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RIO VISTA APARTMENTS

RESIDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT



Center for Academic Excellence

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Girl Scouts of San Diego

Housing on Merit (HOM) partnered with Girl Scouts of San Diego for a third consecutive year to offer a fun arts and science program to girls at Rio Vista over spring break. This program is designed to promote empowerment and self-esteem, and uses art and science activities to build camaraderie amongst participants. Many families from the community travel while their children are out of school, but not all have that opportunity. For the children who remain at home, such programs provide consistency to their day, and a safe and fun learning environment.

Several girls that participated in the spring break program are also members of Rio Vista's Future Coders Club and they noticed some similarities in the two programs. For example, the girls used the "Stand Up" method to share what they learned during daily lessons at the Girl Scouts program, much like they do at the Coders Club. All participants who completed the spring break program received a certificate, and a backpack filled with Girl Scouts cookies and swag! HOM's partnership with Girl Scouts of San Diego helps to reinforce academic success and positive social interactions among young girls.





ESL Class Update

Participation in the English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) class continues to grow at Rio Vista Apartments. These classes are offered weekly to residents through HOM's partnership with the San Ysidro Adult School. Instructor Roberto Labastida, who also teaches ESL at Vista La Rosa Apartments, reports that he is excited to be a part of another HOM community. Roberto is a dedicated teacher who has made a significant impact on the lives of many of our residents. We look forward to seeing our residents reach their educational and personal goals as they continue to improve their English language skills.