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E-Newsletter

Project Highlights

J. Colin English Elementary School, Lee County

One hundred twenty-five 1st, 2nd and 4th grade students are currently learning about disasters, the people and animals affected by them, and the agencies (both public and private) whose mission it is to aid the community prior to, during, and after a disaster. Students then implement their project choices and ideas by creating an ABC Disaster Book and a Claymation video, translating disaster-related pamphlets into Spanish, creating a VHS/DVD to translate needed disaster contact info for Creole students and families, or making necessity bags for nursing home residents.

School Board of Miami-Dade County

500 high school students throughout the county meet with community first responders and relief workers to determine the critical safety issues for elders and their families and research building code regulations and what limitations need to be addressed. After studying the collected research, students select issues to address and design project activities. Students work with their peers from partnering schools to design a comprehensive service-learning project. In addition, the district's Intergenerational Service-Learning Youth Council awards mini-grants to aid student projects.

Conferences & Events

January, 2007

National Mentoring Month
www.whomentoredyou.org

January 15, 2007

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
www.mlkday.org

March 28-31, 2007

Register now to attend *The 18th Annual National Service-Learning Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico!*
www.programs.regweb.com/metro/NYLC2007/registration

"Service is the rent we pay for living."

—Marian Wright Edelman

Funding Opportunities

Toyota Tapestry Grants Program Offers Funding for K-12 Science Teachers

A partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and the [National Science Teachers Association](#), the Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in a school and/or school district.

This year, fifty large grants of up to \$10,000 each and twenty to twenty-five mini-grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to K-12 teachers of science in the United States.

The project director should initiate the online proposal. This person will be in charge of the project and implement it during the 2007-08 school year. The project director must be a middle or high school science teacher who teaches a minimum of two science classes per day or an elementary teacher who teaches some science in the classroom. All applicants must have a minimum of at least three years' science teaching experience in a K-12 school, not counting the current school year. Staff people (up to four allowed) may also work on the proposal.
<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/>

Youth Service America

A Lion in the House Community Service Grants

Complementing the highly-acclaimed film by Steven Bogner and Julia Reichert, these grants of \$300 are designed for youth (ages 12-25) and youth-serving organizations (schools, youth groups, clubs, etc...) to design service projects addressing pediatric cancer. Projects should be youth-led and take place as part of [National & Global Youth Service Day](#), April 20-22, 2007. To learn more about pediatric cancer, including

great service project ideas and resources, and to download application materials go to the online A Lion in the House Youth Community Service Toolkit at www.MyLion.org. Funding for this grant program has been made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Fund for American Studies.

Questions? Email MyLion@ysa.org.

Postmark deadline for applications: Feb.1, 2007

News Updates

Reporting Deadlines

Attention All 1st and 2nd Round Grantees:

Midterm Reports are due **January 15, 2007**. Midterm Report guidelines and necessary Midterm Report forms can be found on the Initiative's website provided below. Please contact Amy Kochanasz at akochanasz@admin.fsu.edu if you encounter any questions or difficulties.

<http://www.fsu.edu/statefarminitiative/projects.htm>

