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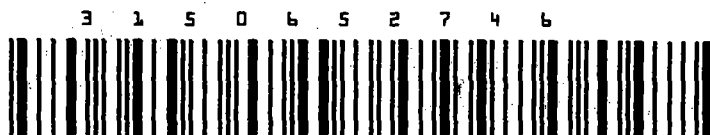
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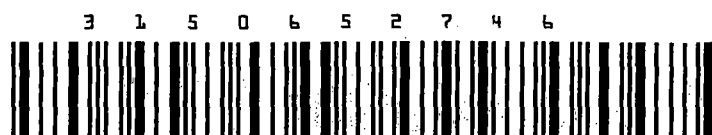
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REMARKS

*Hope this is helpful!
this program is a must
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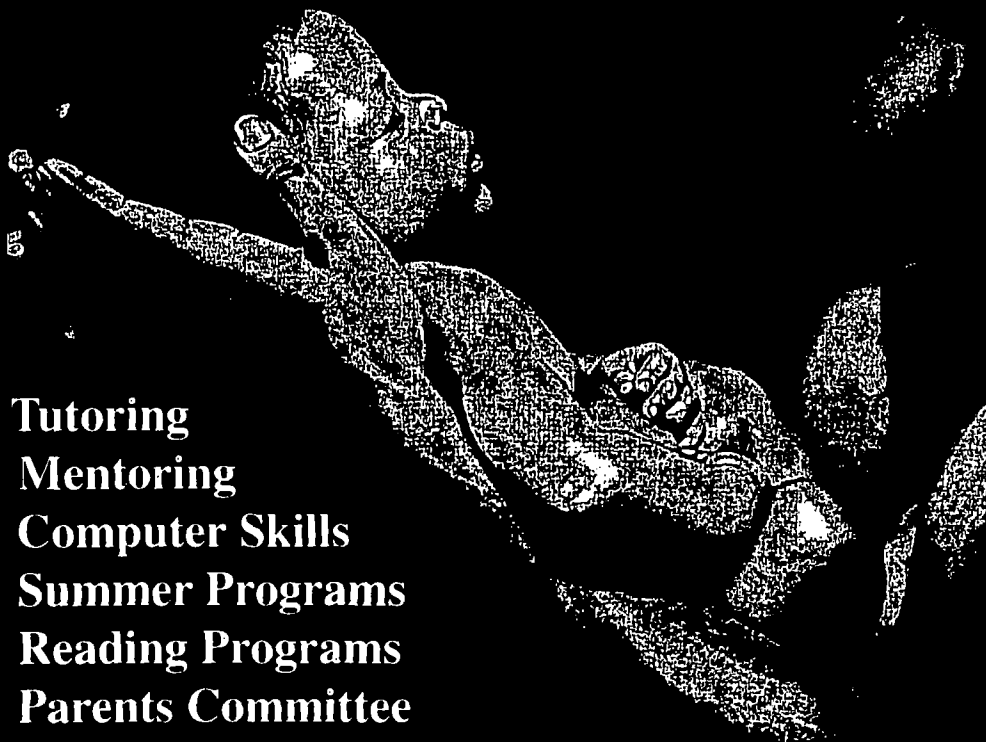
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Support the Bedford Pines

OPERATION

P.E.A.C.E.

Positive Education Always Creates Elevation



**Tutoring
Mentoring
Computer Skills
Summer Programs
Reading Programs
Parents Committee
Community Development**

For more information, contact Edna Moffett at (404) 874-8735

Order of Events

<i>Welcome.....</i>	Tsehai Habte-Michael
<i>Icebreaker.....</i>	Keiron Williams
<i>Musical Selection.....</i>	Elaine Garrett
<i>Introduction of Guests.....</i>	Dione Mathews
<i>Grant Award Announcement.....</i>	Gus Clay
<i>Drug Elimination</i>	Secretary's Rep. Asst.
<i>Grant Award Announcement.....</i>	Edna Moffett
<i>Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation</i>	
<i>Award Announcement.....</i>	Adrienne Haskell
<i>NationsBank</i>	
<i>Proclamations.....</i>	Governor's Office
<i>or Other Announcements</i>	Mayor's Office
	City Council
	Wingate Management Co., Inc.
<i>Musical Selection.....</i>	Elaine Garrett
<i>Closing Remarks.....</i>	T.G. Lockard
	Wingate Management Co., Inc.
	Regional Vice-President

The History of P.E.A.C.E.

