14, mentored 10 year old Miluzka Acuna in how to become a pre-teen. They spent time together discussing style, computer games & SF public transportation tips.



**O4G SUMMER ALBUM**

Above: Summer Office Intern Jennifer Poeng  
Above Right: Keara Laforga practices belly dancing, taught by O4g graduate, My Tu Duong.



**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: MIDDLE SCHOOL ART & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

This summer, the International Museum of Woman (IMOW) led a free five week theme-based art workshop program for seven O4g middle school students, meeting once a week. The empowering themes included building positive and healthy relationships, defining beauty, and discussing issues facing women locally and globally. The artwork created will be compiled in the O4g 'zine this winter. Big thanks to Linsey, Lovisa, and Sabba from IMOW!

FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 3-6:30PM**

Drop-in & Think Tank: Daily homework assistance, computer lab access, & tutor and mentor matches.

Bessie Carmichael Elementary School Art Classes: Wednesday afternoons (4-6pm)

Keynote paid leadership development internship for ages 16 - 20. Apply online at www.sfoasis.org.

Sept 17th SOMA FEST Gene Friend Recreation Center O4g graduate Sunum Mobin teaches b-girl hip hop dance!

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