



'BUILDING BRIDGES'
AMERICORPS*VISTA PROGRAM

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**AMERICORP*VISTA AND RSVP
HELP SENIORS FOR MLK DAY**

Throughout the year AmeriCorps*VISTA members have the opportunity to participate in national 'Days of Service'. The most recent day was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January. This year the 'Building Bridges' AmeriCorps*VISTA program was asked to be a partner with Linn-Benton RSVP, Senior and Disabled Services and OSU Community Service Center to organize a food drive in Corvallis which will benefit seniors in Linn and Benton counties.

This project was not only meant to address hunger and food insecurity for seniors, but it was also about celebrating the work of Dr. King. To honor the meaning of this day, the project started with an inspirational speech by Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia and ended with a reflection activity reading quotes by Dr. King and talking about the day.

Overall the group collected 646 food and household items. Denise Magee with RSVP, one of the organizers, said, "The many positives far outweighed the measurable outcomes... the day of shared commu-



Group from L to R: Celeste Scandiffio, Jeff Mascornick, Emily Steadman, Alena Woicicki, Debbie Glazier, and Tawnya Durand. In Front: Cassee Hansen, Midge the Service Dog, and Tifani Erpelding.

nity service between cohorts and the inter-generational collaboration brought reflective meaning to the project."

Many thanks go out to the organizers. They include: Denise Magee, Ben Grimes and James Frendrick with RSVP, Marva Barnes with Senior and Disabled Services and Tifani Erpelding, Emily Steadman and Alena Woicicki with 'Building Bridges' AmeriCorps*VISTA Program.

**GETTING THINGS DONE FOR OUR
COMMUNITIES!**

Here is what the VISTA members have been doing in the community!

of Volunteers Recruited: 84 community volunteers

of Service Hours Performed by Volunteers Recruited: 1020.55 hours

of Community Partnerships Established: 26 formal partnerships

Total \$ Amount of Financial Resources Generated: \$76,273.07 in cash & non-cash resource

Data from July 14, 2006 to December 31, 2006

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'Building Bridges'
AmeriCorps*VISTA
Members 2006-2007

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Benton County

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Emily Steadman

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Cassee Hansen

Community Housing Services

Jeff Mascornick

Community Outreach, Inc.

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Brandi Earnest

North Lincoln Hospital Foundation

Kathy Terrill

CSC Head Start

Rob Gaffney

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PICTURES OF MLK DAY



IN MY OWN WORDS...

*Submitted by Kathy Terrill-
AmeriCorps*VISTA with CSC-Head Start*

I, Kathy Terrill, wanted to do AmeriCorps*VISTA term of service because of the fact that the service was going to be working with CSC Head Start of Lincoln County. Ever since my daughter had been a student of Head Start in 2001-2003, I have believed in the goals and mission statement of Head Start. My son is also a student of Head Start; he started in 2005 and will be completing his schooling with them in May 2007. When the offer to be hired for the AmeriCorps*VISTA position of Family Literacy Coordinator

help the other families in the Head Start program. It has been very rewarding to help build Head Start's literacy program to be bigger then it was and to offer training to the family members so that they can help their children become better equipped for their future school years.



Kathy Terrill with CSC Head Start.

was offered I applied because of how I would get to work with Head Start and



Kathy reading with her family at Head Start.

FROM THE FIELD: Stories from Our Communities

Holiday Gala Huge Success for Lincoln City

Submitted by : **Brandi Earnest**, *'Building Bridges'* Member at *North Lincoln Hospital Foundation*

The Snowflake Foundation is an organization established in 1996 by Lincoln City teachers and other business-women coming together to raise funds for local medical programs. The Foundation has expanded the scope of assistance offered within the community and has provided free immunizations for low-income children, free mammograms to individuals with no insurance and supports the Prescription Assistance program at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

The Snowflake Foundations holds an Annual Holiday Gala Fashion Show to raise funds for the programs they help support. This year's event was a great success, raising over \$20,000.00 in in-kind donations, ticket sales, raffle ticket sales and cash donations. After all expenses, the Snowflake Foundation will have about \$7,000.00 to help with the various charity care programs they support.

It was a great pleasure to be apart of Fashion Show. The number of community members who wanted to be apart

of the event amazed me. Many did so by volunteering their time to model, to help serve dinner and drinks, to help with the set up and clean up of the event and of course all of those who donated to make the event such a success. It was an honor to be apart of this amazing group.



Hospital staff going crazy!

SERVICE CALENDAR

- **February 1**— Evaluations Due for Members who started in July
- **February 9**—January Monthly Report and Timesheet Due
- **February 13**—Fundraising Training for VISTA members in Corvallis
- **February 21**— Part II of Volunteer Management Training for VISTA members in Corvallis
- **March 5**—Evaluations Due for Members who started in August
- **March 9**— February Monthly Report and Timesheet Due
- **April 6**—March Monthly Report and Timesheet Due
- **April 13**—Quarterly Report for January thru March Due (Supervisors Only)
- **April 16-20**—National Volunteer Week
- **April 20-22**—National Youth Service Day
- **April 22**—Earth Day