

The Advocate

NCH Newsletter

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CEO Homeless Challenge, Congressional Briefing, Highlights from Field & Grant Opportunities

Dear Friend,

For 30 years NCH has been leading students and community members through an experience known as the Homeless Challenge. For housed individuals, the experience provides a glimpse into the everyday realities faced by people who are homeless each day.

After leading a record number of college groups through the experience during the month of March, NCH proud to partner with a corporate executive from Chicago to raise awareness of how the business can help end homelessness. On Friday, May 4th, we welcomed Eric Wieres, CEO of Fine Line Services, to DC for a tourist experience of another kind.

[Get the full story on Eric's experience.](#)

Congressional Caucus on Homelessness seeks solutions

This week, the Congressional Caucus on Homelessness, led by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson and Rep. Alcee Hastings, along with Senator Patty Murray, held briefing on Capitol Hill describing the experiences and solutions to homelessness. NCH Staff members joined a room packed with Congressional staffers and advocates to listen to a high school senior talk about his experience being homeless with his family, along with advocates from the [National Center on Family Homelessness](#), [Street Sense](#) street-newspaper, and the [National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty](#).

All speakers gave powerful testimony and answered a number of pertinent questions by interested staffers. We are confident that Congress heard the message loud and clear that there should be a stronger federal response to providing housing solutions for the most vulnerable in our communities.

[Read a full report of the briefing.](#)

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Upcoming Events

November 2-5, 2013 -
NAEHCY Annual
Conference

Registration is now open for
the 25th Annual National
Association for the Education
of Homeless Children and
Youth (NAEHCY) Conference.
[Register for the conference](#) or
[learn more.](#)

NCH in the News

International Business
Times (May 17) - [Homeless
Heavy Drinkers at Risk of
Head Injuries by 400 Times the
Average](#)

Herald Dispatch (May 23)
- [Cabell County Coalition
remembers late member's
service](#)

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Highlights from the Field

On Saturday, May 18 the NCH Director of Community Organizing Michael Stoops and formerly homeless speakers T. Sanders and Steve Thomas traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia to help launch a new NCH-affiliated [Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau](#).

FACES—(Fraught with the Arduous Challenge of Ending Stereotypes) is the Commonwealth of Virginia chapter of NCH's Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau. This is the first such Speakers Bureau in Virginia. It is also the first one established by a public high school—[Albemarle High School](#) It was the brainchild of the students and faculty advisor of the student organization, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

This new Bureau will serve all of Central Virginia It is also unique in that its volunteer coordinator is a formerly homeless person, Rebeckah Stewart-Armistead, who is a strong, local homeless advocate. To request a Faces of Homelessness panel presentation in the Central Virginia area, contact: Phone: (276)-782-0573; Email: Rebeckah.armistead@rocketmail.com

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

[Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families Reintegration Program](#)

Department of Labor announces funds to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless female veterans and veterans with families into meaningful employment within the labor force, and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless female veterans and veterans with families. Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, for-profit organizations and community-based organizations. Deadline for application is 6/14/2013. Contact: Cassandra Mitchell at (202) 693-4570 or mitchell.cassandra@dol.gov. Grant ID: GD5059

[National Child Awareness Month Ambassador Program](#)

A project of YSA (Youth Service America) and Festival of Children Foundation, National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador Program will help youth (ages 16-22) combat critical issues facing young people today. The NCAM Youth Ambassadors Program will kick off this September during National Child Awareness Month. With funding, training, and ongoing project-planning guidance from service-experts at YSA, the NCAM Youth Ambassadors will serve as community leaders, raising public awareness and affecting change around their issue area. Fifty-one NCAM Youth Ambassadors will be selected – one per state & DC – creating a powerful national network of young people who raise their collective voice in service to other

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youth.Deadline: June 16, 2013

[State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants](#)

Youth Service America and State Farm are working to increase academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities during the 2013-2014 school year with a \$1,500 grant. Educators from all fifty US states and D.C., and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Alberta are invited to apply. Each teacher awarded a grant will also receive a one-day professional development training in one of five cities around the country. Deadline: June 14.

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