



*Our Quest  
for Quality*



**2003 Annual Report  
April 13, 2004**

**Drusilla's Restaurant  
Jefferson Highway  
Baton Rouge, LA**

**45TH CAWSC ANNUAL MEETING**

## From the Directors

A lawsuit filed in 1956 resulted in the longest running desegregation case in U. S. history. The result of that suit has been forty-seven years of federal oversight of East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools. School systems have had to respond to mandatory testing requirement. During this time, the Community Association for the Welfare of School Children (CAWSC) has played a crucial yet backstage part in the efforts to improve our community.

Despite a distressed stock market, a weakened economy, and recent financial distress facing local and state governments and non-profit agencies, our commitment to the betterment of Baton Rouge remained constant. Although our funds for 2003 were down from previous years, we have effectively promoted the development of student programs. These programs focused on improving academic skills, enhancing healthy lifestyle choices, and endorsing self-sufficiency.

For the last four decades, the CAWSC founders, board, committees, and staff have committed themselves whole-heartedly to the success of numerous programs. CAWSC has found a consistent marker for improvement while working with educators over the past few years. The message is clear: when an organization's administration and leadership are actively involved in quality improvement initiatives, the quality indicators relating to education show the greatest improvement. Our proficient relationships with partners were evident by the increase in volunteers, expansion of agency corporation agreements, and a 100% pass rate on the required Louisiana Education Assessment Program (LEAP) examinations.

CAWSC has developed thoughtful, relevant, and practical standards to assess quality in Afterschool tutoring. To flourish, it must maintain its practical, clear-eyed approach to the quest for quality in education, but, at the same time, not lose its sense of direction, adventure, and entrepreneurship. Although there is a great deal of work yet to be done, CAWSC has laid a strong foundation and made an energetic start. Our pursuit of continuous quality improvement in education is relentless. We look forward to the next forty-five years.

## Program

*Opening Remarks*

*Mari S. Robillard*

*Invocation*

*Mildred Clark*

*Dinner is Served*

*Annual Report*

*Valerie Jackson Jones*

*Financial Report*

*Douglas Davidson, CPA*

*Saturday Academy for Mathematics*

*Alma Knighton*

*Parent Advisory Council*

*Chiquita Butler*

*Introduction of New Board Members*

*Patricia W. Smith*

*Swearing in of Board Members*

*Hazel J. Freeman*

*Closing Remarks*

*Mari S. Robillard*

## Board of Directors

Mari S. Robillard, President

Rose V. Forrest, Vice President

Patricia W. Smith, Secretary

Michael Hooper, CPA, Treasurer

Mildred Clark, Founder, & Sergeant at Arms

Hazel J. Freeman, Founder

Christ Beaner, J.D.

Sandra Horton, Ph. D

Edward James, J.D.

Captain Alvin Mack

Mary Kay Spier Martin, Ph. D

Eva Pratt

Gwendolyn Thomas

Beverly Trahan

### **New Board Members 2004**

CeCelia Blalock

Amy Foreman-Plaisance

Mark Hebert

Cynthia Lange LaStrapes

## Staff

Valerie Jackson Jones, PHM, BA, MPA , Executive Director  
 Chiquita Butler, BS, MPA , Office Manager  
 Lillian Robertson, Food Service Supervisor  
 Robert Bridgewater, Janitor  
 Lloyd Simpson, Van Driver

## Instructional Staff

Brent Bean, BA	Josephine Bellard, BS, MEd
Terryl Bowman, BS	Patrick Bridgewater, BS
Chirstina Cameron, BS	Kendra Brown, BA
Erika Daniels, BS	Amy Dunbar, BS, MLS
Joan Forbes, BA, Med, +30	Brian Holloway, BS
Jacqueline Hutchinson, BA, MEd, +30	Sonya Jackson
Alma Knighten, BA, Med, +30	Constance Lockman, BA, MEd,+30
Susan Maurin, BS	Mary Nunnery, BS
Demarcus Pickens, BS	Melissa Pruet, BS
Ikesha Russell, BS	Constance Seghers, BA
Stephanie Selmore, BS	Georgea Siow, BS
Sarah Taylor, BA, MEd	Brandie Turner, BS
Kyla Adams Watson, BA	Paula Watts, BA, MLS
Gerald Williams, BS	Carolyn Weatherspoon, BS, MA

