

This is a heartwarming, feel good story which made the FRONT PAGE (above the fold) OF THE BOSTON GLOBE Monday Dec. 16, 2019



Herb Chasan leaned over to chat with Claude Fosso, 9, of Framingham, as he worked on his math homework at Hoops and Homework. JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF/GLOBE STAFF

Hoops and Homework, an octogenarian's mission, becomes a popular after-school program for needy in Framingham, MA

By Kay Lazar Globe Staff, December 16, 2019

Herb Chasan is the founder of Hoops and Homework, an unusual after-school program in Framingham's poorest neighborhood. It serves generous helpings of healthful snacks, and often sends children home on the weekends with bags of food. It offers assistance with homework and activities ranging from arts and crafts to violin lessons and yoga. Tuition is free because Your contributions provide scholarships which pay for staff salaries and food and educational supplies.

At a time when the yawning gap between rich and poor is growing wider, Hoops and Homework is one retiree's modest attempt to lay down a steppingstone out of poverty. Chasan started it in 2012 on a shoestring budget with high hopes ; now it's grown into a popular Framingham after-school option for children from households with extremely limited incomes .

Raengel Tejada, a sixth-grader who has been attending the program since the first grade, said she uses the center's computers for her homework because she doesn't have one at home.

Jayne Acevedo, who lives nearby and supervises one of two program sites, said food is a big draw for the children.

“We have some who come in and give me a big hug on Monday and they say, ‘I missed you over the weekend. I was so hungry,’” Acevedo said. Apples were piled in a fruit bowl next to her, as were bags filled with food for the kids to take home.

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By Bryan Burroughs

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Donald S. Burroughs

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People make fun that I'm constantly asking for money, but still they give me money.

By Sarah Karp

It's not just the money that's important, it's the connection that's made.



Sarah Karp, 82, works with young boys at the Boston and Framingham branches of the Octogenarian Mission.

An old hand lifts young hopes

Octogenarian helps Framingham give after-school boost to neediest

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By Paul H. O'Connell

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