Featured Community Partnership: Pisgah Legal Services

Pisgah Legal Services is an innovative, responsive nonprofit law firm founded in 1978 that provides free civil legal aid to very low-income people, helps more than 13,000 of the most vulnerable people in Asheville and surrounding communities annually to meet urgent needs, partners with dozens of other agencies to make sustainable change for people in crisis, coordinates the pro bono services of more than 300 area attorneys, and improves systems and policies that impact the lives of thousands of low-income people. For more information on Pisgah Legal Services go here.

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, 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) Wesley Fellowship

Alternative spring break opportunity:

Students from Wesley Fellowship campus ministry are headed to Burlington, NC, to live and work on an organic farm and talk how food relates to faith.

Cost of the trip is $125 all-inclusive and the itinerary is flexible.

If you would like to join others for this March 8-13 trip, please call Clarissa at (828)707-0730 or email cfuentes@unca.edu for more info.

2) Campus Faith Co-Op

Campus Faith Co-op, a collaboration of Episcopalian, Presbyterian and United Methodist campus ministries, is forming a student leadership team to develop plans for bringing Campus Kitchens Project to UNC-Asheville.

If you are interested in how students can help feed their community and want to be involved in an exciting service opportunity at the grassroots level, please email Clarissa at cfuentes@unca.edu.

3) Pisgah Legal Services

Pisgah Legal Services will be hosting their second annual Java for Justice event on March 1st, 2013.

On this day, coffeehouses across the area will help raise money and awareness for Pisgah Legal Services, and they are seeking volunteers to help.

That Friday they will need folks (for two-hour shifts that begin as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 1 p.m.) to greet and share the word about Pisgah Legal Services mission.

Not sure what they do?: They will provide two opportunities (on Tuesday, 2/19 @ 4 p.m. or Tuesday, 2/26 @ 12 noon) to teach you a little about what Pisgah Legal does for people in real need.

For more information contact Don at don@pisgahlegal.org or 828-210-3778

Long Term Opportunities

1) Our VOICE
Become a Crisis Response Advocate & Prevention Educator. Be on-call to help survivors of sexual assault and rape. Teach 9th graders in Buncombe County schools healthy dating & communication workshops!

Our VOICE is combining the Crisis Responce Advocate and the Prevention Educator training into one. This makes it possible for Crisis Response Advocates to also teach the Dating and Communication workshop to 9th graders.

The training is divided into 8 sessions, 3 hours each for a total of 24 hours. The training will discuss and practice active listening skills, equip trainees with the knowledge of all the local services, how to be an ally to someone in trauma, practice giving presentations for our Dating & Communication Workshop, hear from Law Enforcement about how they investigate, hear from SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) nurses about their process for collecting evidence and performing an examination, hear survivor stories, discuss cultural sensitivity around LGBTQ, Undocumented, African American, Latino/a, Disabled populations.

Training will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30pm through the month of March at the OurVOICE office, 44 Merrimon Ave.

You must contact dannyl@ourvoicenc.org for an application. Applicants will be interviewed before being accepted into the training.

2) Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run of WNC has an ongoing need for volunteer coaches.

A coach’s responsibilities include preparing and delivering the Girls on the Run curriculum for the 12-week season, serve as a role model by having a healthy lifestyle and positive attitude and, most importantly, the Head Coach will have fun with the girls and encourage positive behaviors.

Coaches will also attend a community race with participants and attend two meetings with the Director during the season.

For more information go here.

3) Asheville City Schools Foundation

Make a difference by volunteering with youth who need your support in Asheville City Schools! ACSF has three, specific, volunteer needs.

Academic Coaching K-12 - the one-on-one model of tutoring and/or mentoring, 1-hour during the school day for pre-school, elementary, middle or high school students
Small group and classroom enrichment - work with a small group in the classroom for 1-2 hours while the teacher focuses on students who need extra support.

After school-programming at Asheville Middle School, an elementary schools, or the YWCA.

ACSF provides trainings to those volunteers who are interested and there are volunteer coordinators at all of the Asheville City Schools who are there to help you have a positive experience.

For more information go here.

Community Engagement

1) Food Activism Workshop

On April 20, Wake Forest University will host a Food Activism workshop with a morning and afternoon session.

The workshop will consist of various presentations and guest speakers. Here is the link to last years workshop. The new link will be available in another Weekly.

2) The South Eastern African American Student Leadership Conference (SEAASLC)

UNC-Wilmington will host the SEAASLC February 22 and 23. SEAASLC was established to develop and strengthen the leadership abilities and skills of primarily African American students, though it is open to students of any ethnicity, across the Southeastern United States.

This conference is designed for students in the region to get together for professional workshops on leadership skills, professional development, history, social and moral issues. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the conference's inception, with the theme of "Remembering Our Roots As We Reach For The Sky".

For more information or registration call 910-962-3877.

3) "Beyond Coal"

"Beyond Coal," transitioning from coal to clean energy, will be presented on Wednesday, Feb 6 at 7 pm by Sierra Club & Green Drinks.

Kelly Martin of the NC Beyond Coal Campaign will speak at the Unitarian Church, 1 Edwin Pl, Asheville (corner of Charlotte & Edwin). Kris Cunningham of Sierra Club will answer questions on why nuclear power is not suitable for replacing coal.

4) Edible Forest Garden Club
The Edible Forest Garden Club is a group of students who have enthusiasm and love for permaculture and native plants. The Edible Forest Garden Club focuses on being a cooperative learning-teaching group of students. As a club, they strive to learn as much as possible about the native flora and fauna through designing gardens, nature hikes and shared personal knowledge. They aim to build new gardens around campus that will eventually flourish enough to provide food for the school community. Simply, their goal is to spread the knowledge of how easy it is to utilize native plants for food and nourishment through demonstration on campus.

- Design and plant gardens around campus
- Learn what native plants can be best utilized and grown
- Understand the health benefits of plants
- Learn how to cook and eat the foods we grow
- Maintain edible plant diversity around campus

If you would like to find out more about the club, contact Carolina Canter at ccanter@unca.edu.

To see all of the Key Center’s service opportunities go here.

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