November 3, 2017

Congratulations to all the individuals and groups who helped with the Peace Crane Project! The new flag is hanging in the cutout between the lower level and the main level of the CSU. Stop by the Peace Crane Flag on Monday, November 6, at 11 am to attend the installation ceremony. Huge thanks goes out to Chris McEachron and Tim Adams for putting this together! Contact them for more information about the ceremony.

If you have content to share in this newsletter, please contact Karen Anderson, karen.anderson@mnsu.edu. We are always happy to promote and celebrate the service and engagement accomplishments of our campus!

November 7 - Reading Buddies
Reading Buddies gives student volunteers the opportunity to read books and interact with the preschool-age children. To learn more and sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.

November 11 – Habitat for Humanity ReStore
The Community Engagement Office is helping Habitat for Humanity of MSU. They support daily service needs of Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota. You will need your own transportation to the service site. To learn more or sign up, visit the Habitat for Humanity Student Group portal

November 12 – Biscuits, Bagels and PBJs at the Campus Kitchen
Volunteers are sought to help package bread, bagels and sandwiches for the weekly distribution. For more details or to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync Event page.

November 13 – Prep Shift at the Campus Kitchen
Volunteers are sought to help cut and portion the food for weekly distribution. For more information or to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.
November 13 - Packaging Shift at Campus Kitchen (closed to only Experiential Learning in Nursing)
Volunteers from the Experiential Learning in Nursing Class will package individual meals for distribution to agencies, to share with people facing food insecurity. The shift is from 5-6:30 pm. For more information or to sign up, Experiential Learning in Nursing Students should contact Becca Carpenter.

November 14 - Reading Buddies
Reading Buddies gives student volunteers the opportunity to read books and interact with the preschool-age children. To learn more and sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.

November 16 – Food Drive Box Collection
Help collect the food from the Stop Hunger Food Drive for Campus Kitchen. Pick up the food and bring it back to the Chili Cook-Off collection table. To learn more and to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.

November 16 – Assist with Chili Cook-Off
Help hand out trays and collect food at the start of the chili line. To learn more and to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.

November 16 – Assist with Voting for Chili Cook-Off
Help manage votes for the best chili! To learn more and to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.

November 16 – Food Drive Box Collection
Help take the food from the Stop Hunger Food Drive over to the Campus Kitchen. Help us sort it for our partners. To learn more and to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync event page.

November 18 – Habitat for Humanity ReStore
The Community Engagement Office is helping Habitat for Humanity of MSU. They support daily service needs of Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota. You will need your own transportation to the service site. To learn more or sign up, visit the Habitat for Humanity Student Group portal.

November 19 – Biscuits, Bagels and PBJs at Campus Kitchen
Volunteers are sought to help package bread, bagels and sandwiches for the weekly distribution. For more details or to sign up, sign up here.

November 20 – Prep Shift at the Campus Kitchen
Volunteers are sought to help cut and portion the food for weekly distribution. For more information or to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync website.

November 20 - Packaging Shift at Campus Kitchen
Volunteers package individual meals for distribution to agencies, to share with people facing food insecurity. The shift is from 5-6:30 pm. For more information or to sign up, visit the CEO OrgSync website.

Mavs In Action meets on Thursdays at 4 pm. Can’t make the meetings? Join a committee:
- **Alternative Spring Break (meets Mondays at 3 pm in CEO)**
- **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**
- **MLK Day of Service (meets Mondays at 2 pm in CEO)**
- **New Member Recruitment**
- **Recyclemania (Meets Fridays at 11 am, contact Erik Olson for location)**
- **Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration (will convene soon. Email Karen Anderson if interested.)**
- **Maverick Holiday Carnival (will convene soon. Contact Chris McEachron is interested.)**
Feed My Starving Children Service Event
The Feed My Starving Children Organization is working with the Hosanna Highland Church to offer a volunteering opportunity to help feed starving college students and others in the community. The Weekend of November 8 through 11, Feed My Starving Children will be holding a free dinner for those in need of a meal locally, and they would like volunteers sign up for a 2 hour shift packaging food for Feed My Starving Children... learn more by visiting the CEO on OrgSync.

Rake the Town for VINE
On, Saturday, November 11, volunteers from the community will be helping to rake the leaves out of the yards of people who are unable to do it on their own. The event is hosted through VINE Faith In Action. The event will last from 9:00 AM until the yards are completed.
Groups or individuals seeking to volunteer should go directly to VINE's website and sign up. Unfortunately the Community Engagement Office event sign up is already filled for this event.
For more information, contact Adam at VINE, 507-387-1666.

