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ARIZONA

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Inc. Phoenix, AZ (Literacy)

Eleven (11) Summer Associates have joined three (3) full year VISTA's in developing and implementing an intergenerational family literacy project. Associates are recruiting adult learners and volunteer tutors to support the program. Functionally illiterate adults who are without employment are tutored as part of an effort to move them into the workplace.

Having completed their data entry project, the associates have installed a computer record of the students and tutors, including donor lists, special category lists, national, state and local forms and records. This has enhanced the programs ability to answer inquiries, information requests, respond to student and tutor needs, schedule student appointments, and provide support for interview, testing and placement activities.

The associates have gone through three of four tutor training workshops. These workshops assist in revamping training materials to be used in Basic Reading and ESL tutor training, assist in the reproduction and collation of training materials, and give the associates the skills necessary to tutor effectively.

The associates have received on the job orientations, attending a two day orientation in June conducted by the ACTION State Director, LVMC VISTA Supervisor and LVMC staff. The associates receive individual instruction as needed.

Two (2) associates have monitored the LEARN Center Computer Lab, tracking student entry and exit. They also report to the Arizona Office of the Courts or any other agency requiring data, record student progress, and maintain an inventory for lab teaching materials.

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County was established in 1982 as a free one-on-one adult reading tutor program. The program now serves 1,500 students per year.

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COLORADO

Habitat for Humanity Denver, CO (Housing)

Thirty-four VISTA Summer Associates have joined eight current full year VISTA's to create a stronger statewide network of Habitat for Humanity affiliate, to increase community and general public awareness of the Habitat for Humanity projects, to assist in resource mobilization and to increase their ability to provide more homes for low-income families.

Associates have helped construct 12 new homes and 2 duplexes have been accelerated in the six sites where the associates have been assigned. This includes 6 homes in Denver, 2 in Loveland and Colorado Springs, 3 in Greeley, 1 Ft. Morgan, and 2 duplexes in Loveland, and one duplex in Cheyenne, Wy and 5 renovations on duplexes in Colorado Springs.

Associates have been instrumental in recruiting hundreds of additional volunteers helping with the development of the sites and actual construction of the homes. In Denver, it is estimated that at least \$50,00 worth of labor has been donated by trade unions and other organized groups and more than \$60,000 worth of materials have been donated.

Associates have been developing plans for the Denver World Youth Day Building Blitz, which is scheduled August 2-15, 1993. During the "Blitz" 4 new homes will be constructed and one of them will be done by Women Accepting The Challenge (WATCH). The Pope's visit to Denver is scheduled for August 12-15 and the President is scheduled to be there as well.

The awareness of Habitat For Humanity has been greatly increased in the minority communities of Denver and Ft Morgan due to the strong efforts of the minority associates in each community.

Houses are built with donated land, labor, cash and materials. Funds are raised through individual and church donations, as well as public and private grants. Through Habitat's program, low income people directly affect their community in a positive way.

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MARYLAND

Baltimore Reads, Inc. Baltimore, MD (Literacy)

Fifteen Summer Associates have joined three current VISTA's at Baltimore READS summer literacy camp working at "The Door." Associates are working with parents or guardians reinforcing literacy skills at home and the parents or guardians are invited to work with their children on academic skills in the computer lab. Other components of the program include: computers, African-American history, drug prevention, art, recreation, and nutritional education.

The associates are in the midst of a 10 week intergenerational literacy program for 50 children and their parents or guardians. They went through intensive training in order to teach African-American history, drug prevention, how to work with computers, arts, and literacy at The Door, a converted church. Now they operate a day camp program daily, 6 hours a day for 9 weeks.

Before the program, the associates met with the parents or guardians of all participating children to encourage their participation in the program; they have received a positive response from them as several have participated in the reading-at-home component of the program.

The associates will continue intergenerational literacy initiatives through public and private resources, both human and fiscal. They are assisting in securing in-kind funding to expand and extend program activities through the end of August. They are also participating in planning public relation activities designed to publicize the program.

The Door, a non-profit organization, has been administering youth programs since 1987. Joe Ehrmann, a former Baltimore Colt, started this program by recruiting children off the streets. Now there are more than 200 children waiting to get into The Door, unfortunately there is not enough room to accommodate all of them. The program serves 1,500 per year.

