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VISTA LA ROSA APARTMENTS

RESIDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

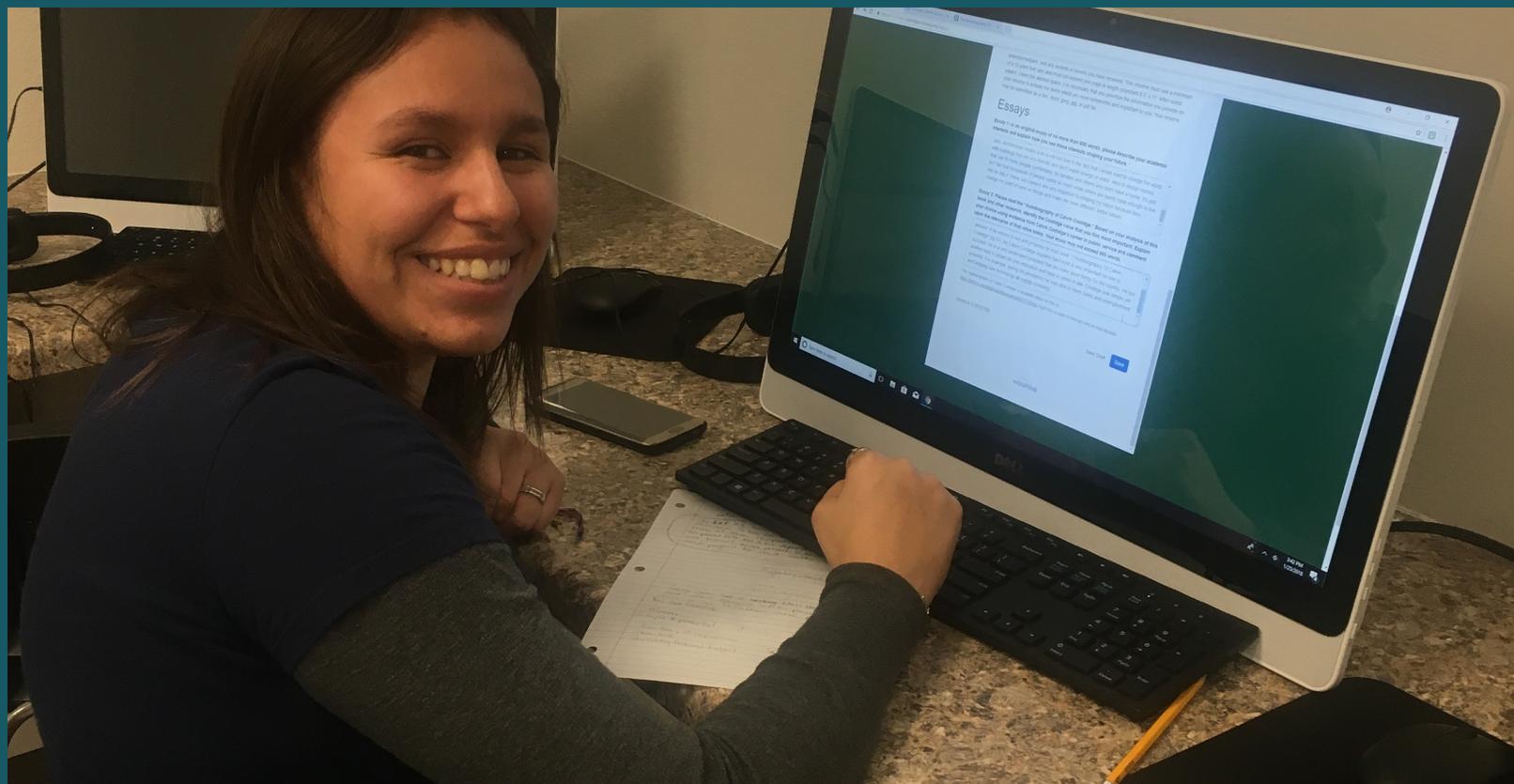


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