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Re: Final Traveling Tutor Report, FY 2019/2020

During the last fiscal year, CASA SHaW provided in-home tutors for 15 children and youth, ranging in age from 7 to 18, and provided 259 hours of tutoring services. Some of the children had long-time academic deficits; others were just learning English and working to get to grade level with their peers. All of them needed varying levels of support to achieve passing grades in their classes. The program spent \$6463 on the Traveling Tutor Initiative from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, \$5000 of which was provided by the Children's Hope Initiative. This grant has now been fully expended.

With the pandemic, CASA's Traveling Tutors transitioned to virtual tutoring via Zoom in March. All of the children served were promoted to the next grade level. However, the tutors cannot take full credit for that. Virtual learning was very hard on many of our kids, and they struggled to stay on task and to pay attention absent a regular classroom environment. Consequently, many school systems made concessions and promoted every child. Everyone's pandemic fatigue was palpable; for the first time since we started the Traveling Tutor program, no children took advantage of summer tutoring sessions. By the end of May, everyone needed a break and was done with school until September.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this initiative. With your support, the Traveling Tutors have shown remarkable resilience and care during a difficult time and have been a valuable resource to the children who are struggling academically. Some of these children would have definitely been left behind without the tutors' help. Thank you again.

Kindest Regards,

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