How did this program begin?

In 1985, Bedford Pine Apartments began attracting college students who were in desperate need of affordable housing, in order to continue to finance their education. By 1994, there were more than eighty college students living in Bedford Pine Apartments, also known as "The Pines." The students enjoyed the convenience of affordable in-town living.

Ms. Edna Moffet, Assistant Property Manager of Bedford Pine Apartments for thirteen years, literally watched the community crumble before her eyes. It became infested with drugs and plagued with crime, making it unsafe for children to play outside. Ms. Moffett envisioned the concept of P.E.A.C.E long before it's inception.

What is P.E.A.C.E.?

P.E.A.C.E. is an acronym for Positive Education Always Creates Elevation.

P.E.A.C.E. began August 15, 1995 in an old laundry room, with a meeting of twenty-five college students who resided in the Bedford Pine Apartments. The apartment sits in a community just under the beautiful Atlanta skyline. However, this community does not reflect the prosperity and pride that Atlanta and its rapidly expanding skyline represent. Our community has been plagued with drugs and crime. Thus far, our children have been it's helpless victims. Operation P.E.A.C.E. Inc., is a non-profit organization committed to restoring hope and empowering the community to exercise self-sufficiency and establish attainable goals.

Highlights of P.E.A.C.E.

August 15, 1995	First Meeting of Students
October 31, 1995	Halloween Party for the Children
November 1, 1995	Open House
November 2, 1995	P.E.A.C.E. After School Program Begins.
December 1-3, 1995	First P.E.A.C.E. Retreat Indian Springs State Park, Jackson, Ga.
December 10, 1995	Officer Pack Day (Honoring the Birthday of a Neighborhood Police Officer).
February 2, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. represents SNAP (Safe Neighborhood Action Plan) at Conference in Washington, D.C.
January 10, 1996	First Mentor Rap Session on Conflict Resolution.
January 1996	Special Recognition from Assistant Secretary of HUD Nicolas P. Restinas.
March 13, 1996	Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc. receives 501(C)(3) Status.
March 28, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. applies for VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) workers.
April 23, 1996	Open House for Expansion of the Reach Out Center.
May 2, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Incorporates French Classes into tutorial curriculum.
May 3, 1996	HUD Officials Chris Grier, Stephanie Smith and Conrad Eagan visit the Reach Out Center.
May 1996	P.E.A.C.E. receives approval for 4 Americore*VISTA volunteers.
May 15, 1996	First Women to Women Meeting.
May 16, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends SAHMA Conference at Chateau Elan Braselton, Ga.

June 1996	NationsBank Promises 50 computers to P.E.A.C.E.
June 31, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Submits Drug Elimination Grant for \$570,000.
June 17, 1996	The P.E.A.C.E./YMCA Summer Camp Begins with 100 Children from Bedford Pine Apartments and Techwood Homes.
June 28, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Submits the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation Grant.
July 8, 1996	VISTA Leadership and PSO Training Orlando, Fl.
July 13, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends Neighborhood Networks National Conference Seattle, Wa.
September 1996	Pyramid Building Maintenance, Inc. Donates \$500.00 to P.E.A.C.E.
September 6, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Submitted Proposal to NationsBank for Student Banking and \$3,000 donation.
September 16, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. Recruits Volunteers at the Spelman College Community Service Fair.
September 19, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. receives Metropolitan Atlanta Community Foundation Grant Award of \$7,500.
September 22, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends VISTA/SNAP Conference Chicago, Il.
September 24, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. receives Drug Elimination Grant Award of \$517,000.
September 30, 1996	After School Program Begins.
October 4, 1996	Voter Registration Drive.
October 15, 1996	NationsBank Donates \$3,000 to P.E.A.C.E.
October 17-20, 1996	2nd Annual P.E.A.C.E. Retreat at Indian Springs State Park Jackson, Ga.
October 22, 1996	P.E.A.C.E. attends Building Coalitions Conference Birmingham, Alabama.