## ExxonMobil Summer Staff

Jessica Brown

Elisa Thomas

## Volunteers

### AmeriCorps \* VISTA

Angela Bynum	Luella Johnson, BS, MA	Eurydyce Miller, BS, MA, +30	Barbara Varieste, BA, M.Ed
Yvonne Coleman, BS M.Ed	Marlice Kemp	Jacqueline Mott	Carolyn Weatherspoon, BS, MA
Evelyn Haney, BS, MA +30	Barbara Marshall, BS	Gloria Patterson	
Carol Hardesty, BS	Betty Martin	Toshia Patterson	
Yonda Jackson, BS	Juanita McKay	Myrties Russell, BA, MA, +30	

### Foster Grandparents

Shirley Christentery	Beatrice Johnson	Vivan Patrick	Elise Thomas
Elize Houston	Barbara Marshall	Thelma Parker	Melvinia Snerling
Louise Hull	Bertha Miles	Hilda Pianta	Lois Vallet
Angeline Johnson	Gloria Patterson	Myrties Russell	

### Parent Volunteers

Rhonda Marshall      Sandra Boyd

### Southern University Students

Kasey Alford	Brad Hartman	Amanda Reed	Andrew West
Natalie Arvour	Veronica Jackson	Alissa Ross	Melanie Wiley
Leo Brown	Kristin Lee	Chad L. Robinson	Danita Wilson
Jennifer Clayton	Megan Lewis	Charles Scott	Johnny Woods
Monique Angelle Cousin	Jessica Martin	Reginald Smith	
Melissa Deck	Tyrone Pierre	Krishin Stalnaker	

### Our Lady of the Lake Students

Claire Amoroso	Libby Blanchard	Nikki Forbes
Kimberly Landry	Desiree Rhodes	Libby White