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NEW YORK

Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc. Brooklyn, NY (Homeless)

Eight Summer Associates have joined current three full year VISTA's identifying and providing services to over 50 homeless families who currently reside in city shelters or transitional housing units. Services include housing, health care, education and economic support gearing toward children who are at risk.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday the associates make site visits to 25 shelters around the area to their 50 families. The associates research where the families can go after they have left the shelters. Then they inform them about Public Housing, submitting Section 8 applications and the Emergency Apartment Rental Program (EARP) when they are ready to live on their own.

2 of the associates identify youth who may be at risk of dropping out of school, violent activities, drug use or teen pregnancy in the shelter and recruit them to join their class which meets every Wednesday. 25 youths have signed up for the class and are tutored, play games and take field trips.

Associates assist the families involved in negotiations with H.R.A. and other City, State and Federal agencies in regards to any and all entitlements in order to help them get out of the shelter.

This organization, founded in 1979, was formed to be the center for the veteran community services by assisting veterans and their families in the areas of housing, employment, self-appraisal and goal development. They have purchased a 20 unit building to house homeless veterans, established a HIV/AIDS outreach program and drug and alcohol abuse referral.

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OHIO

Ohio Literacy Network Columbus, OH (Literacy)

Eighteen Summer Associates are working with four full year VISTA's in Cleveland and Akron helping expand and strengthen the Ohio Literacy Network's ability to tutor children and adults by providing reading and storytelling services, recruiting families and individuals to the program, providing English-as-a-second-language, and developing new projects.

8 associates are working in coalition with the Cleveland City Schools on existing summer programs. There are 107 adults and 76 children tutored one on one. Seven of the associates work in local schools while the other works in a shelter. The retention rate of the students has been incredibly high due, in large part to the associates.

1 associate works with the East Cleveland Library to help educate the community about teaching literacy and how to use the libraries. The associate has made seven out of nine kits for the children at each library. The kits are built around a theme from which the children can put on a skit.

5 associates have joined a full year VISTA to start a new program, Project Learn, in Akron. They have recruited 14 children and 8 adults as students. They have developed a handbook on how to set up a family literacy program and a rating measurement in order to rate the progress of each new program. The associates average 4 1/2 hours per week with each student helping improve their reading skills and their self-confidence.

4 associates are in Portage County with the Portage County Schools on tutoring children and adults. 1 associate is working 12 hours per week with groups at 4 sites with 5 - 15 to a group. All of the associates spend 5 hours per week tutoring one-on-one with children and adults, they also spend 15 hours a week teaching English as second language. They have created a brochure for the schools which lists all available resources. At 4 sites they started a book lending program, where members of the community lend their books to the program.

The Ohio Literacy Network is a nonprofit organization composed of individuals and public and private organizations dedicated to helping illiterate and under-educated children and adults achieve basic literacy skills necessary to function effectively in society. The program activities are directed toward assessing unmet literacy needs, providing services and resources to literacy providers, serving as a mechanism for information exchange, encouraging the development of needed programs, advocating literacy awareness, and recruiting students and volunteers.

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RHODE ISLAND

Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island, Inc. Providence, RI (Housing)

Eight Summer Associates are working with two full year VISTA's at the Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island to build homes for low-income people in South Providence. Associates are working on construction, fundraising and putting together a Habitat manual translated into Spanish.

2 associates work in the office translating a 120 page manual to Spanish and running to city hall for certificate of occupancy and give blue print to surveyors, etc., they have installed a mailing list on Wordperfect and they work at the sites on Saturdays

6 associates work on three houses all week. All associates have attended workshops for teaching Habitat programs. They have served as an advocate for the Hispanic community as they have recruited a Spanish speaking policeman who can communicate the rights to those who cannot speak English.

Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island is targeting to eliminate poverty housing in South Providence while building a sense of community among Habitat families. The program builds in partnership with families, community volunteers and others in order to give quality low-cost housing for the low-income working families. Since its inception in 1987, Habitat has provided simple, decent and affordable housing for 10 families (31 children and 16 adults

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TENNESSEE

United Way of Greater Memphis Memphis, TN (Housing)

Eighteen Summer Associates are working with eighteen full year VISTA's on housing issues in the greater Memphis area. Associates are conducting door-to-door interviews informing residents of housing programs and collecting information on housing needs. They are also working with neighborhood groups developing strategies for self-help housing improvement.

1 associate is working with the Alliance for the Blind, assisting in promoting and coordinating activities for the visually impaired. The associate has accomplished this by coordinating a 5K run for 14 blind individuals, a blind volleyball tournament and a Walk for the Alliance event, researching agencies and visually impaired individuals in Tipton Counties to determine need and to develop a task force. The associate has also assisted with the development of a newsletter.

2 associates are working with the Delta Research and Development Foundation, assisting residents with obtaining affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods. They have developed information flyers about self-help housing and distributed them to families in four rural cities. They researched vacant lots which could be used to build homes and assisted with mailing letters to vacant lot owners attempting to purchase property.

1 associate is working with Douglass, Bungalow, Crump Neighborhood Association to assist residents with revitalizing neighborhoods by identifying minor rehab and other beautification needs. The associate has done this by designing a survey instrument to gather information from residents about their needs, planning Neighborhood Expo - a 3 day event informing residents about community projects, and recruit local college students enter tutorial programs.

1 associate is working with the Memphis Food Bank to assist with collecting a comprehensive fresh produce collection and distribution plan. The associate has helped set up a fresh produce phone line, coordinate disbursement of produce, create farms to track donor contributions and analyze most effective food distribution.

5 associates are working with the Memphis Multi-bank Community Development Corporation to conduct interviews with households to gather information about housing needs and financial status of potential home buyers. The associates coordinate meetings to inform residents of the program, have surveyed 50 households about their needs, recruited 25 local college students to help with the surveys. They have helped clean 3 rehab houses, started a newsletter to keep the community informed on events such as the August 12th community clean-up day, and wrote grants to Mortgage Bankers Association and Metropolitan Life Foundation to fund projects.

1 associate is working with Memphis Partners to assist with support groups, gathering information about various community programs and encourage students to stay in school. The associate is evaluating the effectiveness of Peer Counselor at State tech Community College and meeting with students who completed the Future Workforce Program to see if they are following through with GED completion, job search, etc.

1 associate is working with Mental Health Association to research, analyze and develop resource directory of self-help groups for older women. The associate

has developed information pamphlets which are used as recruiting device for self-help groups, conducted research to determine most appropriate sites for self-help groups, forming an advisory committee to oversee project.

3 associates are working with St. Patricks Neighborhood Housing Development to develop a system and a strategy for working with neighborhood families who have a number of housing needs. They have compiled data about all housing providers in town, developed a housing survey instrument to gather information about families and their needs.

3 associates are working with Students, Mothers and Concerned Citizens to assist neighborhood residents with minor home repairs and other beautification projects. They identified over 30 needy homes, conduct research about rental prices in the neighborhood which will be used to secure funds for housing projects, and have distributed information throughout the neighborhood about the program.

United Way of Greater Memphis is a federation of 59 non-profit agencies serving over 350,000 individuals and utilizing the services of 45,000 volunteers in the Memphis and Shelby County area.

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WASHINGTON

Fremont Public Association Seattle, WA (Homeless/Hunger/Health)

Fifty nine Summer Associates are serving with eight current VISTA's on existing programs that include: foodbanks; homeless shelters; health education for AIDS, drug abuse and immunization; as well as serving youth at-risk in the areas of tutoring, recreation, mentoring, and gang prevention.

8 associates are working at the Atlantic Street Center in teams of two planning and implementing Atlantic Street's four Summer Academy sites - providing tutorial assistance and supervised recreational activities for children.

1 associate is working with Big Sisters of King County assisting with community outreach and public relations with the goal of recruiting volunteer Big Sisters throughout King County.

1 associate works at the Center for Career Alternatives providing educational, training and employment services to inner-city at-risk youth between the ages of 14-21 (including providing tutorial instruction in science).

