



December 12th Announcements

January 16th Facilitator: Johanna Jackson

January 16th Refreshments: Johanna, Aaron W, Jessica D

General Announcements:

- ❖ **PAPERWORK DUE!** Activity Reports, Volunteer Record, Capacity Building Logs, IDP monthly goal worksheet, & Success Stories due Dec 30th. Be sure to check the STAR CHART before you leave to find out if you have any paperwork missing.
- ❖ **Dec 31st PAYDAY!** Those of you who pick up your checks at the office, please do so by 3:00 pm on the 31st. The office will also be closed on Tuesday January 1, 2008.
- ❖ **REMINDER:** Our next Wednesday Member Meeting will be January 16th.
- ❖ **Pennies For Pakistan:** For the global community, people, and children living in extreme poverty. Contact Rabia Sher: 707-826-7123 or email thelostcaravan@yahoo.com if you want to help or get your school involved.
- ❖ The Straight Up AmeriCorps office will continue to remain open till 6:30 pm on Mondays. Derek staffs office hours on Mondays. Feel free to drop in to, take care of paperwork, discuss issues or concerns, or just unwind from your day. Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate will be provided.

Service Opportunities:

- ❖ Raven Project is a youth led street outreach program and drop in center that provides peer-based services. Raven is a 4-H club and has a garden space to play in. Every Friday and Sunday from 1-4p Raven has opened its garden to AmeriCorps members looking to Straight Up have some fun! For more information call the Raven Project at 443-7099 and talk to Anna or Karen.
- ❖ **15 volunteers are needed for Friday Fun Night!** Alert all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students that they are welcome to enjoy DDR, Karaoke, DJ Dancing, and more! \$5 at the door. Student ID required, Parents must come inside to pick up. Friday, December 14th from 6:30 -9:30pm at the Arcata Community Center. For more info or to volunteer, call 825-2028.

Other Announcements:

- ❖ The Volunteer Coordinators are looking for one time, sustained service volunteers or people interested in helping out with National Service Day. If you know of someone that would like to volunteer than encourage them to call 269-2026 or email: straightupvolunteers@rcaa.org
- ❖ **Straight Up AmeriCorps seeks Members:** We are hiring for nine FT/ 900hr positions. The term for these members will be 1-14-08 to 7-11-08. If you know someone that may be interested in a position with Straight Up AmeriCorps please encourage them to call Derek 269-2023 or visit www.rcaa.org/straightup
- ❖ **SPARE CHANGE COMMUNITY REVIEW PERFORMANCE:** Thursday Dec 13 6:30pm at Eureka High School Auditorium
- ❖ **The Disney Minnie Grants for Global Youth Service Day 2008 (U.S. and International Applicants)** The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are excited to announce grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, if they engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the project. A significant part of the service must take place on GYSD 2008, April 25-27. Questions? Email MinnieGrant@ysa.org. Deadline: January 21, 2008. We are excited to introduce an electronic application, now available online at www.YSA.org/awards.

Interesting Tidbits:

- ❖ The solstice called the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and the summer solstice in the Southern Hemisphere occurs on dates varying from December 20 to December 22.