### Louisiana State University

Alesia Green

## Program Description and Services

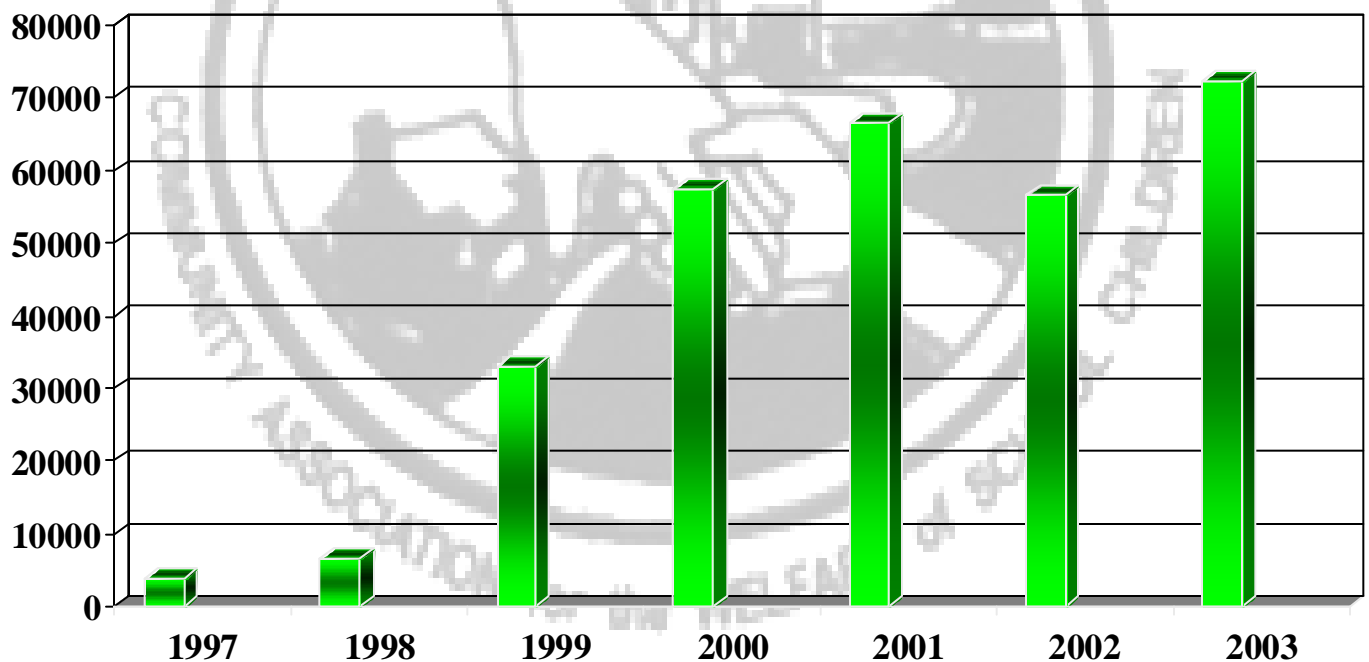
- ◆ The **Basic Skills** program is designed to provide basic education and developmental skills for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade in reading, writing, language, and mathematics. The afterschool sessions are held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during school term.
- ◆ The **Saturday Academy in Mathematics (SAM)** is a community effort to improve the chances for success of participants who are disadvantaged and/or not served effectively by traditional schooling. Hours are on Saturday's 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ The **Summer Basic Skills Development** is an eight-week session designed to give children K-8th grade remedial help in different educational settings such as group discussions and other learning experiences. Program hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ◆ The **Summer Recreational Program** has an eight-week schedule, which includes indoor and outdoor sports as well as quiet games and movies for children K-8th. Program hours are: 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Holiday Camps** are designed to render a safe environment, and reinforcement of academic and recreational activities for latchkey children during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ The **Keep A Child in School** effort grants an on-going source of clothing (uniforms & shoes) needs for school age children throughout East Baton Rouge Parish.
- ◆ The **Clothing Bank** provides donated clothing to children and their families at no cost to them.
- ◆ **Enrichment Activities** include guest speakers on such topics as anger management, relationships between children, business and career development, parent and authority relationships, life style enrichments through proper diet and exercise, and field trips. Girls Scouts Troop activities are also offered.
- ◆ **Baton Rouge Reads** endeavors include members of the Baton Rouge business community and AmeriCorps\* VISTA Volunteers assisting students with reading activities.
- ◆ **Toys for Tots** contribute playthings and accessories during the month of December to needy children.
- ◆ **Transportation** is provided in a limited area for children.

## Accomplishments

Studies show that students who attend after-school programs exhibit better academic performance in school, increase engagement in school and learning, improve confidence, and build stronger relationships with adults. Additionally, participating students achieve significant gains academically and have higher aspirations than students who do not attend after-school programs.

CAWSC provides services for low- to moderate-income children from all over East Baton Rouge Parish. We have 56 schools represented with the majority of the students in our programs coming from Census Tracts 9, 10, 11.2, 11.03, and 11.04. The student body of CAWSC consists of 62% females and 38 % male, with 98% minority population. During the 2004–2005 academic year, CAWSC served Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in our after-school and summer programs at three sites, for a total of over 70,000 contact hours.

Services Rendered



## Award Winning Students

We are proud to state that 100% of the fourth and eight grade students who attend the CAWSC Center tutorial program passed the LEAP Test. Of the students at our Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary site, 93% passed the LEAP Test.

Margaret Davis, a fourth grader at Eden Park Elementary scored the highest on the LEAP Test at her school and won a \$100 award from the school. In addition one of the students at Cedarcrest-Southmoor scored the highest at the school on the exam.

