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Homework House is an organization that establishes neighborhood based tutoring centers in Azusa where at-risk children and their families are helped to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. Homework House has 3 site locations that are all conveniently within walking distance of APU's east and west campus. Great news for all APU students looking for a way to serve! Homework House is a great ministry that not only helps children wherever they may be in life, but also has an impact on their futures. Many children are helped to realize they can achieve goals they didn't even know were within their capacity to achieve. The story of volunteers can attest to that.

Brittany Fregoso's Story



Brittany Fregoso has volunteered with Homework House for the past 3 years, primarily at the 6th street site. She has really enjoyed witnessing the children she has tutored grow. Many of these kids cannot afford college or have no desire to go yet

being involved with Homework House has changed that and made college a reality. Brittany has recognized a cycle that occurs within Homework House. Many children grow to appreciate the experience they had with Homework House and return as tutors themselves to help other children. Brittany has really enjoyed watching this improvement and impact occur within the children's lives.

Brittany encourages other people to volunteer.

When asked about the Homework House staff, she stated that they were great people to work with. The staff and



their people skills have a great way of pushing the children to keep bettering themselves.

According to Brittany, Homework House is a great opportunity despite the \$20 fingerprinting fee because the children give so much back! The experience is worth so much and it helps volunteers to learn about themselves as well as learn to be patient.



Chelsea Burdick's Story



Homework House began a partnership with Azusa Pacific's MAS Office last academic school year, 2010-2011. Chelsea Burdick was the first Student Ministry Coordinator for Homework House within the MAS Office. This is one

experience she had to share.

"One of my teens was beginning her senior year of high school when I stepped in as SMC [Student Ministry Coordinator]. I watched her struggle and stress over college applications and scholarship opportunities, and watched her cry when she was rejected by APU. But she never gave up. She retok the exams that she needed to get in, and she continued pushing and applying and working. I told her that if I could afford it, she could, and if I could get in, she could get in. To remember that tear-stained face breaks my heart, but I am pleased to say she was accepted to APU and accepted as an Azusa Scholar. Encouraging her and loving her through her pain and hard times was a privilege, and I will never be able to express how amazing it felt to witness her journey."

- Chelsea

