

OASIS WOMANPOWER

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

On September 30, 2005, Oasis For Girls hosted a going away party for Executive Director, Cynthia Taylor and Program Manager, Yoriko Yamamoto. Many tears were shed as we honored the amazing work that these two trailblazing women have dedicated to Oasis and our girls for the past two years. They are greatly missed. Yoriko has moved on to dedicate more time to her family life. Cynthia is pursuing other career opportunities and is currently touring with her jazz group Charming Hostess (<http://charminghostess.us>) including participation in the Sarajevo International Jazz Festival in Bosnia. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to their continued participation at Oasis For Girls.



left: Bright smiles of Yoriko & Cynthia, right: Board Chair Lupe Garcia gives Yoriko a big farewell hug.

WELCOME to our three new Advisory Board Members: Nicole Lambrou, Elizabeth Misner, and Purvi Patel.

THANK YOU to our Advisory Board Members who contributed to the vision while serving: Neha Patel, Thérèse F. Martin, and Ann Trinca.

THANK YOU 2005 FUNDERS!

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Oasis For Girls is a proud project of The Tides Center. Thank you Work Team 3!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Oasis For Girls appreciates all of our volunteers who come in and share their time and talent. Our new volunteers for Fall 2005 include:

Alejandra Bando, a native from Teziutlan, Mexico works in the editorial department for a San Francisco weekly Latino newspaper. For the month of November, Alejandra taught a Spanish Language and Culture class every Friday afternoon.

Benita Chiang tutors on Wednesday afternoons. She decided to volunteer at Oasis For Girls as a way to give back to the community.

Joan Hattangadi taught a Nutrition Workshop for the Fall Keynote Program. She is currently doing a clinical research fellowship in breast cancer at the University of California, San Francisco.

Jordana Swan is a native from Rochester, New York. She tutors on Wednesdays. When Jordana was younger she use to be a skateboard professional, now she is a rocking bike messenger.

Lua Wilkinson who has a degree in Cultural Anthropology and Nutrition from the University of Colorado is a tutor on Wednesdays.

Sanae Yamada has a Master's Degree in English. Sanae is a tutor and has an interest in assisting the girls with art and writing workshops.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our continuing volunteers who have been coming in on a regular basis to tutor Oasis girls: **Rebecca Krueger, Danielle Tomkiel, Sonya Winterhalder, Molly Crockett, Gwen Barr, Angela Marquez**



Give Well and Do Good: Support Oasis for Girls Through Your Holiday Gift-Giving

Now through December 15, 2005, 10% of all your purchases at The Basil Collection will be donated to Oasis for Girls! At Basil, you'll find exquisite artisan jewelry, accessories, holiday ornaments, and baby items, many of which are handcrafted by women. Please visit www.thebasilcollection.com today to find unique gifts for those special to you, and be sure to note "Oasis for Girls" in the comments box when you place your order.

Borders Books and Music at Mission Bay

Oasis for Girls will participate in Borders Holiday Gift Wrapping Program this holiday season. Oasis girls and two volunteers will wrap gifts for donations towards our program. This is a great way for Oasis to gain visibility and raise needed funds. Please visit us at Borders from 10am to 2pm on December 17th. For more info or to volunteer for this event please call Ly Hoang.

Do you share our vision? Join our mission and donate to Oasis For Girls today in your name or in the name of a girl or woman you wish to honor and we'll list them on our website.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTABLE!

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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Oasis For Girls is proud to announce the addition of two new staff members:



Ly Hoang is our new Program Manager. Ly is a Chinese immigrant who grew up in Los Angeles, the oldest of sixteen grandchildren. Ly values family, community, and culture. She received her BA from Mills College in Media Studies. Following graduation she completed two years of AmeriCorps service. Her first year was spent working as a teacher in Oakland Unified school district and her second year was spent as the Volunteer Coordinator with East Bay Habitat for Humanity.



Mary Teruel is our new Office Manager. She is a first generation Filipina immigrant. Mary first met the co-founders of Oasis For Girls, Ly Nguyen and Jill Pfeiffer in 1998 as a high school intern at West Bay/SOMA Teen Center. A year later when Oasis was established, Mary taught hip-hop dance for our first Arts Beats Program. Over the years, she continues to be inspired by our mission and positive impact on the lives of many young girls. She is proud to be part of such a wonderful place. Mary is graduate of California College of the Arts in San Francisco with a BFA in Graphic Design.

We are thrilled that Ly and Mary have joined us!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Parol Workshop

For two Wednesdays in November, Oasis For Girls welcomed Jamie Mancini from the Filipino American Development Foundation/Bayanihan Community Center. Jamie taught a workshop on parol making. A parol is a colorful five-pointed star lantern and is part of traditional Filipino folk art. Parols are widely displayed during the Christmas season in the Philippines. Under Jamie's guidance, the girls made their very own parol.



Fourth graders from Bessie Elementary School show off their parols. From left to right: Natasha Hovan, Maggie Medina, and Liza Howard

Volunteer Joan Hattangadi cooking with Keynote girl Rebecca Ho, making a healthy dessert of baked apples.



Keynote

This year's Fall Keynote Program has 10 participants ages 14 to 21. They are Nathalie Almanza, Jennyfer Murcia, Marny Zambrano, Rebecca Ho, Helen Yu, Vanessa Bustos, Janelle Bustos, Natalie Springs, Joanne Li, and Elisha Hawkins. Keynote is an 8-week internship program for girls created to explore what it means to be a leader in the world while gaining important skills such as resume writing, financial management, public speaking, activism and more. Oasis For Girls collaborated with other San Francisco non-profits to offer dynamic workshops for the girls; Bryant Tan from the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center offered a STI, Safe Sex, and Sexuality class; Joanne Tong from the College Access Center talked to the girls about college applications and resources; Girl Army offered self-defense to the girls. We also had some of our ongoing workshop presenters; Jen Tait did Shiatsu Massage and Jenny Sauer-Klein lead a two-hour yoga session. Additionally, Oasis for Girls graduate May Deng, who is currently attending UC Berkeley, lead an all access tour of her campus for our Keynote girls. Oasis For Girls board members Nicole Lambrou and Carrie Robertson offered workshops on the Power of Womanhood and Public Speaking. **If you would like to be involved in future Keynote sessions offered in the Spring, Summer, and Fall please contact Ly Hoang at 415-701-7991 for more information.**