Initial Support & Seed Funding

In the beginning, there were no funds for P.E.A.C.E. However, there was a dream and a vision of what would come. Our seeds were as follows:

**Wingate Management Company, Inc.
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Atlanta office
Word Perfect Corporation**

The Wingate Management Company, Inc. has been very supportive of P.E.A.C.E. Thus far Wingate has provided 95% of the funding for the program. The company has provided space, manpower, and materials for the refurbishing of the Reach Out Center which is used for the P.E.A.C.E. program.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development provided five computers for the program.

The Word Perfect Corporation donated software for the computers.

The Mission of P.E.A.C.E.

P.E.A.C.E. is dedicated to addressing social, political and economic issues which have crippled the Bedford Pine Community by identifying needs, creating opportunities and empowering residents to solicit resources, thus promoting self-sufficiency, restoring hope and realizing possibilities.

P.E.A.C.E. is dedicated to mobilizing the elderly citizens of our community, by accessing their knowledge of how life in the historic “Old Fourth Ward” of Atlanta once was, and utilizing it as a stepping stone in preparing our community for the future. We recognize that their wisdom is **POWER** and that they must be honored and respected.

P.E.A.C.E. realizes that our children truly *are* the future. We are devoted to improving their self-esteem by instilling a positive self- image. Children’s programs of **P.E.A.C.E.** include tutoring in basic skills, history, cultural enrichment and mentoring.

P.E.A.C.E is committed to improving literacy and building “life” skills of the parents and the working members of our community, so that they may improve the quality of their lives, thus improving the lives of their families.

Most importantly, **P.E.A.C.E.** is dedicated to itself! We are building a foundation for generations to come. We hope that when we have gone, the children that we serve today, will continue the legacy of **P.E.A.C.E.** tomorrow.

Board of Directors

Ms. Edna Moffett
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons
Dr. Victoria Gonzalez
Mrs. Linnie B. Cameron
Mr. C.T. Martin
Mr. Eldrin Bell
Mr. Chase Randall
Ms. Dione Mathews
Ms. Jacquetta Smith
Ms. Adrienne Haskell
Mr. Keiron Williams

P.E.A.C.E. Officers

Chase Randall	Chief Executive Officer
Rachel Benisrael	President & Vista Volunteer
Tsehai Russell	1st Vice-President & Director of Children's Programs
Dione Mathews	Director of Mentor and Adult Outreach Programs
Adrienne Haskell	2nd Vice-President & Director of Grant Writing
D. Giovanni Jones	3rd Vice-President & Director of Tutoring
Jacquetta Smith	Secretary
Keiron Williams	Treasurer

Partnership Projects

NationsBank

\$3,000 award

Fifty computers

Children's Banking Program

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Five computers

Drug Elimination Grant \$517,000

Wingate Management Company, Inc.

Construction of the Reach Out Center

Funding for Start-up projects

Personnel staffing

Spelman College

Student Community Service Program

Georgia Institute of Technology

Community Policing

Georgia State University

Community Policing

The Kerux Fellowship, Inc.

Parenting classes

Employment Placement

Economic Habilitation

Professionals Across America

Mentors for Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc.

Original P.E.A.C.E. Members

"We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Founder & Advisor: Ms. Edna Moffett

Banks, Meshari	Posey, George Sr.
Bell, Walter	Randall, Chase
Benoit, Marcel	Randall, Tanisha
Bonds, Thomas	Oduro, Sakyi
Bragg, Morty	Smith, Cheyenne
Brown, Eric	Smith, Seron
Christian, Brian L.	Stayton, Corey
Grimes, Verlon	Steen, Brian
Hanley, Dalton Jr.	Walker, Bernard
Harden, Glynn M.	Wesley, Troy
Harrell, Adonis	Williams, Derrick
Haskell, Adrienne	Williams, Keiron
Kidd, Tonya	Williams, Phillip Jr.
King, LaShawn	Wilson, Dwight
Lee, Stanley	Young, Kevin
Mathews, Dione	
Morrisson, Michael	
Perry, Greg	
Pollard, Russell	