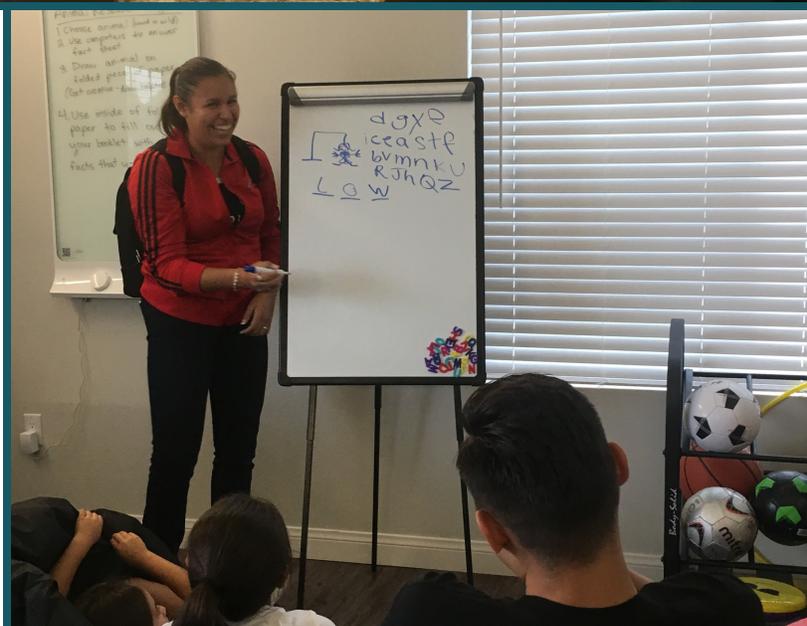
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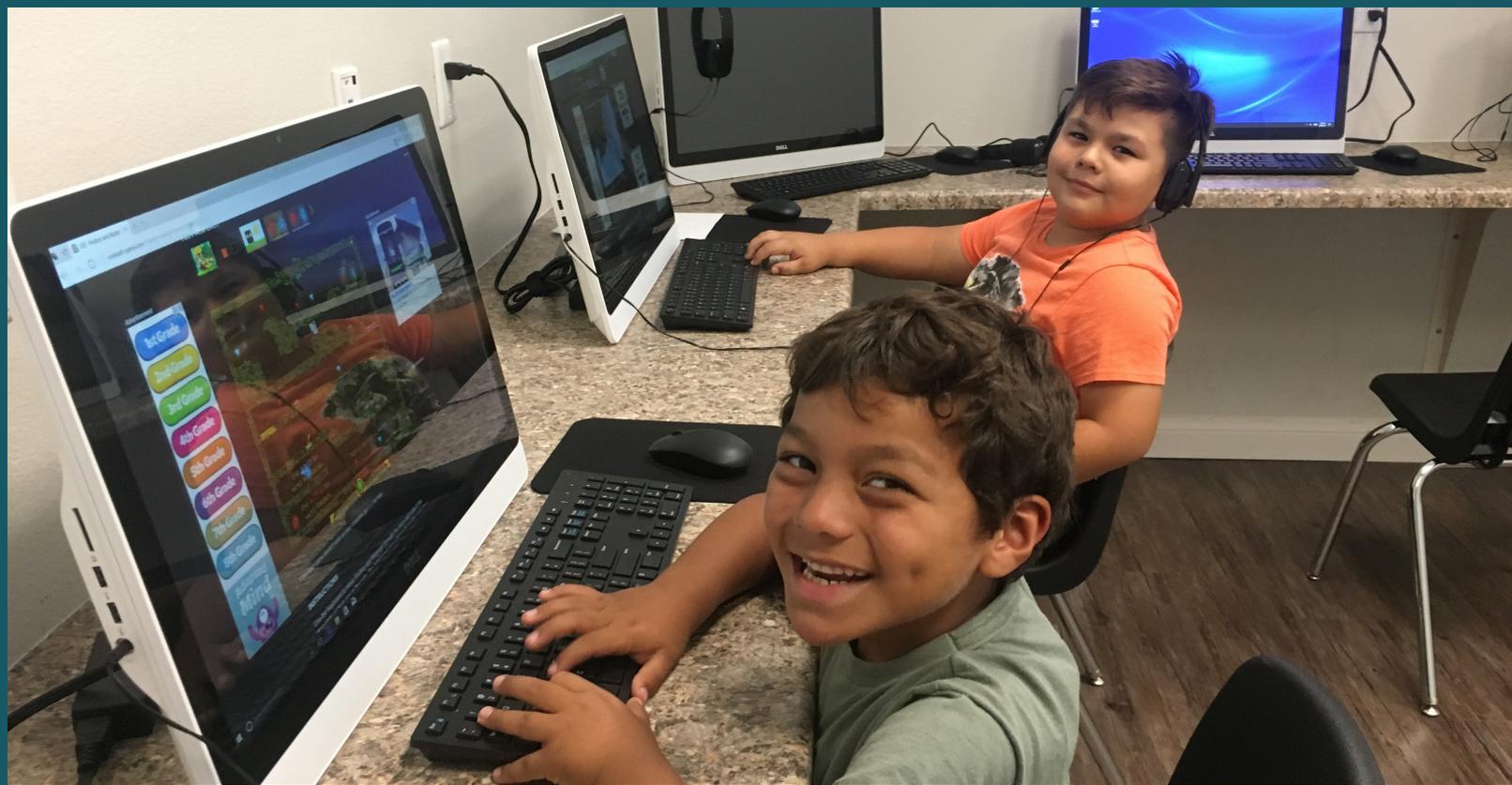
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Resident Story