Fire and Ice Ball Volunteers
Greater Mankato Area United Way’s 2017 Fire & Ice Ball is coming up on Saturday, December 9th and they are looking for volunteers to help make the event a success. Fire & Ice is a black-tie event sponsored by Stifel and hosted by Snell Motors. They have various volunteer needs that include helping before, during and after the event. You can find details on specific volunteer tasks and get signed up by visiting the GetConnected webpage at: getconnected.mankatounitedway.org/aem/general/event/?doc_id=4583.

Interns Sought for Campus Kitchen
The Campus Kitchen at Minnesota State University, Mankato is seeking spring interns to begin in January 2018. The staff of the Campus Kitchen at MSU, Mankato work to match intern skills and interests with the ongoing needs of the program. Hours could vary from 10-40 hours per week. Internship must be arranged through your academic department for credit. If you would like to be considered for an internship with Campus Kitchen, send an e-mail containing your resume and a paragraph outlining general areas of interest to Karen Anderson by November 14. If you intend to do this for academic credit, please include the name, department, phone number, and e-mail address for the professor assigning credit. For more information, including a details outline about the internship, contact Karen Anderson, 507-389-6076.
Life Work Planning Center Seeks a Part-Time Counselor (employment)
Ever considered moving your volunteer experience into actual employment? Plan to graduate soon with a degree in social work, community health, women's studies or related field? You might be the right person to fill the need at the Life-Work Planning Center. For more information about this position, visit their website. Applications should include a cover letter, resume, and the contact information for three references, and are due December 1, 2017.

Impact America seeking AmeriCorps Members
Seniors and recent graduates! Consider applying for full-time positions with Impact America beginning in July 2018! A limited number of positions also available starting in December 2017 in Alabama, Tennessee, & South Carolina. Impact America provides an opportunity for recent graduates to engage with communities of need in a meaningful way, broadening their perspectives and making a real impact in their communities. To learn more, visit our OrgSync post.

Schoolyard Roots/Andrew Hanson
The University of Alabama’s service learning outreach report had a great article written about their partnership with Schoolyard Roots, an organization that helps educate elementary level students on healthy eating, community gardening and sustainability each year through gardening. The organization operates school gardens at 10 different elementary schools around Alabama. They use gardening to connect classroom activities to the real world and meet Alabama’s course study guidelines.

The UA student organization “Engineers In Action” helped raise several garden beds and other projects in 2016-17. Many other student organizations and classes from the university helped to build and operate the gardens and educate the students. The University students are the primary work force for the organization and during the 2016-17 school year, 46 UA students dedicated 1,337 hours to working with children through Let’s Grow and Let’s Grow Leaders.

For more information on the project Schoolyard Roots please contact Lindsay Turner at director@schoolyardroots.org
To learn more about Let’s Grow and their organic farming, contact Rashmi Grace at rachmi@schoolyardroots.org

My Campus Kitchen Internship/Kristin Kimmes
My name is Kristin Kimmes and I have been interning at the Campus Kitchen (CK) since August 2017. Although I have not been interning for a long period of time, I have had many opportunities to grow as a person and learn new ideas about food insecurity and hunger that I hadn’t heard of before.

My job as an intern here involves recovering food from restaurants and delivering it to clients throughout Mankato. The best part about my duties at CK is that I get to see the direct impact our mission is making on not only the lives of members of our community, but our students here at MSU. Did you know that CK puts out a bread cart and PB&J sandwiches for college students to take whenever they want, and for free? It’s all waiting for you at the Crossroads Ministry across the street from campus. CK is also a great opportunity for students to volunteer to support the end of food insecurity.
Along with being able to interact with our peers and see how hunger and food insecurity affects us, I get to sit in on hunger relief meetings and attend other meetings, such as health inspections, with my supervisor. These meetings have taught me a lot about what other members of our community are doing to fight against hunger. One of my favorite things I learned about at a hunger relief meeting is the Power Pack Program, brought to us by FOCP (Feeding Our Communities Partners). You can learn more about this here: http://www.feedingourcommunitiespartners.org/power-pack-program.html.

As a social work major, I love being able to get out there and help others. I truly believe that Campus Kitchen is allowing me to practice some of the core values that I will hold as a social worker in the future, such as Service, Dignity and Worth of the Person, and Importance of Human Relationships.

Know someone who would like to receive the newsletter?
Have an important service project you would like shared?
Want to offer your reflection on a service experience?
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