P.E.A.C.E. Membership 1996

Moffett, Edna (Founder of P.E.A.C.E./Executive Consultant)

Benoit, Marcel	*Mathews, Dione
*Benisrael, Rachel	McCarthy, Leroy
Bragg, Morty	Norwood, David
Clark, Hakim	Oduro, Sakyi
Colman, Tracy	Pue, Marvin
Fenner, Ramona	Randall, Tanisha
Grimes, Verlon	Randall, Chase
Hanley, Dalton Jr.	Rose, Todd
Harden, Glynn	Russell, Wesley
*Haskell, Adreinne	*Russell, Tsehai
Hepburn, Malik	Smith, Jacquetta
Higgins, Reginald	Spears, Yusef
Howard, Asha	Thomas, Marlon
Hughson, Walter	Vasquez, Leo
Jones, Eric	Williams, Keiron
Jones, Marcellous	Woods, Akilah
Jones, D. Giovanni	
Kelly, Terrance	
Kidd, Tonya	

* Americore*VISTA volunteers

Why I Like The Reach Out Center's P.E.A.C.E Program

By Mary Johnson

I like the Reach Out Center's P.E.A.C.E program because it reaches out to young children. This program allows many children from the Bedford Pines area to come and get tutored, one on one, so they could get straight A's and B's through out the school year.

I also like the program because of all of the things that I get accomplished there.

I am now able to be at the very top with other students because of the P.E.A.C.E program.

To me, the word P.E.A.C.E stands for P-People, E-Equal, A-And, C-Children, E-Everywhere.

The main reason why I like the P.E.A.C.E. program is because of it's wonderful, caring, tutors like Tsehai, Dionne, Marcel, Verlon, Leroy, and Myeasha. These tutors have worked with me and

FROM: Mary



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FROM: Mary



CLAPPING

ALL P.E.A.C.E TUTORS!

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Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc. has been greatly enhanced thru the work of four Americorp*VISTA's assigned to our project.

Our goals have far exceeded our expectations. The Operation P.E.A.C.E. Summer Camp provided a fun filled summer provided with activities for 100 children from June 17 thru August 10. These Children experienced the Olympics and attended the Atlanta Braves games, Concerts, Swimming , and French Lessons. They also went hiking, played tennis, learned the game of chess and many other wholesome activities. They were fed breakfast, lunch, and a snack daily. Without this, most of the 100 children participants would have never realized such a summer.

The end of the Summer Camp led to an After School Program. The After School Program provides care for 25 children daily. The children receive help with homework, improved Reading and Math skills and Arts and Crafts Activities. They are rewarded for their efforts by going to Basketball games, Swimming, Ice Capades, and other exciting events.

The projects accomplishments are:

- 1) Educational Activities
- 2) Health and Nutritional Activities
- 3) Economic Development Activities
- 4) Public Safety Activities
- 5) Environmental Activities

VISTA REPORT

Dione Mathews

Presently, as an Americops*VISTA volunteer, I hold dual responsibilities as Director of both the Children's Mentoring and Adult Outreach programs for Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc. P.E.A.C.E. is a grass roots, community based, non-profit organization that is dedicated to addressing social, political and economic issues which have crippled the Bedford Pine neighborhood of Atlanta.

The Children's Mentoring program has allowed me the opportunity to work with children between the ages of seven and thirteen in an After School" program setting. Several of these children are deficient in basic skills and have emotional and/or psychological problems as a result of the circumstances in which they live. Nonetheless, I have found that these beautiful children are very bright and loving when presented with an environment conducive to their needs. I realized however that the positive influences received in the After School Program were in many cases, inconsistent with those received at home. As a result, I have spent countless hours developing the Adult Outreach Program. This program will include parenting skills training, tutoring in basic skills, and computer based learning for literacy, computer skills, welfare to work preparation and GED certification. Through correspondence with a software company representative, I have selected software and hardware for a state of the art computer learning center for adult residents. The center is located adjacent to the Children's Reach Out Center, thus making it convenient for families to participate in community activities. Computer based literacy and GED certification will be enhanced with classroom learning.