Valeria Parra is a 17-year old Mar Vista High School student and longtime resident at Vista La Rosa Apartments. Valeria began attending HOM's Center for Academic Excellence in the summer of 2017. She volunteers weekly as a tutor in HOM's After School Program. The oldest of three siblings, Valeria enjoys helping her siblings and other young residents with their homework assignments. When she is not busy volunteering, Valeria excels as a student-athlete. She plays varsity tennis, hockey, and basketball for Mar Vista, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and leading several student clubs. Valeria recently began her college search and wants to study architecture. She is currently working on several college scholarship applications with the assistance of Learning Center Assistant Alexis Martinez. We recognize that low income students and their families often lack the financial resources and guidance to navigate the college application process. Through resident services programming at the Center for Academic Excellence, we empower our young residents by providing access to supportive academic services they would not otherwise be able to access. HOM congratulates Valeria on her accomplishments and we look forward to hearing about her future successes!



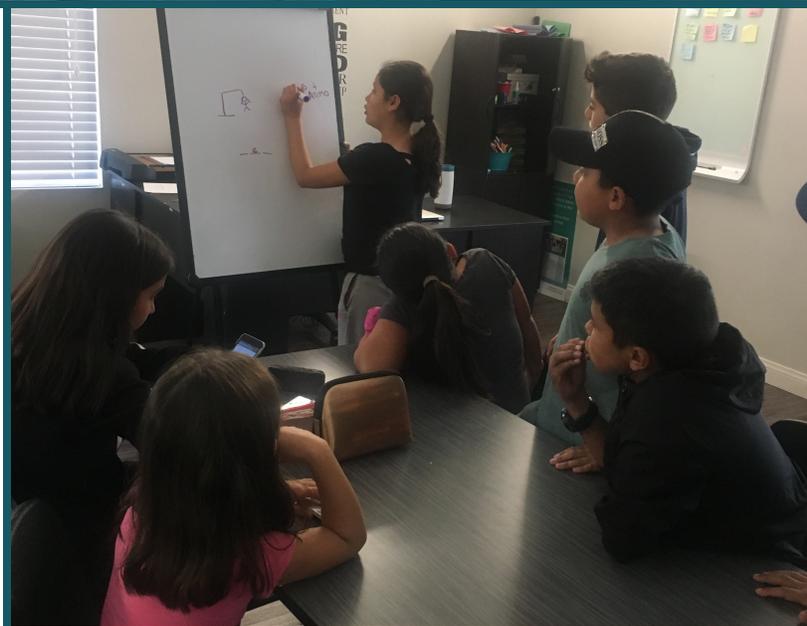


After School Program participants gear up for a year of STEM learning!

Our young residents at Vista La Rosa continue to participate and thrive in the After School program. Overall enrollment remains consistent at 39 and participation ranges from about 12-18 participants each week.

HOM is excited to announce that we will continue to offer innovative STEM-focused programming for our young learners at Vista La Rosa in 2018. Through various community partnerships and integration of STEM learning opportunities, we aim to inspire the next generation of leaders in the fields of science, technology, and engineering. According to a 2017 report from After School Alliance, the wealthiest 20 percent of families spend almost seven times more on enrichment activities outside school for their children than do the poorest 20 percent. By providing out of school STEM programs to our young residents, we are helping to close this gap in access. HOM looks forward to strengthening participants' enthusiasm for these critical academic subjects and career fields.

We thank our community partner Girls Who Code and club facilitator, Carol Spartz, for their dedication to increasing STEM opportunities for our young residents!





ESL Class continues to grow!

HOM is excited about our continued partnership with the San Ysidro Adult School in 2018. We continue to offer the popular English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for English language learners of all levels. The new semester began in January and consists of weekly two-hour classes. The classes remain well-attended, with an average class size of 7-10. Instructor Roberto Labastida is pleased to report three new participants have joined the class since the start of the new semester. One participant recently reported that she gained employment as a direct result of her improved language skills from participation in HOM's ESL Class! We thank the San Ysidro Adult School for their continued dedication to our residents' success!