



BEST COMMUNITY LIFE PROGRAM

RESIDENT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

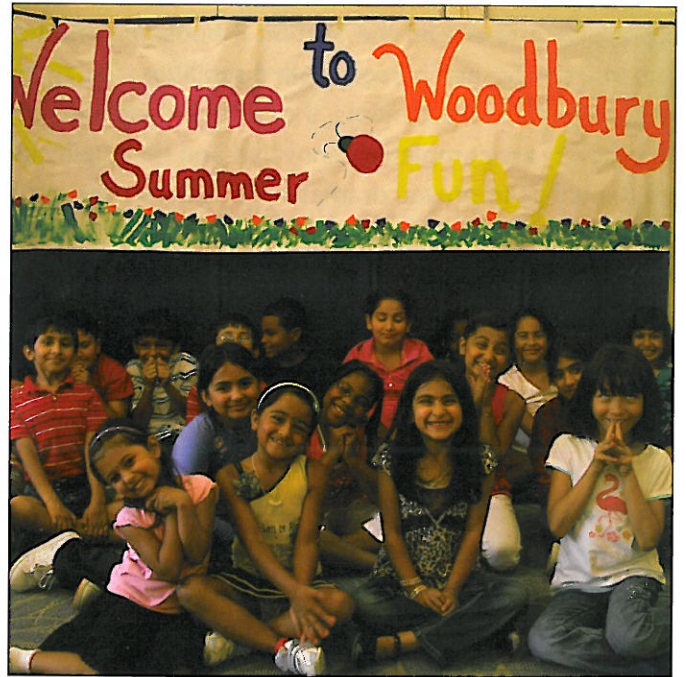
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Three comprehensive programs form the building blocks to success: after-school program; teen program; and summer camp/teen summer activities. Their success lies in six key elements: responsiveness to individual needs; innovation and creativity; consistency; exposure to opportunities; strong, stable personal relationships; and deep community ties. As one of AHC's Teen Program participants — who received a four-year scholarship to Grinnell College -- said: "AHC programs have had a great impact on where I am in my life today. These teen programs instilled a sense of pride and a 'you can do it' attitude into everything I set my mind to..."

This program has garnered generous financial support from corporate, community-based and individual donors, who have been helpful through their investment of both volunteer time and financial support.

Since its inception 17 years ago, AHC's Resident Services program has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of low-income families living in affordable housing communities in Arlington. While AHC provides programs for all ages, this award honors its program for elementary to high school-aged children and teens. AHC's strategy of combining a push for academic excellence with stability and support is the secret to the children's success....an integral part of their lives from elementary to high school, combining a consistent learning environment with nurturing, one-on-one individual support every step of the way. AHC's students come from over 20 countries and speak 15 different languages at home, and nearly all are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.



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