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AHA! SUMMER UPDATE

We hope all of you have had a most spectacular and relaxing summer. At AHA!, we've kept ourselves busy with our summer programming and other exciting adventures in social-emotional learning. Here are a few pieces of good news for our supporters as we move into Fall:

MATCHING GRANT FROM HEARST FOUNDATION!

The esteemed **Hearst Foundation** is in positive consideration of up to \$100,000 in a matching grant! We have received \$30,000 in pledges so far; fully matching the \$100,000 Hearst can offer will support us in reaching all area junior and senior high school students. This is a unique opportunity to double your investment in helping youth through the most challenging and important character-building years of their lives.

WAXING POETIC & AHA! Summer Celebration

AHA! threw a party just to say THANK YOU to all who have made this a landmark year where we were able to expand our reach to 4000 teens. On July 11th, 250 revelers gathered at a breathtaking cliffside estate for a fun-in-the-sun celebration. Special shout-out to party hosts **Patti Pagliei** and **John Simpson** and to **Double Wide Kings, Rent Party Blues Band, Lisa & Bryan Babcock/Babcock Winery & Vineyards, Rori's Artisanal Creamery** (don't miss their sublime "AHA! Rocks" flavor, available through August), **Island Brewery**, and **Burger Bus**.

KATY PERRY VISITED AHA!

Katy Perry took time out from her grueling touring schedule to visit our summer program. Katy, her sister **Angela**, and two friends spent three hours with the afternoon summer group and participated in all our activities. Katy was quite impressed and said, "This is exactly what teens need." We are thrilled and grateful to consider Katy a new supporter of our cause.



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UPCOMING PEACE BUILDERS TRAINING FOR THREE HIGH SCHOOLS

Thanks to the **Simms/Mann Family Foundation**, we have added Dos Pueblos High School to our Peace Builders training, which took place August 11th, 12th, and 13th at the Carrillo Rec Center. We trained over 150 youth and 25 adults in peace building skills and taught them to use our PeaceQ web application. More coming soon on this exciting initiative, which is putting AHA! on the map in a whole new way.

MELODEE MEYER TRAINS AHA! ADMIN TEAM

Donating her time, **Melodee Meyer** (local biz owner of Martial Arts Family Fitness) trained AHA! administrators in the art of sharing our crucial and important message. She gave us tools to better describe what we do: empowering youth in their toughest years to make decisions that will positively affect the rest of their lives.



SAVE THE DATE: FOURTH ANNUAL HIKE FOR AHA! COMING SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Break in your hiking boots! This year, we'll have even more perks for hikers, teams, and sponsors. Get fit while you help teens transform their lives. For more information, contact molly@ahasb.org