Krystal Rheames was recognized for continuous high academic achievement at the Capitol Middle School.

Whitney Pollard spoke at the American Association of University Women's, Campus Study Group.

Jalissa Anderson a 6th grade student was second place winner in the Associated Grocers' 3rd Annual United Way Children's Art Contest. Jalissa's drawing reflects thoughts about Community Association for the Welfare of School Children.

Marcus Aaron Lemond was awarded the Eagle Scout Award based on his project to benefit the students at CAWSC. He became the first Eagle Scout in Troop 47, District- Sewell, Council-Istrouma.

Students in the Saturday Academy for Mathematics (SAM) showed an increase from one to seven points on test items from pre-test and post-test. Of students taking the tests 90% showed marked improvement. Eighty-one percent of the students successfully completed the program.

Students in the CAWSC Center Basic Skills program showed that 95% of students improved attitudes toward academia. Seventy-eight percent of the students improved attitudes toward self and school.

The Summer Basic Skills program evaluations showed that in spelling 81% of the students either remained on level or gained from one to four grade levels. In arithmetic 96% of the students either remained on level or showed an increase from one to four grade levels. In reading 85% of the students either remained on level or gained from one to six grade levels.

## Finance

### Condensed Financial Statement 2003 Balance Sheet

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Total December 2003</b>
Checking Savings	84,638.11
Current Assets	94,677.73
Fixed Assets	285,943.01
Other Assets	8,539.53
Total Assets	<u>393,160.27</u>
 <b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$5,600.70
Other Current Liabilities	56,464.87
Long Term Liabilities	194,571.85
Total Equity	198,588.42
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>393,160.27</u>

\* See 2003 Audit for details

### Statement of Activities

<b>Revenue and Other Support</b>	<b>Total December 2003</b>
Grants	\$8,106.60
Capital Area United Way	276,146.97
Other Income	42,628.42
Total Income	<u>326,881.99</u>
 <b>Expense</b>	
Salary Expense	166,788.34
Operating Services	49,784.28
Other Expenses	98,720.3
Total Expenses	<u>315,292.92</u>
 <b>Net Income</b>	 <u><u>11,589.07</u></u>

## In Memory

Our mission is to provide academic reinforcement and enrichment activities primarily to unserved and under served school-aged children in East Baton Rouge Parish in partnership with their families and the formation of collaborative efforts with other agencies. Our condolences go out to those who have passed on, who over the years helped to implement the mission of the Community Association for the Welfare of School Children.

### Founder

**Thelma L. Wilson**, died in 2003, Mrs. Wilson's "Go-GO" (Mrs. George Wilson, Jr.) service to CAWSC is appreciated by the Board and Staff. She was an adored wife, mother, and grandmother. Mrs. Wilson was also a member of New Sunlight Baptist Church, past president of the Sewell Eagle District and a recipient of the Silver Fawn award.

### Board Member and Volunteer

**John Ridgley, Sr.**, former Board of Directors member, employee and volunteer with CAWSC for more than 30 years, died September 22, 2003. Mr. Ridgley and his wife Elmira, also a former CAWSC volunteer, were married at CAWSC in 1999.



Mr. and Mrs. Ridgley on their wedding day at CAWSC



Mr. and Mrs. Ridgley

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## Dates to Remember

**May 14, 2004** *Last Day of Basic Skills.*

**June 7-July 30, 2004** *Summer Program at Capitol High School*

**Friday, June 11, 2004** *45th Anniversary Celebration - Open House at the  
CAWSC Center  
Sapphire Ball, Radisson Hotel*

**Saturday, June 12, 2004** *45th Anniversary Celebration—Birthday Bash in the  
Park*

**September 7, 2004** *Basic Skills Begins*



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## Special Thanks

American Association of University Women	ExxonMobil Foundation
AmeriCorps VISTA	Louisiana State University
Capital Area United Way	Our Lady Of the Lake School of Nursing
Catholic Community Services	Southern University
Combined Federal Campaign	Wal Mart
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

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