2 associates are working at the Center for Human Services providing one-on-one tutorial assistance and plan for Partners in Prevention Camp, a three day fall camp training high school students to be leaders in substance abuse prevention.

1 associate is working with the Chicken Soup Brigade working one-on-one with clients served by the Chicken Soup Brigade (people with AIDS) to determine what support services they require.

3 associates work with the Cities-in-School (Seattle) establishing and training student leadership teams among the most at-risk students at seven Seattle area schools.

1 associate works with the cities-in-School (Tukwila) expanding parent outreach and support in Tukwila's South Central School District by creating parent-to-parent support groups.

2 associates are working with the Department of Social and Health Services on one-on-one meetings with homeless families and shelter staff to increase their knowledge of the services available under the State's "Healthy Kids" program.

2 associates are working with the Fremont Public Association: Food Resources division assisting in the development of a Farmers Market in Seattle's Central Area. They are conducting outreach to community residents to identify potential market gardeners and families in need of homebound produce delivery.

2 associates are working with the Fremont Public Association: Housing Development division to develop a comprehensive home inspection and energy conservation program designed to assist low-income families living in a Seattle-area mobile home park.

2 associates are working with Friends of Youth planning and implementing a summer recreational program in one of two eastside emergency shelters serving runaway youth between the ages of 13 and 18.

2 associates are working with the Medina Children's Services providing supportive services to teen parents by providing tutorial services, assisting with job searches and housing searches, and other needs.

4 associates are working with Neighborhood House assisting in planning and implementing an educational and recreational summer program for children living in public housing communities in Kent and Auburn.

1 associate is working with the North Seattle Family Center planning and implementing a program of structured and supervised for neighborhood children ages 6-10.

1 associate is with the Our Place Daycare working one-on-one and providing daily special activities for the homeless children served by Our House Daycare.

2 associates work with POCAAN providing information about HIV/AIDS and other health related matters to the community through street outreach and public presentations.

1 associate works at the Ranier Beach Community Center coordinating a summer education and recreation program for neighborhood youth ages 11-17.

3 associates work with Seattle Emergency Housing planning and implementing an all-day summer youth program for children ages 6-17 living at the shelter.

4 associates are with the Seattle Food Committee working with 5 food banks around the City organizing and coordinating food drives, developing a donor base, and planning fundraising events.

6 associates are with the Seattle Parks Department: "Together for Teens" working in teams of 2 helping develop and supervise a Teen Board at each of the three "Together for Teens" 1993 Summer Project sites initiated by the Seattle Parks Department, they are also helping facilitate weekly field trips, peer counseling and multi-cultural awareness/appreciation programs.

2 associates are working with the Southwest Family Center planning and implementing a structured and supervised program full of activities for neighborhood youths ages 11-13.

3 associates are working with Street Outreach Services providing AIDS/drug outreach for at-risk street youth in the downtown corridor and providing supportive services to newly recovering addicts two women's groups.

3 associates are working with Volunteers of America coordinating the summer program providing gang and substance abuse prevention activities for Cambodian youth living in one of the three public housing communities.

1 associate works with Youthcare coordinating and implementing a variety of recreational activities and outings for runaway, homeless youths from The Shelter, ages 11-21

The agency was created in 1974 as a local neighborhood organization providing housing for the homeless, in-home care for the elderly and disabled, and legal services, emergency food, counseling and employment assistance. The Association is one of the largest multi-service centers in Washington state operating twenty programs that serve over 30,000 low-income people throughout Seattle and King County each year.

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VISITS to VSA SITES

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Arizona:

*Rep. Sam Coppersmith (D) visited closing ceremony:
8/9

Arkansas:

*Rep. Blanche Lambert (D) visited both sites in AK

California: no visits

Colorado:

Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D) visited 8/14

Connecticut:

*Rep. Christopher Shays (R) visited 7/19

Florida: no visits

Georgia:

*Rep. John Lewis (D) staff went to PSO & end of
service
Jack Kingston (R) sent staff to Waycross site

Illinois:

*Sen. Paul Simon (D) visited 6/26

Maryland:

Mayor Kurt Schmoke visited 7/12

Massachusetts:

*Rep. Joeseeph Kennedy (D) attended end of service

Michigan: no visits

Mississippi: no visits

New Jersey: no visits

New York:

*Rep. Major Owens (D) visited Bed. Stuy. 8/19

North Carolina:

*Rep. David Price (D) visited 7/19

Ohio: no visits

Pennsylvania:

*Rep. Thomas Foglietta (D) attended end of service

Rhode Island:

***Rep. Jack Reed (D)** visited Habitat 7/31

South Carolina: no visits

Tennessee:

Sen. Jim Sasser (D) visited 8/12

Sen. Harlan Mathews (D) visited end of service 8/16

***Rep. Harold Ford (D)** he visited in Sept. after VSA

Texas: no visits

Washington: no visits

MEDIA TRACKING REPORT for

VISTA SUMMER ASSOCIATE AS OF JULY 27, 1993

PRINT: Akron, Oh: Akron Beacon Journal (7/26)
Austin, TX: Austin American Statesman (6/19)
Brevard, NC: Transylvania Times (5/17)
Boston, MA: Boston Globe (7/27)
Chicago, IL: Chicago Sun Times (6/5)
Cheyenne, WY: Wyoming State Tribune (5/14), Tribune-Eagle (7/11)
Denver, CO: Rocky Mountain News (8/3)
Detroit, MI: The Metro Times (5/26), detroit News (8/10)
Greenville/Spartenburg, SC: Spartanburg Gazette, Greenville News, Greenville Piedmont (6/9)
Hendersonville, NC: Times-News (7/7)
Jonesboro, AR: Paragould Daily Press (5/15)
Los Angeles, CA: Sentinel (6/17), The Los Angeles Times (8/6)
Miami, FL: Diario Las Americas, Miami Herald (6/10)
Memphis, TN: The Memphis Commercial Appeal (6/11), Evening Times
Meridian, MS: Meridian Star (5/16)
New Haven, CT: Connecticut Post (6/15), New Haven Register (6/15),
Reminder (5/18)
Philadelphia, PA: The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/9), Philadelphia
Tribune (5/21), Star Newspaper (7/23)
Providence, RI: Providence Journal (5/21, 8/4), Evening Bulletin
(5/21, 5/27)
Sacramento, CA: The Union (7/6), Sacramento Bee (7/6), Neighbors-
East (7/25)
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, PA: The Sranonian (7/11), The Times Leader
(6/5), Scranton Times (5/12, 6/2), The Tribune (6/2), Sharing the
News (June)
Seattle, WA: Seattle Times (6/7), Seattle Post-Intelligencer
(5/21), Northwest Facts (5/19)
Teague, TX: Teague Chronicle (5/20)
Washington, NC: Washington Daily News (7/11)
West Memphis, AR: Evening Times (5/13, 5/17, 7/16)

TV: Austin, TX: KXAN (NBC) (6/12)
Denver, CO: KCNC Channel 4, KUSA Channel (6/15)
Greenville/Spartenburg, SC: WSPA Channel 7 (CBS), WLOS Channel 13,
WYFF Channel 4 (NBC)
Jonesboro, AR: KSIT Channel 8 (ABC)
Los Angeles, CA: KCBS (covered 2 sessions, 6/9), KCAL
Memphis, TN: WMC (NBC, interviewed Diana 6/3)
Meridian, MS: WPVI Channel 14, WXTF (5/13), WTZH Channel 24
Evening News (5/10), WTOK Channel 11 News (5/10)
Miami, FL: Channel 19 (ABC) (5/19), Channel 4 (NBC), Channel 51
Philadelphia, PA: KYW Channel 3 (NBC), Channel 6 (ABC)
Phoenix, AZ: KPHO Channel 5 (6/10)
Scranton, PA: WYOU Channel 22 (CBS), WNEP Newswatch 16 (ABC), WREG
Channel 3 (CBS)
Washington, D.C.: News Channel 8 (5/11)

RADIO: Akron, OH: WAKR (7/25)
Austin, TX: KLBj (6/2)
Boston, MA: WBUR AM (6/7 Eli interview)

New Haven, CT: WELI
New York, NY: KROC FM, WCBS (7/18)
Philadelphia, PA: WUSL Jazz FM
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre: WARM