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More Than a Home: Samuel's Journey of Confidence Through CHW's Study Stars

Seven-year-old Samuel doesn't just go to an afterschool program—he goes to a place that has boosted his confidence, motivation, and love of learning. At Study Stars, the afterschool program offered at Paseo Artist Village, his Community HousingWorks (CHW) community, he finds a welcoming space to do homework, build skills, and connect with friends.

"I love coming here," Samuel says. "On Fridays I get treasure—slime is my favorite!" His mother, Minerva, enrolled him after seeing a flyer and meeting Miss Liz, the program leader. From the start, Samuel felt at home.

Over two years, Minerva has seen significant growth: stronger writing, better focus, and more motivation at school and during program hours. The routine and encouragement at Study Stars help Samuel channel his energy and stay on track—especially with the Friday treasure box as motivation.

For Minerva, a busy mom of three, the program provides crucial support. "I don't always have the bandwidth to help with everything academically," she said. "Study Stars lifts a huge load off me."

She also values the trusting relationship she's built with Miss Liz. "I feel he's in such a safe and supportive space. That connection means everything." Minerva didn't have access to programs like this growing up, and seeing Samuel benefit has expanded her sense of what's possible for him.

"He loves school, math, and reading. It widens our sense of opportunity." She encourages other families to participate in CHW programs: "It helps academically, socially, emotionally—and gets them off screens."

For Samuel, Study Stars is joyful and motivating. For his family, it represents CHW's commitment to supporting whole-family success by pairing stable housing with programs that help children thrive. With caring mentors and a supportive community, confidence grows—and futures expand.



Measuring the Impact of CHW's Study Stars After-School Program

- **250 Students Served**

Across 12 CHW communities in San Diego & Los Angeles during the Academic School Year 2024-2025.

- **Reading Proficiency +180% Increase**

Students at grade-level reading increased from 10% → 28% (+18 points).

- **Math Proficiency +270% Increase**

Students at grade-level math increased from 10% → 37% (+27 points).

- **Growth Beyond Benchmarks**

40% of students met typical reading growth and 42% met typical math growth, surpassing national averages of 25-35%.