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CSE STUDENTS BRING CHEER TO ROSEMONT

January 20th, 2009, Rainier, WA – Inspired by President Obama's call for a National Day of Service, students from the Children's School of Excellence visited the Rosemont Retirement and Assisted Living Community in an effort to build their ongoing commitment to community service.

Fifteen CSE students, ages ten to twelve, spent a weekend afternoon with Rosemont residents, sharing stories and engaging them in a variety of activities. Fifth grader, Kobe, said, "I learned that older people are wiser at Yahtzee and have interesting stories to share." Two teachers and several parents joined the kids and residents in games of Chinese Checkers, "Go Fish", Roulette, Bingo and more.

The conversations between the CSE students and Rosemont residents were lively and engaging. "Everyone had an amazing time", said Elly Molina, CSE's 5th & 6th Grade Language Arts teacher. "The Chinese checker game was a riot and although we played seriously, it was all done with a light heart. It is the beginning of a new and magical friendship."

Rosemont residents heartily embraced the CSE students, and one resident named Dorothy, commented, "They are such kind children. I noticed how caring and courteous they are to each other."

The CSE students are committed to supporting *Renew America Together*, the President's initiative that encourages volunteers to get involved and come together in shared purpose to meet the challenges we face as a nation. Students are giving their time, spreading smiles, caring for and watching generations before them, and ultimately learning about the power of friendship. "The students enjoyed the opportunity to show kindness and giving to others," said Julie Rahn, CSE's 5th & 6th grade Math teacher, "and the residents at Rosemont had a delightful afternoon and have something new and wonderful to look forward to." CSE students are planning monthly activities with the seniors, including visits, outings, and taking residents on a fun excursion to local shops.

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