With the assistance of Dr. Linda Smith, a professor of criminal justice at Georgia State University, I am completing a ten week course called the Citizen's Academy. Residents indicated what they wanted to learn more about, resulting in the Academy's curriculum. An overwhelming majority of residents' concerns were crime related (drug trafficking, drug usage, prostitution, etc.). Due to the safety concerns, seven of the ten weeks have addressed Community Policing. I have coordinated meetings with the Atlanta Police Department Major, Captain, and Beat Officers from the zone that serves our community (Zone 5).

Tsehai Habte-Michael

First Report - Summary

February, 1997

The PEACE Childrens' Programs have grown in many areas since my involvement. During the last academic year the P.E.A.C.E. After-school program had 5 to 10 students who showed up sporadically. Now we have over 20 who come on a daily basis. The community interest is so prevalent that there is actually a waiting list of parents who would like to enroll their children in the program. The childrens' attitudes about homework have dramatically changed from one of, "I don't care," and "I don't want to do it," to interest so strong that if "study hall" is delayed for another activity the children actually beg to do their homework.

Creating a completely new after-school program from scratch without any prior experience has been a challenge. The program seems to go on it's own momentum I add direction and frequently revise and revise the structure and operation as need changes. I successfully create necessary forms and documents for the operation of the program. Create, develop, and help execute childrens' programs and activities. Under my supervision the children have a food/snack program, consistent tutoring, in-door and out-door recreation activities, and field-trips as rewards for good behavior and accomplishments. In addition I look-after the overall appearance of the center, making sure that the center reflects the childrens accomplishments and energy. I have begun efforts to expand the library book selection and organize it so that it can be used, however without the benefit of library experience it is a slow process.

The most difficult part of my job however is recruiting, keeping, and scheduling a steady flow of volunteers. With the help of partnerships that myself and my advisor have made volunteer participation has increased 100%. However, getting the supply of volunteers to meet the demands of the community is a never ending struggle.



VISTA

Volunteers In Service To America

Project Progress Report

(Submission due to Corporation State Office
within 30 days after end of reporting period.)

Sponsor: Operation P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Project No.

Project Supervisor: Edna L. Moffett Phone No. (404) 874-8735

Project Address: 496 Boulevard NE Atlanta, GA 30308

Period Covered by PPR: Circle Quarter(s) of project period: 1 2 3 4

From: To: No. of AmeriCorps*VISTAs On-Board:

MM DDYY MM DDYY

Note: Projects in the first year of sponsorship must complete PPRs for all four quarters; after the first year, PPRs are required at six month intervals, but may be requested quarterly at the discretion of the State Office.

Project Accomplishments

1. Attach a copy of the Project Work Plan along with detailed information about project accomplishments for this quarter. Also attach copies of press clippings, flyers, letters, reports on Advisory Council meetings, etc. which relate to the project's activities and achievements. In the space provided, please highlight this quarter's successes.
 - (1) The success of the project has been much greater than anticipated. The After School Program has successfully enrolled 25 boys and girls ages 7-13. They are tutored daily by community college students.
 - (2) Partnerships have been formed with area Colleges (GSU & GT) to provide community development and leadership training to community residents.
 - (3) Adult-Outreach Program, even though in it's infancy stage has began with moderate success.
 - (4) Enviromental Program initiated to teach Mentees the importance of recycling and how to reuse thus saving the planet Earth.
 - (5) Partnership with Atlanta Project and Duron Paint to complete a community based Mural.
2. Attach a 1-2 page summary prepared by the Project Supervisor which describes project successes, difficulties encountered and other major issues.
 3. For the first and last reporting period, attach a one page summary from each AmeriCorps*VISTA Member which describe personal and project successes and difficulties. List names of Members submitting summaries. If the project consists of more than 10 Members, please have them submit a combined summary not to exceed 5 pages.

