



# Corazón a Corazón

*transforming the world, one person at a time*

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## Summer Achievement Camp Results—A Triumph!

### Our Mission

Sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, *Corazón a Corazón* provides a supportive and caring environment which enables and assists both adults and children in their personal and educational development with a focus on Latino women and children.

Summer Achievement Camp 2014 was a success! It went from July 7 until August 1 this year and a spectacular time was had by all. *Corazón a Corazón* received excellent feedback from Tutor-Interns, students, and the students' parents. Much of the magnificent energy from this year's program was brought about by the dynamic Tutor-Interns, some of whom are mentioned biographically in this newsletter, and their fearless leader, Charles Kyle. The number of students enrolled in Summer Achievement camp has increased tremendously since its 26 students in 2012. The program served 52 students in 2013 and

another 45 in 2014. Not only has the sheer size of the program increased, but Summer Achievement Camp students have also done remarkably well academically. Math, Science and Reading skill sets were tracked with a pre-test at the beginning of camp and post-test at the end of the four weeks. Commensurate with *Corazón a Corazón's* very high attendance rating of 95% during the four weeks of camp, 100% of students tested showed improvement in at least two skill sets, and 80% of the students tested showed improvement in all three skill sets!

### Demographics for Summer Achievement Camp 2013

Number of Students: 51  
Percentage Latino: 55%  
Percentage African-American: 45%  
Number of Tutor-Interns: 9  
Number of Community Aids: 7  
Number of Additional Volunteers: 5

### Demographics for Summer Achievement Camp 2014

Number of Students: 45  
Percentage Latino: 47%  
Percentage African-American: 53%  
Number of Tutor-Interns: 7  
Number of Community Aids: 8  
Number of Additional Volunteers: 5

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## Staff & Volunteers

A great big "Thank you!" goes out to all of our valued volunteers! We say goodbye to some of our tutors, as they embark on new life challenges and rewards, but also look forward to working with a few volunteers who plan to continue with us. It takes the dedication and care of many people in order to continue providing much-needed services to the community. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know!

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## Spotlight on Our Volunteers



Eduardo Alejandro (Mr. E) appreciates the structured flexibility of the Summer Achievement Camp. He loves being able to design his own lessons and teach additional topics that his students would like to learn

more about during their free time. For example, he taught the children basic Mandarin and origami during special moments that go beyond the basic math, science and reading curriculum. He just graduated from Middlebury in Vermont.



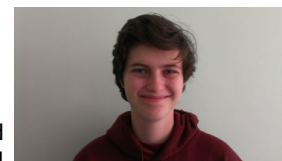
Karen Linnerud thrives on the moments when the kids in her class retain new information. From teaching her class to make slime to showing them how to form rock crystals, She uses fun projects to get children excited about chemistry. Karen

has been using her time at *Corazón a Corazón* for vocational discernment as she narrows her broad interest on social justice to find the area where she can do the most good for this world. She attends St. Olaf in Minnesota.

Yesenia Angel is the tutor-intern who works with first grade at 2014 Summer Achievement Camp. She is currently attending Davidson College in North Carolina. She loves working with children and thinks *Corazón a Corazón* is a wonderful program. Yesenia is particularly excited when she asks her students questions about material she taught them in previous weeks of the program and the students can now answer the questions correctly. She thinks she may come back for Summer Achievement Camp 2015!



Emma Christenfeld is happiest when she can tell that the children are having a good time, and she gets excited when the children display curiosity about subject matter. She has tutored with *Corazón a Corazón's* After School Program and assists Charles Kyle for Summer Achievement Camp 2014. She currently attends the University of Chicago.



Robert Schroeder is excited to have the opportunity to tutor ESL at *Corazón a Corazón*. He is drawn to the program not only because he is studying to be a teacher at Governor's State, but also because he finds it particularly gratifying to work with immigrants who oftentimes left deplorable situations in their home countries to come to America for a better life.



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