

REDEEMER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



The kids returned from our first robotics practice tournament fairly discouraged. None of the programs that they had spent so many hours on had worked. They seemed uneasy and intimidated by the judges' questions. Their team placed last out of all the teams competing that day. However, they continued to attend every practice, making adjustments to their programs and designs, practicing their presentations and getting ready for the real thing: the qualifying tournament, which would take place on December 2, just a few weeks later.

One the day of the qualifying tournament, the kids were nervous but excited. The tournament was huge: much larger than the practice one. The schedule was very demanding, including seven different judged events. However, the team rose to the challenge and gained more confidence with each step. A great example was during their first competitive round at the table. As the emcee counted down to signal the start of the run, our two team representatives, Daniel and Jeanette, were ready. They ran the first program... and it worked! They ran the second program and it worked, too! So did their third program! When time was up, the entire team was jumping up and down and cheering. A few minutes later, the team gave a phenomenal presentation of their design process before the judges. They spoke clearly, shared the floor with each other, and answered the judges questions thoughtfully and articulately.

At the end of the day, the kids more than doubled their score from the practice tournament and earned an award for their innovative robot design! They were even chosen as an alternate team for the Los Angeles Regional Tournament! The kids returned home so proud of their accomplishments and excited about how they could get ready for next year.

Robotics is one of the many ways that we are helping prepare kids for the world. This experience illustrates the great gains that our kids are making: but there is still so much to be done. Teaching kids the confidence, perseverance, graciousness, and integrity as well as the math and literacy skills needed to succeed requires time and commitment. Will you join us in helping our children reach their fullest potential? Become a monthly donor, sponsor a child, or join our prayer team. Together we can make a difference.

Join the RCP Prayer Team

Over the years we have seen many victories in our neighborhood as a result of prayer.

If you'd like to commit to praying for us weekly and receive weekly prayer updates contact Lisa at:

lisa@redeemercp.org

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Benefit Dinner A Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered for, and hosted at our annual benefit dinner on October 6th. Our theme was "Trees of Justice" from Isaiah 61: 3-4. These verses talk about those who are redeemed going on to renew the ruined cities. Our dinner highlighted the ways that those who have been reached by RCP programs over the last two decades are participating in the work of transforming our neighborhood.

The night's program included remarks from Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries, a video highlighting our new science and math initiative, and testimonies of parents from our tutoring program. We raised over \$60,000 in pledges and gifts towards funding our programs in the coming year. Praise God!

If you would like to help plan next year's dinner please email Lisa, <u>Lisa@redeemercp.org</u>.

Missed the dinner? Check out the video on our website.











LIGHTING THE NIGHT IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES

On October 31, over 700 people attended our annual Light the Night Harvest Carnival. Church of the Redeemer's outreach team had many



conversations about faith that night. Of those, 30 people had a desire to get involved in youth group and over 50 expressed interest in worship, prayer and scripture study.

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