1) Adrienne Haskell

3) Tsehai Habte-Michael

2) Dione Mathews

4) Rachel Benisrael

RESOURCES GENERATED

4. Describe resources (grants, in-kind support, number of community volunteers/volunteer hours, etc.) generated by the AmeriCorps*VISTA Members. Provide quantitative data and indicate whether resources were generated from the public or private sector.
 - A. Number of active community volunteers: 100
 - B. Hours of service performed by community volunteers: 1000
 - C. Total dollar amount of donated goods, services and grants: \$528,500
5. For the final report of the current program year, please attach a summary describing accomplishments during the past year which will remain in the community upon completion of the project, and describe how local residents and project beneficiaries have been involved in the implementation of the project. N/A

Problems

6. Briefly describe any problem(s) which are hindering the achievement of the project's goals and objectives. Address each goal or objective not achieved.

Our only difficulty has been not enough time to complete all the tasks we wish to complete. This quarter has indeed been a very busy one for the Supervisor and the Americorp*VISTA's.

One of our major difficulties have been the lack of corporation by the Atlanta Police Department. The community residents still feel a lack of trust with the APD even with continued Community Meetings.

7. How will the problem(s) be solved?

Continued meetings with the Community and Atlanta Police Department. Letters to Superior Officers for further information as to the lack of response from the Zone Commander.

8. Have any objectives in the work plan been changed this quarter, and if so, why? Please attach any revised work plans for State Office approval. N/A

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

9. Describe any on-the-job orientation, in-service training, or other technical assistance provided to the AmeriCorps*VISTA Members by the sponsor or other agencies in the community.

How to tell your story, starting Neighborhood Network Center, in Seattle, Washington.
Safe Neighborhood Action Plan Conference, in Chicago, Illinois.
Building Leadership Skills, in Jackson, Georgia.
Community Development (SAHMA) Nashville, TN.

10. Describe efforts to recognize and publicize the AmeriCorps*VISTA Project and the work of the Members.

Grant announcements was covered by 2 local stations and broadcasted on the evening news 5:30 and 6:00pm.

Atlanta Constitution also ran a story.

11. For AmeriCorps*VISTA Members with less than 3 months left of their service, please identify by name and briefly describe progress being made by each in achieving goals of his/her career development plan. N/A

12. Are any of the project activities being coordinated with other Corporation programs in your area? If so, please list the programs and describe which activities. No.

NOTE: The sponsor/supervisor is required to review the completed PPR with the AmeriCorps*VISTA Members. The PPR form must be submitted with the completed Work Plan, Supervisors' summary, Member(s)' summaries, and where applicable, copies of press clippings, etc. per Question 1.

Signature of Sponsor Director:

Larry Maffett

Date:

5/2/97

Signature of Project Supervisor:

Victoria Gonzalez

Date:

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PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Operation P.E.A.C.E. has been very successful in convincing investors that Peace is a worthwhile venture. In the first six months the project has secured both monetary and material donations, have formed partnerships with several "sister" organizations, and have even managed to get a little (educational) traveling in between.

After the receipt of the four VISTA Volunteers, we had an established core to begin proposal writing. The first was to HUD (Housing and Urban Development) for a Neighborhood Network. Submitted in August of 1996, this proposal outlined PEACE's newest addition for a Computerized Learning Center. It proposed a donation from Wingate Management, owning management firm, to retrofit another apartment building basement to house the computer center. NationsBank has also agreed to the donation of 50 used computers for the center and a \$3000 donation for new equipment. Unfortunately, the large quantity of computers we never received but we did secure the monetary donation. Other avenues for technical support have been located and proposals sent.

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Target Area - Grantwriting Committee

Project Work Plan

The project work plan for my targeted area in grantwriting is consistent and complimentary with my obligations as a VISTA Volunteer.

The plan for the past nine months was to continuously conduct personal research ventures to expose PEACE to potential avenues for funding. Resources included: local libraries, foundation centers, Internet searches, HUD, federal grants, as well as human resources. Networking with other established grassroots organizations has also been resourceful for suggestions, tips, and additional info about how to apply and/or solicit monetary or material donations. The work plan also included introductions to community residents and information sessions acquainting them with our intentions within the community and the resources available to them on the property. Time would also be allotted for residents to voice ant additional community needs and concerns. Additional goals specific to the Grantwriting Committee was to establish a group of committed writers to assist with future grant applications.

