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1. Children of Rural Africa

Description: Children of Rural Africa (corafrica.org) has many children available to sponsor. A sponsorship donation of \$240 a year provides school tuition, books, pens, paper, uniforms and shoes, among other essential items. We are looking to expand our donor base and recruiting volunteers in the Ithaca area.

Contact: For more information about our work, please contact Carolann Darling, jcaandd@yahoo.com (volunteer opportunities, our micro-finance program and other areas of need) or Maria DiFrancesco, mdifrancesco@ithaca.edu (child sponsorships).

2. Crayon Carnival

Date: March 7 at 10am-4pm

Location: Ithaca Mall (Pyramid Mall)

Description: The event is basically promoting an eco-friendly lifestyle through free and fun activities for the children of the Ithaca community. As we come into the last weeks before the event, we realize that we are not getting as much of a response from the Cornell Community as we had hoped. We need 100+ volunteers to make the event successful and we are still pretty far from that number.

Contact: For more info, visit www.crayoncarnival.com or contact aad44@cornell.edu, kl348@cornell.edu and CC: Info@crayoncarnival.com

5. Taste of Culture

Date: March 10 at 5-6:30pm

Location: Willard Straight Hall's Memorial Room

Description: At Taste of Culture, guests sample deserts from all over the world while learning a few phrases of foreign languages. We are currently looking for people to bring cultural desserts and/or serve as hosts at the tables. This is a great chance to let the Cornell community to know more about your culture and your organization. The food can be store-bought or homemade and we will be giving reimbursements for the expenses. We provide all utensils, napkins, cups, etc.

Contact: If you or members of your organization are interested in contributing, please email translator@cornell.edu.

6. Feeding America: the Hunger Study

Description: The Food Bank of the Southern Tier is taking part in the 2009 Hunger in America Study. Every four years, Feeding America (the nation's network of food banks) facilitates the Hunger Study. This is the largest study of hunger in the United States (larger than a similar USDA study), involving approximately 180 food banks, 31,000 agencies, and 52,000 client interviews. It helps us to understand the needs of emergency food providers and food recipients. The Food Bank of the Southern Tier anticipates completing approximately 400 personal interviews with food recipients throughout our six county service area. The effort requires help from dozens of volunteers. We are looking for groups or individuals who are interested in conducting one-on-one client interviews at our partner organizations (food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters) in Ithaca (or throughout the region if the volunteer is interested!).

Volunteers do not need to be experienced researchers! Training will be provided by the Food Bank.

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns, please reach Kacy Teifer at 60-796-6061x17 or email at KTelfer@feedingamerica.org.

JOBS

1. **Serve New York AmeriCorps VISTA**

Description: As one of the largest multi-site AmeriCorps VISTA projects in the United States. Serve New York works to fight the injustices and causes of poverty that face individuals and communities in New York State. Serve New York members work to increase capacity in non-profit organizations while empowering the community with tools to promote sustainable self-sufficiency. Benefits include \$10,380 annual salary, \$4,725 education award or \$1,200 cash stipend of appreciation presented at the end of a year of service, deferment of all Federal Student Loans (and some private loads), health care, child care, life insurance, and more.

Contact: For more info, please visit www.wnyamericorps.org or www.americorps.gov. To learn more about applying and deadlines, please contact Lisa Binsley at lbinsley@wnyamericorps.org or 716-558-3310.

2. **Student Coordinator**

Description: Cornell Team & Leadership Center has a student coordinator position that is 10-15 hours per week starting after Spring Break, and then it increases to 30 hours per week in late May through the summer. It then shifts back down to 10-15 hours per week. Pay is \$10/hr. This could be a 1 person in the position for the spring, summer and fall, or 2 different people 1 for summer and a 2nd for the spring/fall semester. This position is great experience for anyone interested in running programming or a non-profit business. The job includes real experience and responsibility in marketing, staffing, client contact, administration, and follow up. Some previous challenge course experience is appreciated for this position, but facilitating is not a part of this job.

Contact: For more info, please contact Amy Kohut at 607-254-7474 or at aek44@cornell.edu

3. Director of Community-Based Learning Stonehill College

Deadline: review of applications begins March 23 and continues until position is filled

Description: Stonehill College seeks a full-time founding Director of its Office of Community-Based Learning (CBL), which will be housed within the Center for Teaching and Learning. The Office of Community-Based Learning will advance excellence in teaching and learning by supporting community-based learning (i.e., service learning) initiatives at the College. The Director will be responsible for creating and sustaining faculty development initiatives and programs related to CBL; working with administrators to build the necessary infrastructure to support CBL; developing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with community partners; and participating in on-going tracking and assessment of CBL at Stonehill College. Over the long term, the Director will also build partnerships across campus to grow and extend the College's use of CBL.

