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— SYCAMORE CANYON ACADEMY —

2011 ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE REPORT

— MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR —

Five years ago, Sycamore Canyon Academy (SCA) opened its doors to its first eight students. Now, SCA has served over 350 students. These students have reinforced SCA's faculty and staff beliefs that although young men may be struggling in their homes or schools, they have unlimited potential and capabilities.

We run a therapeutic program that facilitates development and assists each youth in realizing his potential. Included in our program is a structured group living curriculum, case management with individual/group counseling and family support, and a three-phase level system that allows a youth to develop and learn at his individual pace.

SCA's licensed program, credentialed staff, and accredited educational services are derived from Rite of Passage's rich traditions, structured programming and a supportive academic culture. Our shared goal of recognizing each student's unique route toward better decision making, developing skills and changing their outlook has brought us to the program we run today. We focus on creating an environment that is safe and facilitates positive change, because only when a young man feels safe and protected can real and internal change take place.

Carl "Ike" Shipman,
Program Director



— 2011 HIGHLIGHTS —

- 90% of students reached the National Level for the Presidential Physical Fitness Test; 20% achieved the Presidential Level
- First recipient of a Passageway Foundation Scholarship
- Received 3.9 out of 4 possible points on the annual customer survey
- Student enrollment nearly doubled
- 66 student admissions for the year, including privately placed youth
- Student referrals from 16 outlying counties
- Full-time therapist hired
- Part-time nurse hired
- Low turnover rate of 16%
- Positive Skill Development groups implemented
- Began the VALIDATE program with Pima County

Family, Education & Community Engagement

— FAMILY CONNECTIONS —

Family is an integral part of the treatment that the students receive at Sycamore Canyon Academy. Each student is visited by approved parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents, and/or guardians. During this two hour visit, a half hour is dedicated to a parenting class which is facilitated by our Case Manager.

- 450 family visitations
- 293 participants in Family Groups
- 2,102 phone contacts to parents/families
- 316 hours of Active Parenting Training

— COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT —

At Sycamore Canyon Academy we make it a priority to help the local community. In 2011, the students of SCA volunteered with various organizations including: the Oracle Food Bank, Arizona Trails, Forever Wild Animal Rehab, and Little Hooves Big Hearts.

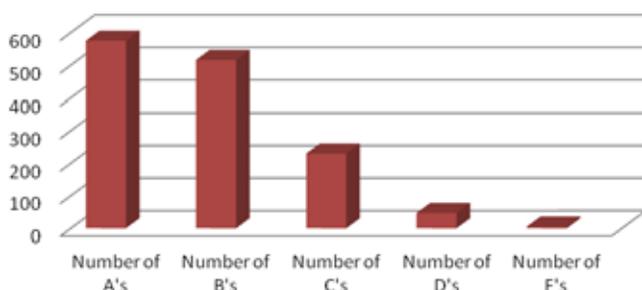
- 3,226 hours of community service
- 153 site visits by placing agencies
- 42 tours of SCA campus

— ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS —

Our innovative academic program includes traditional classroom education, online and module-based curriculum and experiential learning opportunities.

- 54 students completed Sonoran Desert curriculum
- 27 students received Culinary Arts certification
- Facility Maintenance Program was introduced
- 85% student graduation/completion rate
- 3 GEDs awarded
- High student GPA achieved

**Sycamore Canyon Academy
2011 Student Grades**



— ACHIEVEMENTS —

Positive Skill Development now is taught five days a week, for a total of 260 hours per student each year. Pathways, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Aggression Replacement Training (ART) are taught one day a week for a total of 52 hours per year.

- 5,219 hours of ART
- 1,087 hours of Pathways
- 2,046 hours of Positive Skill Development: Cognitive Group
- 2,301 hours of Positive Skill Development: Targeted Skill Group
- 413 hours of Thinking for a Change





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— CUSTOMER SURVEY —

The Customer Satisfaction Survey is one of Sycamore Canyon Academy's primary vehicles for obtaining customer feedback on the services we provide to youth and the agencies we serve. The agencies were surveyed regarding each department at SCA and its performance related to responsiveness, quality of care, professionalism, and accessibility among other areas.

The overall Sycamore Canyon Academy customer survey was very supportive with a 3.9 out of 4 satisfaction score.



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