Community Partnership Feature: I Have a Dream Foundation

The "I Have a Dream" Foundation began in 1981 when a New York businessman was compelled to make a difference in the lives of a graduating class of sixth graders. His vision was to see an entire cohort of students in a low-income community graduate high school and pursue higher education. Nearly thirty years later, over sixty programs now share the dream of giving children from similar situations the tools they need to pursue brighter futures.

The Asheville project launched in the fall of 2006 and began with 18 students. They are currently serving 30 students in our main program and many more in their other programs.

For more information on I Have a Dream go [here](#).

Service Learning:

1) Community Engaged Scholars:

Public Service Project Workshops

The Key Center has one more Public Service Project Workshop for the semester. It will be held in Highsmith 235.

**Thurs, April 11 4-5 p.m.**
Important Dates for Eligible Community Engaged Scholars:

- 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**

Applications for the Poster Presentation Symposium were due on March 18.

Service:

**Short Term Opportunities**

1) **ASAP**

This Friday, April 5, ASAP is in need of a group of volunteers from 10 am to 1 pm to help with preparing Local Food Guides for Kids.

The guides came in a bundled pack and have to have a cover sheet removed before they can be distributed.

ASAP will provide a pizza lunch and jovial company.

If interested, contact Robin Lenner @ robin@asapconnections.org.
2) Asheville Earth Day Festival

On **Saturday, April 20** from **12 pm to 10 pm** the Asheville Earth Day Festival will take place downtown on Lexington Ave.

They are still in need of volunteers to staff the barricades, the info/volunteer booth, the kids area, and the backstage/hospitality area.

Shifts last for 2 hours but volunteers may take multiple shifts. Each volunteer receives one beer ticket.

For more information or to sign-up go [here](#).

3) Johnston Elementary School

On **Saturday April 6**, Johnston Elementary School will be hosting a garden workday beginning at 9am and runs until work is finished.

The community garden at Johnston is in need of Spring cleaning. Volunteers will help with weeding, building raised beds, labeling, and more.

For more information contact Courtney Crenshaw @ courtney.crenshaw@bcsemail.org

4) Rhoades Campus Garden

The SEC will be hosting a Rhoades Campus Garden workday on Saturday April 6 from 1 pm to 5 pm.
Volunteers will be building bed, digging swale, etc. The Garden is located right off of WT Weaver Blvd, just before reaching Merrimon.

5) WWD-F

On Saturday April 20 the Women’s Wellbeing and Development Foundation’s Community Resource Center will be hosting a Job Fair and Pre-Fair workshops at the Carl E. Johnson Community Center.

The Job Fair will be held fro 1 pm to 4 pm on April 20. The Pre-Fair workshops, Interviewing Skills and Navigating a Job Fair will be held on April 13 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The WWD-F is seeking volunteers for the Job Fair and Pre-Fair workshops. If interested please contact Nicole Hinebaugh at nicole@wwd-f.org or 255-8777

6) Queer Studies Conference Performance Bazaar

This Saturday, April 6 the Queer Studies Conference will be hosting a Welcome Home Performance Bazaar as a culmination event for the weekend.

The Performance Bazaar is still in need of volunteers to help with ushering, box office, and backstage. Volunteers need to arrive at 6:30 for set-up and the performance starts at 8 pm.

For more information or to volunteer contact Lise Kloeppe at lkloeppe@unca.edu

Long Term Opportunities
1) ABCCM

The ABCCM Our Circles Program will start new Ally training on Saturday, April 13.

The Circles Program is dedicated to guiding young and new parents to be the best they can be. Allies are

2) Capital Semester - Public Policy Track

The Fund for American Studies has sponsored academic internship programs in Washington, DC for over 40 years. Their objective is to provide a real-world professional and academic experience for college students to help prepare them for responsible leadership in the future.

Their comprehensive package includes a guaranteed internship placement, courses for transferable credit, furnished housing, a variety of guest lectures and briefings, as well as opportunities for professional development and networking.

Students will earn 12 credits and are guaranteed an internship in the fields of public policy, international affairs, business, or the nonprofit sector. The priority deadline for the Fall 2013 Capital Semester in Washington, DC is coming up on April 15.

For more information go here.

3) I Have A Dream Foundation

The I Have A Dream Foundation is seeking volunteers for a variety of roles. The I Have A Dream Foundation’s goal is to drive a comprehensive program that will help a group of 25-30 "Dreamers" from the Pisgah View Public Housing Community to become productive citizens by providing a long-term educational support program with an assured opportunity for further education beyond high school.
They are in need of tutors, mentors, chaperones, and class instructors. All volunteers must meet the foundation’s expectations and attend training sessions.

For more information go [here](#).

**4) Building Bridges**

Building Bridges of Asheville is in need of facilitators for their next nine week session.

Facilitators help with small group discussion within the seminar that addresses an introduction to the dynamics of racism and is an opportunity to explore how race has impacted our relationships, communities and institutions.

For more information go [here](#).

**Community Engagement**

**1) North Asheville Tailgate Market**

The North Asheville Tailgate Market will have their 34th season opening on April 13th.

The market will, of course, have lots of fresh greens and veggies as well as baked goods, meats, and more.

For more information go [here](#).
2) Greenfest

Greenfest is going on this week. Activities for the remainder of the week are as follows:

**Wednesday:**
- **12 pm - 3 pm** Free Mall, Alumni Hall
- **6 pm - 8 pm** Eco Arts and Crafts, Highsmith 104

**Thursday:**
- **4:30 pm - 6 pm** Workday at Shiloh Community Garden, meet at HSU bridge

**Friday:**
- **3 pm - 6 pm** Backyard Bash Redux, Overlook Hall

**Saturday:**
- **9 am - 1 pm** Greenfest Annual Day of Service, Reed Plaza
- **7 pm - 9 pm** Eco Fashion Show, UNCA Quad

3) Civil Rights Film Night

The Amnesty International chapter at UNCA will be hosting Civil Rights Film Night on Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm.

There will be a series of short documentaries shown courtesy of Unequal Justice in the Grotto.

4) The Race to Nowhere
The documentary film “The Race to Nowhere – The Dark Side of America’s Achievement Culture,” will be screened at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, in UNC Asheville’s Highsmith University Union, Room 143. A panel discussion with educators, parents, students and community members will follow.

Produced by self-described “concerned mother” Vicki Abeles, “The Race to Nowhere” takes aim at what she calls “the culture of hollow achievement and pressure to perform... destroying our children’s love of learning and feeding an epidemic of unprepared, disengaged, and unhealthy children.”

For more information go [here](#).

To see all of the Key Center’s service opportunities go [here](#).