



THINK Together is non-profit provider of out-of-school programs with a mission to *provide high quality academically-oriented after school programs to young people regardless of race, creed or socio-economic status.*

Background

THINK Together started its first after school tutoring program in 1994 in the Shalimar neighborhood in Costa Mesa, CA after a gang shooting in that tough barrio. In 1997, THINK Together was incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation to take the model program it created to scale.

Model

Each day THINK Together provides three plus hours of academic support program on public school campuses. The program starts with a healthy snack and then launches into an afternoon of learning which includes an hour of academic instruction, an hour of homework help and an hour of physical fitness. The program is delivered by a combination of paid staff (at a 20:1 ratio) and volunteer mentors (which help to lower those ratios). The program is funded by a blend of public and private funds. Programs are free of charge to students.

Scale

THINK Together serves more than **20,000 students** per day at 19 school districts across Southern California. THINK Together employs more than 1200 people and mobilizes more than 1500 volunteers each year. THINK Together is the largest provider of academically-oriented after school programs in California and the fastest growing non-profit in the U.S. THINK Together has grown twenty-fold over the last four years due to the demand for its results-driven model.

Case for Funding

THINK Together has been able to expand its after-school programs to more than 200 schools in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties due in large part to funding made available after voters passed Proposition 49 in 2002. But, in order to retain that funding stream, the state requires THINK Together to raise an additional match of 33% from other sources – that’s the equivalent of \$2.50 per student per day; or \$37,800 per elementary school each year.

Vision

THINK Together is a unique social enterprise that blends savvy business professionals and top flight educators into a highly focused organization that provides academic support to students with the goal of helping to close the student achievement gap. THINK Together plans to extend its program model to provide one-on-one tutoring as well as other academic supports in addition to its core program. THINK Together has created a scalable model with significant efficiencies.

Results

Independent evaluations indicate improvement in THINK Together student’s academic results and high levels of parent and teacher satisfaction. Test scores demonstrate that 65% of students showed significant improvement in math and 60% showed significant improvement in reading. Teacher surveys show that 73% of the students improved homework completion and 71% improved in overall academic performance. Parent surveys show that 92% are getting better grades on their report cards. Student surveys show that 68% feel better about their ability to read and speak English, 81% are more comfortable solving math problems and 86% reported an improvement on homework completion.

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The case for private funding

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Costs of an after-school program

	Student Cost		Number of Kids		Number of Days		Total Funds
State Funds	\$ 7.50	X	84	X	180	>	\$ 112,500
Other Funds	\$ 2.50	X	84	X	180	>	\$ 37,800

Of the \$37,800 in additional resources needed to fully fund one elementary school each year, approximately \$25,000 must come from private sources (foundations, corporations and individuals).

In the Fall of 2008, THINK Together’s after-school programs will be in place at more than 200 schools across a four-county region of Southern California:

- Los Angeles County - 87 schools
- Orange County - 43 schools
- Inland Empire - 79 schools

Community sites funded entirely with private donations

Further, THINK Together’s five community sites in Costa Mesa, Santa Ana and Orange – including its original Learning Center in the Shalimar neighborhood of Costa Mesa – are staffed primarily by volunteers and funded entirely through private donations.



THINK Together

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 - Two tables of ten with Premiere Seating
 - Printed recognition on all event materials
 - Full-page ad in the 2008 Benefit Dinner Program
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- Yes, I would like to be a PLATINUM SPONSOR at \$25,000.**
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Please reserve _____ Individual Ticket(s) at \$650 per person or \$1,000 per couple.

I am unable to attend, but would like to support THINK Together's Partners In Education Fund. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of: \$ _____
Please print sponsorship name(s) as _____

Please fax form to 310/ 648-7710 by **April 16, 2008** to ensure recognition on event invitation.

Name(s) _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Please charge amount \$ _____ Visa MC American Express

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