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Press Release

Lions Provide Computers

Stanton Lions Club provided two new computers to Stanton's Lighthouse Church for after school program

Stanton, CA September 2, 2006: Today Lions helped install two new computers at Stanton Lighthouse Church for use in their after school program. They will be used to help children learn basic computing skills including Microsoft Office Suite and web page development. Students will also use the computers to run educational programs that will improve their reading, math skills and help students from non-English speaking homes learn the language.

Lighthouse Church runs the after school program to help children who do not have anywhere else to go after school. Their motto is that they will not turn anyone away. Children from nearby communities including Anaheim, Cypress, Garden Grove, Stanton, and Huntington Beach are served. Many families in the area are not able to provide their children with a home computer. Furthermore, as the cost of living has been going up, more people have been forced to move into smaller rental units. This means that the kids do not have any space where they can just focus on learning.

When Pastor Paul Karanick visited the Lions Clubhouse for a lunch meeting two weeks ago, he explained the problem. Some kids were just not learning in school. Church volunteers tutor the kids after school, but they did not have funds to buy any computers. Lion Vice President Barbara Dotson, concerned about the plight of these kids, stated that "it seems like such a waste. We pay for these kids to go to school, but they cannot succeed because of circumstances outside their control. It's great that the volunteers at the church have become involved. These days, kids need computer access to succeed. Helping kids is what the Stanton Lions are all about."

The Stanton Lions Club has a long history of helping children in the community. The club has partnered with the Stanton Little League, the Stanton Boys and Girls Club, the City of Stanton Parks

and Recreation Department, and local schools to improve the lives of kids in our community. Lions are involved in everything from providing glasses to an uninsured child to underwriting snow at next years' *Breakfast with Santa* event. Buying computers seemed like a project that the lions could support

Lion David Parikh explained how computers fit into the Stanton Lions' Mission, "Pastor Karanick seemed really enthusiastic about helping these kids. There is so much need in Orange County that when we find a good opportunity to help kids we, the Stanton Lions, like to get involved. The computers and tutoring from the church volunteers will have a big impact on these kids. They had the staff resources to teach computer skills to the kids, they just lacked the computers. The kids can also take advantage of many great educational programs that will complement they are what they are studying in school. The decision to buy the computers was a no-brainer."

Pastor Karanick said that the kids were "very excited about the computer donation and the fact we may be able to start this after school program sooner than originally planned. The Stanton Lighthouse Church has many community programs that allow us to reach beyond our walls and we are so excited to add this to our volunteer activities: soup kitchen, bus pick-up, free Health Mobile, and youth trips. If you are interested in the Stanton Lighthouse Church or their after school program, please contact Pastor Karanick at (714)803-9692. www.TheNazareneChurch.org "

If you are interested in learning more about the Stanton Lions see www.stantonlions.org. The lions would also like to help coordinate donations of used computers for this program. A lot of people have upgraded, and they have a good computer taking up space in their garage. If you would like to donate your computer, contact David Parikh dave@stantonlions.org . It should be in good working condition and at have at least a 2.5 GHz processor.