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Time programs

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“Think Together”

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Today, Dr. Anne Turner, Executive Director, Think Together, was here to tell us more about their mission, objectives, and ways to help.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Denise – Rotary Anniversary
John – Wedding Anniversary
David Hunt – Wedding Anniversary

CLUB ANNOUCEMENTS

New Generations (Lisa)

Century HS will have a lunch recruitment Sep 25. Volunteers welcome.

Taste Event Update (John Castillo)

1) Marketing – B&GC sent email blast but little ticket activity.

2) Tickets – Keep selling. Online tickets www.discoverthetaste.eventbrite.com. Use Ben S's sample email. Paper tickets: make checks payable to: Santa Ana North Rotary Foundation.

Put Ticket # in Memo Field. You are responsible for your tickets.

3) Vendors – 14 signed up!
4) Sep 26 is Planning / Assignment meeting



Wednesdays 12:15 PM
Antonello Ristorante
1611 Sunflower Ave, Santa Ana

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Sep 26 – Discover the Taste Planning

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 19 – Board Meeting, 6pm @ Lisa S
Sep 25 – Century HS Interact Recruitment @ 11am – 1pm
Sep 29 – Discover the Taste @ Santa Ana Zoo, 5pm. Tickets \$50/adult. 50% Proceeds benefit Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana.
Oct 12 – Business Leadership Awards @ DoubleTree Hotel in Orange. Three awards:

Program

Speaker: Dr. Anne Turner

THINK Together's mission is to provide high-quality, academically oriented out-of-school programs for students regardless of race, creed, or socioeconomic status. Since its inception in 1994, THINK (Teaching, Helping, Inspiring and Nurturing Kids) Together has been committed to improving academic outcomes for children and youth living in under-resourced communities.

Our programs began in response to a plea from a gang-ridden neighborhood in West Costa Mesa to provide a safe place for children to do their homework after school. From those humble beginnings, our organization has grown into one of the nation's largest non-profit providers of extended learning time programs, serving more than 100,000 youth at over 400 locations in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties, in partnership with a wide variety of public and private agencies, including over 30 school districts. In addition to our core after school program, THINK Together offers summer learning opportunities, small group tutoring, early learning programs, and school-age child care

Throughout our remarkable expansion, we still believe that education is the single most important factor in helping young people to achieve their full potential. Our programs have demonstrated, through independent evaluation, that students who regularly participate in our academically oriented activities reach proficient levels in English/Language Arts (ELA) and

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Mathematics at a rate nearly double that of their peers.

Our curriculum has been designed by experienced educators to align with and reinforce the critical content standards by which academic achievement is measured. Our educational expertise is complemented by experienced business professionals with the knowledge and skills required to scale and sustain our programs statewide.

FACTS

37% of all youth drop out of high school

44% of those dropouts are African American and 48% are Hispanic.

18% of low income students of color go to college, only 9% graduate.

By 2020, economists predict California will have a deficit of 1 million qualified job candidates

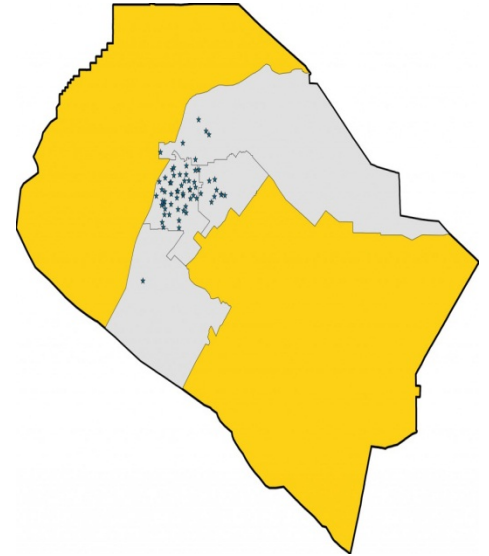
ORANGE COUNTY LOCATION

THINK Together in Orange County, where we are serving nearly 66,000 students per year at 67 school sites with extended learning time programs in Costa Mesa, Orange, Tustin, and Santa Ana. Our programs support students in kindergarten through 12th grade with academically oriented Extended Learning Time programs, small group tutoring, and summer programs employing more than 600 employees and 1,700 volunteers.

In addition, THINK Together's Early Childhood Learning program serves another 60,000 children from age 0 to 5 through our Reach Out and Read program conducted at clinics throughout the county. The program is designed to engage families in research-supported, authentic early literacy strategies that promote reading to children every day to build language and learning skills for life. We believe that access to books and showing parents the importance of early literacy are some of the most effective strategies in helping children start school prepared to succeed. We run center-based school readiness programs for families at elementary schools in collaboration with the school district and at pediatric clinics throughout the county. We also distribute thousands of books and resources to local

schools, various community partners, and at hundreds of community events.

We are committed to expanding our services throughout Orange County fulfilling our mission to provide high-quality, academically oriented out-of-school programs for students regardless of race, creed, or socioeconomic status



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Donations made to the THINK Together are tax deductible in the U.S.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1) **Donate.** See above.

2) **Volunteer.** THINK Together Volunteers range in age from 6 to 86. Opportunities include:

1. Reader
2. Tutor / Academic Assistant
3. Computer Lab Assistant
4. Enrichment Activity Director
5. Special Events