Contact: For more info, please visit Stonehill College website:

<http://www.stonehill.edu/x11514.xml>

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS (GRANTS)

1. Robinson-Appel Humanitarian Award

Deadline: Friday, March 20

Description: Fund your service project! This award provides support for students' projects addressing a community's social needs. Three \$1,500 awards will be given. Applications due Friday, March 20. Applications are available at www.psc.cornell.edu or at 200 Barnes Hall.

Contact: For more info, please email lje7@cornell.edu

2. Call for Grant Applications

Deadline: April 8

Description: The Cornell University College of Human Ecology course, Leadership in the Nonprofit Sector, in collaboration with the Sunshine Lady Foundation and United Way of Tompkins County, aims to support and strength local organizations. As the 43 students enrolled in this course, we have been entrusted with \$10,000 to allocate to the community. Our group is committed to creating a dynamic relationship with nonprofits in the community, learning from and giving back to these organizations.

Contact: For more info, please visit <https://www.ctkodm.com/uwtc> – please use “Cornell” for the username and “HE4070” for the password to access current funding opportunities.

Contact: Please contact Meg Cole at mcole@uwtc.org or 272-6286 for additional info if you have any questions.

3. Howland Foundation Grants

Deadline: March 13 at 5pm

Description: The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is the administrative agent for the Howland Foundation - a trust established by Helen T. Howland in her will to benefit Tompkins and Broome Counties . The Howland Foundation supports grants in the areas of aging, youth, animal welfare, and the environment. Grants are limited to qualified nonprofit organizations that provide substantial benefit to these areas. Grant awards generally range from approximately \$1,000 - \$8,000, with exceptions in some cases. A formal Application is required from those organizations whose programs meet the objectives set out by the Howland Foundation Trustees.

Contact: Guidelines and applications are available at

http://www.communityfoundationoftc.org/grants/grants_available.php. Please call the Community Foundation at (607) 272-9333 with any questions

MORE IDEAS!

1. Cornell University's Active Civically Engaged Scholars – “Encourage, Empower, Engage” Service Learning Conference

Date: March 27-29, 2009

Description: The conference seeks to address important issues surrounding service-learning groups in higher education through a supportive, creative environment. Topics addressed will include: sustainable service learning projects, syllabus development, community interaction, and more. We invite all non-profit organizations who work with student groups and or classes to participate in this dialogue with students, professors, administrators, and other non-profits from across New York State.

Contact: For more info, please contact cornellACES@gmail.com

2. SCRABBLE for Literacy

Date: Saturday, March 7 at 6:30-9:30pm

Description: Scrabble for Literacy is not a tournament, it is a party, and is a wonderful and fun fundraising activity. The rules of the event allow everyone to participate and have a good time regardless of their Scrabble skill level. Each table plays as a team against all other tables. Scores are kept by judges that are assigned to each table and are not a part of the team. The winning table gets a free table for next year's event.

Contact: Any groups/organizations (\$300/table) would be welcome or individuals at \$37.50/seat. Contact Gary at Bookery2@hotmail.com or call 607-273-5055.

3. First Annual Summit on International Women's Issues in Global Health

Date: March 7

Description: The First Annual Summit on International Women's Issues in Global Health in Development will take place here at Cornell University on March 7. It will be a small scale conference of about 200 medical, law, graduate and undergraduate students as well as professors, health professionals, civic leaders and women's rights advocates from across the globe that will solely discuss women's issues on an international scale. Members from World Health Organization and American Medical Women's Association, and more will be there!

Contact: To register visit <http://www.cornellwomenssummit.com/register.html>. If you are interested, please let us know ASAP, or contact us through cornellwomenssummit@cornell.edu.

4. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Fair

Date: Sunday, March 15 at 10am-4pm

Location: Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

Description: CSA provides farmers with an established market prior to the production season and consumers with a weekly selection of just-harvested food. Attend the CSA Fair to learn about this intriguing partnership between farmers and consumers and meet farmers from 10-12 different CSA farms serving the Ithaca area. Farms will have informational displays showcasing their operations and be available to speak with interested community members. There will also be some fun, hands-on agricultural-related activities offered for children of all ages.

Contact: For more information, call 272-2292 or email Debbie Teeter (dlt22@cornell.edu) or Liz Karabinakis (evk4@cornell.edu)