



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Baytown Chamber of Commerce announced on May 1 that the Kiwanis Club of Baytown has been named the 2012 Partner of the Year for its partnership with Alamo Elementary School. From left are Chamber Board chairman and Kiwanian Dave Jirrels, Kiwanians Rhonda Skaggs and Joyce Pennington, Alamo family involvement coordinator Brandy Onken, Alamo Principal Dr. Ron Wyatt, and Goose Creek CISD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Byron Terrier.

Kiwanis Club, Alamo Elementary School named partners of the year

The Baytown Chamber of Commerce announced on May 1 that the Kiwanis Club of Baytown has been named the 2012 Partner of the Year for its outstanding partnership with Alamo Elementary School.

Through the Partners In Education program, sponsored by the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, businesses are paired with Goose Creek CISD schools depending on resources and needs. Sponsoring organizations plan a number of activities for the students of their schools each month, ranging from tutoring and mentoring programs, to perfect-attendance incentives, to academic incentives, and lunch-buddy programs, to field trips and guest speakers. The Baytown Chamber's Partners In Education program started in 1987 with three partnerships, and has grown to 32 partnerships.

The Kiwanis Club has partnered with a Goose Creek CISD school for 22 years. This is the second time the Kiwanis Club has been recognized as partner of the year. The first time was in 2007 with Alamo.

The Kiwanis Club of Baytown, which has partnered with Alamo for nine years, is always in the running for Partner of the Year, said chamber president and CEO Tracey Wheeler. "They just keep doing and doing year after year more and more."

Some of the partnership programs between the Kiwanis Club and Alamo include "Lunch Buddies" where club members and students have lunch together; Hot Dog Days to celebrate student academic success each six weeks; staff appreciation events; a donation to fund Accelerated Reading incentives; the Flying High award for outstanding students; and purchasing new instructional materials for the science lab and writing camp.

Wheeler noted that the club tripled the number of hours of service to the school this year to more than 150 hours.

"Our partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Baytown is outstanding. They provide much needed help and support for our students and staff. I know that we would not be near as successful without the Kiwanis Club at our side. Rhonda Skaggs, our Kiwanis Club Liaison deserves a lot of credit for her hard work this year. She has truly gone above and beyond to make our partnership flourish," said Alamo Principal Dr. Ron Wyatt.

The Baytown Chamber of Commerce began giving the Partner of the Year Award in 1994.

Here is a list of winners:

- 1994 - Bayer and Bowie Elementary
- 1995 - Amoco and Alamo Elementary
- 1996 - Chevron Phillips and Crockett Elementary
- 1997 - Duke Energy and Highlands Elementary
- 1998 - ExxonMobil BOP and Pumphrey Elementary
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- 2000 - Baytown State Bank and Ashbel Smith Elementary
- 2001 - Rhodia and Carver Elementary
- 2002 - ExxonMobil BTEC and San Jacinto Elementary
- 2003 - LCY Elastomers and Harlem Elementary
- 2004 - Community Resource Credit Union/Lamar Elementary
- 2005 - CenterPoint Energy and Gentry Jr. School
- 2006 - ExxonMobil Refinery and Travis Elementary
- 2007 - Kiwanis Club of Baytown/Alamo Elementary
- 2008 - Bayer and Bowie Elementary
- 2009 - Exxon Research & Engineering and Cedar Bayou Jr.
- 2010 - Community Resource FCU and Lamar Elementary
- 2011 - ExxonMobil BTEC and Lee High School
- 2012 - Kiwanis Club of Baytown/Alamo Elementary

Wheeler noted some other highlights of the Kiwanis and Alamo partnership:

- The school year began with a "Welcome Back" staff breakfast, accompanied by a school supply/backpack drive and a donation of \$2,000 to Alamo.

- In addition to the \$2,000 donation, Kiwanis supported the PTO with a \$250 donation, gave \$300 to Backpack Buddies, and during the school Book Fair, the club donated a book to every homeroom.

A major culminating activity this year was the decision by the Kiwanis Club, with support from the school administration, was to initiate the process for establishing a K-KIDS Club at Alamo.

K-KIDS is the elementary equivalent for the Key Clubs established at all three Goose Creek CISD high schools. Thus, the 2012-2013 school year will find Alamo unique in being the only elementary school in the area with this club.



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