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“There is always, always something to be thankful for.”



Student's Profile:



My name is Marco Isaac Bueno. I am Ecuadorian descent but I don't know many Ecuadorians besides my family. I'm 15 years old and I am in 10th grade.

I have been coming to Restore since middle school, when I went to Dr. Antonia Pantoja School #27. My earliest memory of Restore was when I was either 12 or 13 years old. Since then, I have been coming to Restore everyday and I have had so much fun here - doing my homework and getting help from the adults. When I'm done doing homework, I get to play sports with all the other kids that come to Restore. I heard about Restore through my friend Nicole that went to the program, and she said I should go because it would be fun.

Restore to me means home. It's somewhere I can go where I feel safe. Here, I can be myself because the people here don't judge me, but they're also real with me. I can talk to the other kids or adults about how I'm feeling and my friends here feel the same because everyone — especially the adults—are always so kind and understanding. The people at Restore have made me a better person — I now have more empathy for others and instead of just trying to find help, I'm trying to give help to those who need it.

I have recently invited two of my best friends to Restore—Andy and Nataly. Andy and Nataly still come with me to Restore every Tuesday and Thursday. Andy comes with me on Wednesday too so that we can complete community service hours for school, which is another perk of coming to Restore. I will try my best to continue coming to Restore for the rest of my high school career.

—Marco Bueno

REALIZING...
POTENTIAL...
MAXIMIZING...
ACHIEVEMENT...

Executive Director's Message

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."
_Thomas Aquinas

With only Ximena and I on staff, we wonder how to effectively deliver Restore's services to our members. Well God does not disappoint. Union County College work study students come during two of the days we are open and a Phillip66 volunteer is with us the other day. Just this week we welcomed two new volunteers.

In December we normally purchase tickets for the upcoming year's field trips. We do this because it helps to have a few special trips for the kids during the calendar year. This year's trips include a small group of kids to Disney on Ice and in 2020 to take a group to Papermill Playhouse Theater. I want to extend our field trips to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pa and the high schoolers want to spend a day in Philadelphia and NYC.

We must be doing something right because new members continue to be added to Restore. Our high school group is growing by leaps and bounds. The high school leaders came to Ximena and I expressing a desire to help out. Ximena plans to work with them and teach them how to schedule, budget and do the things that interest them and the younger members.

I guess this is my Thanksgiving message. I am thankful that Restore continues to get men and women who faithfully volunteer. I'm thankful that we had the funds

to buy the tickets that gave our members time outside of their city. I'm thankful for our high school leaders' continual involvement. I'm thankful that our core mission to provide safe, quality afterschool programs and services continues to be essential to the growth and development of our members.

We need to raise \$26,750 by the end of December. This will include paying the insurances (auto, commercial, board, workmen comp, and youth program). We contribute towards use of the utilities (the winter months are killers for the church). We have full access to the gym, kitchen, the breakout rooms and our office. We also want to purchase tickets for our 2020 field trips. Last but not least your December giving will secure two months of payroll.

Most important is the role you play in making Restore happen. We made most of our October and November expenses. We still have the next two months ahead, December and January. And as you have read, the amount needed is daunting. I include January expenses now because after Christmas, donations are usually very low. But like previous years, I come to you with our needs and you have always been so generous.

Because you have read this far let's me know Restore means a lot to you and you care about our youth. Please take the time to fulfill your 2019 financial pledge. If you are able to make an extra end of the year financial gift it will be appreciated.

We thank you in advance. Enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas with friends and family.

Sincerely,

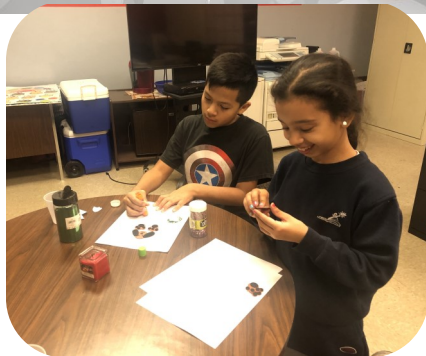




Disney on Ice Field trip

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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our
greatest
treasure.
They are our
future."**

Nelson Mandela

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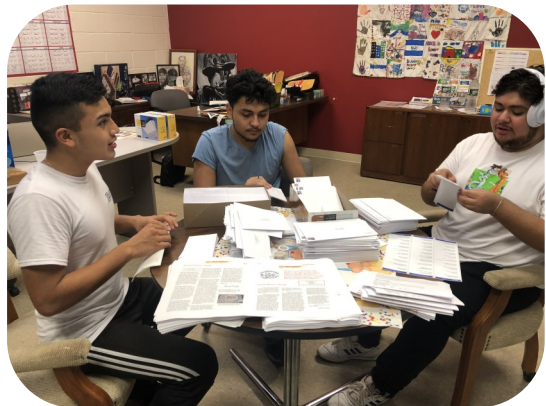
Christmas Celebration
December 13th 8pm to 10pm

2020



Stay tune for fundraising events during 2020. We are looking for committee members who will serve anywhere from four months to nine (2020 banquet committee) Please get a hold of us if you are interested in helping us.

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