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San Jose Council #2
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 to Sacred Heart Community Service, which we received on July 27, 2021 on the recommendation of John Diaz. Your support provides students with a place and tools to thrive.

The 2020-2021 school year was an especially challenging year for families of essential workers. Sacred Heart was able to provide support for those families by revamping our After School Academy (ASA) to provide a safe place for their children to learn while they were at work.

Yesenia, a rising third grader in the fall of 2020 at a local bilingual immersion school, was one of the students enrolled in the program. Her mother is a nurse and her father works for a local family business so neither was not able to completely match their schedules to Yesenia's to supervise her remote learning. Working together with her school's liaison and Sacred Heart, her parents were able to create a leaning plan to ensure that Yesenia would have the support and attention she needed.

A bright and curious child, Yesenia has always done well in school. With the one on one attention she received form the education team at Sacred Heart she broadened her reading and comprehension skills and had access to a number of enrichment classes that she would not have received if she was not in the program. So instead of worrying about Yesenia falling behind her parents were excited that she was able to continue to thrive in school and ensure a lifelong love of learning.

Without your support Yesenia's family and the over 30 other families enrolled in the program would not have been able to make this past school year work. Almost all of the students will continue with our After School Academy in the fall.

Thank you,

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