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# The Advocate

# eNews

## NCH Newsletter

October 31, 2011



### The trick to Service Learning

Dear {FIRST\_NAME|Friend},

On Halloween, kids get to choose who they want to be for the evening, and we've found that young people have the most power when they take ownership of their service projects.

This past month, we've been focusing on youth engagement in ending homelessness through the power of Service Learning. NCH's [Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau](#) has long been a tool for engaging youth in service, while also teaching them about the multitude of issues behind the concept of homelessness. Here are some other ways we've been working to increase outreach to the youth community:

- We've started up a partnership with Youth Service America to engage their grant recipients in [National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week](#) activities, in addition to YSA's [Global Youth Service Day](#) and [Semester of Service](#) in the Spring. Our Staff attended YSA's Youth Service Institute and speaker [Steve Thomas](#) blew audiences away with how stories like his can help youth decide to take a leadership role in ending homelessness.
- We've been working to expand the capacity of our AmeriCorps\*VISTA project. Our Staff has been at the [Southeast Institute on Homelessness & Supportive Housing](#) meeting with local advocates and training new VISTA volunteers. We're so happy to welcome a great new bunch of advocates to the project! (Look below for a recent update from one of our current VISTAs)



You can also text NCH to 85944 and reply YES to make a \$10 donation.

### Up Coming Events

**November 4-6, 2011:** The National Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness is holding their [annual conference](#) in College Park, MD.

**November 12-20:** [National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week](#) Learn more about holding events and engaging your community!

**November 19, 2011:** Fannie Mae will be sponsoring its last [Help the Homeless Walkathon](#) in Washington, DC. Register today for this great event!

### Madeleine Peyroux Fall Tour Dates

The lovely and talented [Madeleine Peyroux](#) is donating

- We've increased our outreach for [National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week](#) this year! Last year, over 500 schools took part in engaging their students and communities in education and advocacy projects. This year, we're aiming for 750 schools! And we can do it YOUR support, and the support of our great partners like [Youth Service America](#) and [Volcom, Inc.](#)

## New Online Curriculum

While former NCH AmeriCorps\*VISTA volunteer Kevin May, was organizing a Speakers' Bureau in Key West, FL, he saw a need for further service learning opportunities for the local schools he was working with. Along with local partners, Kevin developed the [Faces of Homelessness eCourse](#) that helps kids understand the root causes of homelessness, and what they can do to help. The Faces of Homelessness eCourse is now available at: [homelessfaces.org](http://homelessfaces.org). Check it out and share with educators in your area!

\*Special thanks to Todd Santoro Design ([toddsantoro.com](http://toddsantoro.com)) for creating the site's homepage, Media Temple for providing hosting services, and to Kevin May for his hard work and dedication in creating such an amazing resource!

## News from the Field

This month, we bring you news from Caitlin Donnelly, AmeriCorps\*VISTA and Speakers' Bureau Coordinator in Macon, Georgia:

"Last month, we brought a first-time Speaker to the country club for a meeting of Macon's Uptown Rotary. Not only was the crowd impressed by the presentation overall, Eric did a wonderful job and is already being invited to speak to other groups. He is a real asset to the Bureau, and if we could get him some basic computer and job training, I think he would be a fantastic employee once the Central Georgia Speaker's Bureau is no longer coordinated by AmeriCorps\*VISTAs."

NCH is offering recommendations to its readers for free and low cost resources for grant writing, technical assistance, capacity building and other useful and cost effective suggestions.

### Today's Recommendation...

#### Community Foods Projects Competitive Grant Program

**Funds Available:** Up to \$500,000 over a two/three year period

**Deadline:** November 17, 2011

The primary goals of the CFPCGP are to increase the ability of communities in providing for the food need of the communities;

\$1 of every concert ticket sold to a local charity of her choice. Find the closest concert and [buy your tickets](#) today!

## NCH in the News

### San Francisco Chronicle

(Oct. 4) - [Michael Stars Celebrates 25th Anniversary by Donating 25,000 Tees to Women in Need](#)

### The Gazette (Oct. 25) -

[Homeless in Frederick say teens are targeting them](#)

### The Daily Tar Heel (Oct. 27) -

[Wake County passes panhandling ordinance](#)

## Special Thanks to our recent donors and renewed members!

Kimberly Allard, Gaelan Armstrong, Jon Ballew, Sean Cononie, Andre Conway, Chandra Crawford, Stephane Dahan, Lewis Davis Jr., Michael DiMercurio, Michael Duncan PhD, Megan Foley, Justin Low, Michael Marques, Wendy McQuiston, Jule Monnens, Phoebe Nelson, Joe Northcut, Peter Orvetti, PiTe Pan, Suresh Paul, Madeline Peyroux, William J. Ralston, Erika Remsberg, Samuel Robinson, Michael Rossi, Denise Saturna, Carolyn Sechler, Diane M. Sharon, Brian Tiffany, Aberdeen Foundation, Broward County Sheriff's Office, Coalition for

promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues and meet state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs. If your organization meets the criteria contact Resource Associates for assistance in writing the grant. Call today at 1-888-GRANT41 to request this grant be written for your organization.

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Colorado Coalition for the  
Homeless, Community  
Cooperative Ministries,  
Homeless Services Network Of  
Central Florida.

#### [State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants](#)

**Deadline:** November 9

State Farm is proud to team up with Youth Service America to offer grants of up to \$1,000 for service-learning projects in K-12 public schools in all fifty US states and the District of Columbia, and in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick. Up to 125 grants will be awarded; at least 10-15 grants will support projects addressing teen driver safety issues.

#### [MLK Day Lead Organizer Grants](#)

**Deadline:** November 18 Youth Service America and the Corporation for National Community Service are proud to support up to 16 MLK Day Lead Organizers with \$4,000 planning grants to coordinate Martin Luther King Day of Service (January 16, 2012) activities. This grant program is open to nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, and colleges & universities in all 50 states and DC.

#### [Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships](#)

**Deadline:** December 5

The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships recognize and reward students who have made a significant impact in the fight against hunger. The scholarship recipients each receive \$5,000 for their education as well as a \$5,000 matching grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice.

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