Key Center Weekly
Community Engagement
January 23 - January 30
Thanks to everyone who participated in MLK Service Day!

Featured Community Partnership: Emma Family Resource Center

The Emma Family Resource Center is located on the campus of Emma Elementary School in the Emma Community. Emma Family Resource Center improves family’s financial stability by providing emergency assistance through a food pantry to decrease food insecurity; a clothing closet; emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities and medical expenses; and holiday assistance. In addition, the Resource Center provides case management to those who are requesting assistance on an ongoing basis. The Resource Center works with families individually to bring them out of crisis and to financial stability. These services are available to both English and Latino families living in the Emma Community. The Resource Center also offers a variety of classes and has a community garden that always needs some love.

For more information visit the [website](#). Like this organization? Want to find out about more about organizations like it? Visit the [Key Center website](#).

Service Learning:

1) Community Engaged Scholars:

Public Service Project workshops to be a Community Engaged Scholar will take place in 235 HIG on the following dates:

Wednesday, **January 23rd 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.**
Thursday, **January 29th 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
Wednesday, **February 6th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Important Dates:

- Application form for Public Service Project: Submitted with signatures to Key Center by **Friday, February 8th**.
- Application Deadline for Poster Presentation to Symposium: **March 18, 2013**.
- Presenters are required to provide a title and abstract sent in electronic form lkloeppe@unca.edu
- Paper due: **Monday, April 8th**. The paper will be reviewed and then comments returned to you. Revisions are likely. Papers should be submitted to keyctr@unca.edu
- Revised Paper Due: **Monday, April 22nd**. Submit to keyctr@unca.edu.
- Approval of UNCA Public Service Project Form with signatures due to Key Center by **Monday, April 22nd**.
- Spring Symposium for Poster Presentation: **April 24th**
Service:

Short Term Opportunities

1) In Real Life

In Real Life or IRL is an after-school program at Asheville Middle School sponsored by the Asheville City Schools Foundation.

IRL is seeking volunteers who can commit to three hours a day, one day a week to help support programs and study hall. Volunteers may select a the specific program they would like work with or a program may be assigned to them.

Volunteers may also just commit to working with study hall.

To find out more information check out the ACSF website or contact Maddie Davis at maddie.davis@asheville.k12.nc.us

2) Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness

This year is the 28th annual National Hunger Cleanup. The Cleanup is one of the largest national fundraising and community service events in the country.

Colleges around the Nation are encouraged to build service teams to participate in the National Service Day and to help fundraise for this year’s chosen charities: Feeding America and The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

For more information on how to organize a team or to register for the National Service Day go here.

3) RiverLink Clean-up

RiverLink will be hosting a French Broad River Cleanup this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Teams will work on many of the roads in the River Arts District, especially the areas along the French Broad River, from the Biltmore area and Amboy Road and along Riverside Drive. After the cleanup, RiverLink will provide refreshments.

To participate contact Dave at 828-252-8474 ext. 11

Long Term Opportunities

1) Ashevillage Institute
The Ashevillage Institute is a nonprofit community education organization dedicated to sustainable solutions in action.

The Ashevillage Institute is seeking social media volunteers, program promotion volunteers, and hands on volunteers to work with their various programs including the Urban Farm School.

For more information go [here](#).

2) **Ashe-Bots Robotics Team**

Ashe-Bots is FIRST Robotics and nonprofit STEM based program for high school students ages 14-18.

The group meets weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm in A-B Tech’s Dogwood Building.

Engineering and tech professionals and enthusiasts are invited to mentor and participants.

For more information contact brookside891@att.net

3) **Vance Elementary School**

Vance Elementary is seeking volunteer assistants are needed to help teachers in the classrooms with tutoring, material preparation, working with small groups of students, working with students in the garden, and more!

Most opportunities will be during the school day. Volunteers will be expected to wear school appropriate clothes and be able to make a reasonable commitment as you will be working with the children.

For more information or to volunteer contact Jordan Diamond at jordan.diamond@asheville.k12.nc.us

**Community Engagement**

1) **MLK Week 2013**

**An Evening with Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd**  
**MLK Keynote**  
**January 23**  
**7:00 pm Lipinsky**

Gwendolyn Boyd was the first African-American woman to earn an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Yale University. She is also the national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a service organization composed of over 100,000 women. The program will feature Dr. Boyd’s Keynote address as well as winner of the UNC Asheville Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Competition, both from Asheville Middle School.

**Waiting for Superman**  
**Film Screening**  
**12:30 - 2:30**  
**The Grotto**
The Key Center and the Education Department are sponsoring "Waiting for Superman" which analyzes the failures of the American public education system by following several students as they strive to be accepted into a charter school.

**Savion Glover**

*“SoLe Sanctuary: A Hoofer’s Mediation on the Art of Tap”*

7:30 pm Western Carolina University

In SoLe Sanctuary, Savion Glover shares his reverence for the art, history and craft of tap, while paying tribute to tap-dancing greats. He is as much a composer as a choreographer and dancer. His career includes a Tony Award for Best Choreography for “Bring in ‘Da Noise, Bring in ‘Da Funk” and his role on Sesame Street.

Tickets are $5 UNC Asheville Students, $15 for UNC Asheville Faculty/staff/alumni/OLLI, $15 for General Public

Free shuttle to WCU for UNC Asheville ticket holders.

**2) Forks Over Knives**

Pack Memorial Library will host a screening of Forks over Knives, which makes a case for plant-based diets.

A question and answer session will follow with nutrition expert Amy Lanou.

For more info call 250-4700

To see all of the Key Center’s service opportunities go [here](http://keycenter.unca.edu/).