

July 2010

Dear Friend,

Inter-Faith Ministries is proud to host two Corporation for National and Community Service projects. The VISTA and AmeriCorps members have been valuable partners with Inter-Faith Ministries for many years.

VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to battle poverty. The service a VISTA member provides is particularly valuable to us because their stipend is federally funded and they are assigned to our organization for a full year. This enables us to initiate larger projects and help more people with greater impact.

I invite you to read more about the director and a member of our AmeriCorps program in the article below.

Sincerely,



Sue Castile
Executive Director

Inter-Faith Builds Community

AmeriCorps Members & Staff Host IFM Residents

It is not often that the people we serve can participate in something as simple as a backyard bar-b-que or a trip to the zoo. So staff, AmeriCorps members and volunteers got together and created an old-fashioned family get-together and celebrated the arrival of summer with hotdogs and burgers.

A week or so later, with a ten-person van and five staff, 27 adults and children were shuttled to the Sedgwick County Zoo. Even a hot day didn't prevent everyone from having a great time. Hats off to the volunteers and staff for making this possible.



One way to spend a hot day while at the zoo.

AmeriCorps & IFM

"The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form."

...Munetada Kurozumi



Eboni Thompson (left), AmeriCorps member and LaVeta Noble, Director of AmeriCorps GoZone.

Meet LaVeta Noble, Director of AmeriCorps GoZones!, and AmeriCorps member, Eboni Thompson.

Eboni is in her second and final year as an AmeriCorps member; she said, "If I could do it longer and be at Inter-Faith, I would do it again. I love it here." AmeriCorps has become a family affair for Eboni, her mother participated in AmeriCorps and Eboni's 16 year old daughter, after volunteering at Inter-Faith Ministries, also plans to become a member. When asked why this work is so important to her, Eboni said that her own life hasn't been easy and helping others, "helps me come out of myself. For a while I cannot think about my own problems and I can add some happiness for someone else." Eboni has been a wonderful asset to Inter-Faith and she will be greatly missed.

LaVeta has worked with AmeriCorps members at Inter-Faith Ministries for seven years. Working at a not-for-profit organization was never part of LaVeta's plans for her future. She had her mind set to serve in the Peace Corps, helping those outside of the United States. However, while serving two terms as an AmeriCorps member she became more aware of the needs of people in her own community and was drawn to helping locally. Working at Inter-Faith Ministries with AmeriCorps members has been very rewarding. She knows how enriching and fulfilling AmeriCorps was for her and is committed to providing the members serving at Inter-Faith Ministries with that same kind of experience. LaVeta has just begun the recruitment process for the upcoming year and is anxious to begin working with the new members. Details about joining AmeriCorps at IFM is below.

Join IFM's AmeriCorps GoZones!

Applications being accepted now!

This year the Inter-Faith Ministries AmeriCorps GoZones! program will focus in two areas:

Heart for the Homeless - AmeriCorps members will assist at the Inter-Faith Ministries shelters with community events, group sessions, and serve in the afterschool program with children of IFM clients and residents.

Project Make a Difference - Activities will be structured by project. AmeriCorps members will help provide services to local low-income community projects like creating and implementing a new food pantry, helping at one of the local holiday giving programs, or serving meals at one of the many summer lunch programs.

Detailed information and an application can be found at www.ifmnet.org - Programs - GoZones! or click the link below.

[IFM AmeriCorps GoZones!](#)

IFM Volunteers are Priceless!



New paint and furniture for Ti'Wiconi Safe Haven

We have a new look in our living room at Ti' Wiconi Safe Haven, thanks to Lynn Ward, attorney. Lynn brought her youth group from Eastminster Presbyterian Church to paint the room. They chose a beautiful warm green color. But that wasn't all! Lynn knew we needed to furnish the room, so she sought donations and found just the perfect sofa and loveseat to compliment the room. We are very appreciative and our residents are delighted! **Way to go, Lynn!**

Assembly Gathering

New Board Members Introduced

More than 70 people joined us at the annual gathering on June 23 for a bite to eat, to celebrate IFM's accomplishments, and a look toward the future. Ashley McLarian sang gospel and Native American, Newman Washington sang and drummed while five year-old Arianna performed in regalia. Prayers were shared by Dr. Prem Bajaj, Muhammet Ceylan, and Rev. Titus James.

Officers and new board members were introduced. Officers: **Rev. Dr. Michael Gardner**, President; **Rev. Dr. Cathy Northrup**, Past President; **Rev. Dr. Don Olsen**, Vice President; **Diana Kidd**, Treasurer; and **Victor Scott**, Secretary. Exiting board member, **Sr. Margaret Knoeber**, was recognized for her dedicated service. Three new members were welcomed, **Muhammet Ceylan**, Institute of Interfaith Dialog at WSU; **Shawn Lancelot**, Bank of America; and **Sr. JoAnn Mark**, Newman University.

Dillons Food Stores and the **Walmart Foundation** were recognized with the 2010 Anti-Hunger Leadership Award.



Richard Woolston, Wal-Mart accepts the 2010 Anti-Hunger Leadership Award



Sheila Lowrie (left), Dillons Food Stores, accepts the 2010 Anti-Hunger Leadership Award from Sue Castile, Executive Director.

Save the Date

Next Assembly Gathering

September 23, 2010 ✨ 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Inter-Faith Ministries ✨ 829 N Market, Wichita

Help Us Raise the Roof !

Donations to help with the repairs for the Safe Haven roof can be made with just a click on the *Donate Now* box to the right, mailed to Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market, Wichita KS 67214, or by going online at www.ifmnet.org. We appreciate your gift, large or small.

Every dollar counts! We hope you can help.

Lunch & Learn - Lunch is on us!

Join us - and bring a friend - for a Lunch & Learn at Inter-Faith Ministries.
Learn about our programs and services. Meet members of our staff and hear real life experiences.

Leave your checkbook at home! This is not a fund-raiser.

You will leave with a full tummy, maybe a couple new friends and a warm heart.
Can you think of a better way to spend a lunch hour?

Upcoming Dates:

July 21 August 25 September 22 October 21

Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N Market - 67214
Reserve your date contact Leslie - Ichurch@ifmnet.org

News You Can Use

Information on Upcoming Events

Send the details of an upcoming cultural or faith event to sharrison@ifmnet.org

Interfaith Calendar for July

8th Mi'rāj al-Nabīy -Muslim, Observance of Mohammed's night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascension to heaven.

9th Martyrdom of the Bab -Bahá'í, Ali Mohammed was executed in 1850 by Persian political and religious powers. Observed by abstaining from commerce and work.

20th Tisha B'Av -Jewish, A major fast day commemorating the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem.

25th Nisf Sha'bān -Muslim, The Night of Repentance in preparation for Ramadān. Begins in the Evening.

30th Oh-harai-taisai -Shinto, The Grand Purification Ceremony is a purification from sins and offences committed during the first half of the lunar year.

Thank You!

You Are Making a Difference



The children served by Inter-Faith Ministries are grateful for your help.

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