Recently a suggestion has also been brought to my attention to initiate a Senior Citizens Group for the elders located on the property. Residents has already been notified via the latest "Bedford Pine Cone" and a list of interested parties is being established.

PERSONAL AND PROJECT SUCCESS AND DIFFICULTIES!

These last three quarters as a VISTA Volunteer have been the best of times and the worst of times. All in all, that which does not manage to kill you can only make you stronger. Therefore, these last three quarters have been a success.

As the one most skilled in grantwriting, and in knowing just how to say it, it is often my task to not only facilitate proposal submissions, but to draft many other correspondences soliciting goods and/or services. Personal successes include:

- proposal and receipt of technical support for PEACE'S 2nd Annual Retreat
- proposal and approval for PEACE's "Student Run Savings Bank" in collaboration with NationsBank of Georgia
- completion of an all day Proposal/grantwriting seminar sponsored by "The Foundation Center"
- completed proposal for the MLK Day of Service Grant
- facilitated Crime, Communities & Culture proposal for technical support of the CLC
- corresponded with all potential and approved funders to discuss status of grant submissions or receipts
- tutor at the Reach Out Center
- Interviewed children for student banking program (March 1997)
- completed proposal, including budget information, and letters of support for TIIAP Grant for technical and software support of CLC. (March 1997)
- support community policing efforts
- attended hearings to protest reopening of neighborhood liquor store
- Networked with Georgia State University representative to discuss a proposed collaboration to begin an Entrepreneur Program in the community to open stores in problem areas of the community.

Additional accomplishments for grantwriting include the receipt of \$7,500 from the Metro Atlanta Community Foundation Grant. \$517,000 and five computers from HUD for the Drug Elimination Grant Proposal. PEACE was also approved as a HUD Neighborhood Network site which would allow residents to have access to various resources through computerized networking.

As a participant in PEACE's 2nd anniversary celebration in November of 1996, this was an opportunity to recognize all individuals, groups, and organizations that help to make PEACE the success that it is. A lot of preparation went into the event, but collectively we worked to make it a guaranteed success.

The only real difficulties encountered with my position is the lack of dependable help when preparing proposals for submission. A very tedious task, extra hands, minds, and bodies can never be too plentiful. Otherwise I view these last three quarters of my VISTA tour a success.

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Mentoring, Tutoring Programs Link SNAP Youth with Local College Students & Businesses

The Atlanta SNAP Team has successfully integrated local college students who live at its Bedford Pines SNAP site into a strategy to provide role models for its youth. This SNAP Team has also been successful in soliciting local businesses to donate money and staff resources to its initiatives.

Keiron Williams, 22, a Morehouse College student who lives at the site, has participated in the afterschool tutoring program since the beginning. "It was something we could do to give back, especially since the community has all types of negative influences," he said.

Mentoring has a significant impact on Bedford Pines youth, Williams said, because it provides a positive alterna-

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Operation P.E.A.C.E. mentors are pictured with Bedford Pines youth.

Philadelphia's SNAP Partnership Commended for Successful Development of a Computer Learning Center in Target Area

Philadelphia, one of the first cities to get a computer learning center up and running in its SNAP target area, received high praise from Nicolas Retsinas, the Assistant Secretary of Housing at the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development during a groundbreaking ceremony in March.

Retsinas commended the local efforts that brought technology, and therefore new marketable skills, to the residents and youth in Philadelphia's

SNAP community and the surrounding area. "Rather than looking backward, we need to invest in our communities, and most of all, our children who are our future," Retsinas said.

He challenged the local government, community and private sector to continue working together to "build a bridge to tomorrow". He said he strongly supports investing in the future and tomorrow's opportunities while keeping a watchful eye on unnecessary spending.

"This is a time when people complain about how terrible things are and feel nothing works. Government has a responsibility — we can't shut down needs or put a moratorium on what needs to be done."

The computer learning center, which opened in early July, was built as an addition to the existing Montgomery Townhomes community center at the 134-unit federally-assisted complex.

Philadelphia's Neighborhood Net-

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