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AFC MENTORING

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Youth

Description:

Vision Statement: AFC Mentoring envisions a world in which all children who have been through adoption and foster care will live rewarding and happy childhoods and will be successful adults.

Mission Statement: AFC Mentoring brings positive adult mentors to children going through adoption, foster care, and/or similar situations, reducing feelings of isolation, increasing resiliency and preparing them for successful futures.

Our mentees are children usually between the ages of eight and twelve with experiences around adoption and/or foster care. We want our mentees to know that they are not alone, that another has been through something similar to what they are going through, that one can go through these situations and be OK. In the AFCMentors program, the mentor has had a similar experience; in the Team AFC program, other mentees have similar experiences. We want to provide something more constant in lives that have been filled with uncertainty. We want to give mentees someone to talk to and to spend time with.

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AMERICA COUNTS

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Youth

Description: Mathematics is a key to opportunity. To stay on track for college and promising careers, today's students must achieve to high academic standards. Unfortunately, many of our nation's young students are not currently performing at this level. While national math test scores are slowly rising, far too many of our students continue to struggle. And, in international assessments, the United States does not compare favorably.

One means of helping students improve their mathematics achievement is to provide them with personal attention and additional learning opportunities through tutoring and mentoring. Caring and dedicated adults can make a difference in young people's lives by helping them build a strong mathematical foundation that will leave the doors of opportunity wide open.

The success and sustainability of math tutoring programs depends on the active involvement of many people. Those with an interest in this effort can, for example, serve as tutors or mentors, help with program coordination, or provide content or pedagogic guidance as appropriate to their expertise. Get involved today—you can make a difference!

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Health and Wellness, Youth

Description:

We care for and educate more than 950 children each business day of the year, from birth to school-age, in six early care and education centers and 105 family child care provider homes. Our rich history and community partnerships enhance the quality of our service. We provide developmentally, culturally and linguistically comprehensive early education in nurturing and stimulating environments designed for children. We serve, primarily, working families of greater Boston. Half of the families we serve speak a language other than English at home.

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BIRD STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: youth

Description: The mission of *Bird Street Community Center* is to serve, through a unique partnership with residents, the needs of a vibrant community by providing quality and affordable child care, recreational, educational, and developmental activities for youth and their families.

Bird Street Community Center is a youth center serving children and youth ages 5-18. We have two main programs. School Age Child Care Program is a licensed child care program from 2-6pm in the afternoons for children ages 5-13. The second is the Youth Development Program, which is a drop-in program for youth ages 10-18. This program is open from 2-6:30pm each weekday and until 8pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It includes tutoring, literacy, community service, a place to do homework, sports leagues, book club, cultural expression, girls' group, boys' group, art, dance, field trips, and general recreation.

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BOSTON COLLEGE TUTORING PROGRAM

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description: See Attached Materials

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Education

Description:

Our *mission* is to help Boston Public School students gain the academic skills and self-confidence they need to become successful learners and to reach their full potential. BPE is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and supports approximately 2000 volunteers each year for over 100 Boston Public Schools. Volunteers work as tutors, mentors, or classroom assistants. Opportunities are available for individuals or groups.

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description:

Come Tell Stories at the Library. As an art and architecture tour guide, you will have the fun of telling visitors many stories about the library. Topics include history, art, architecture, civics, politics, etc.

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FRESH AIR FUND

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description:

Since 1877, *The Fresh Air Fund*, a not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations in the country to more than 1.7 million New York City children from disadvantaged communities. Each year, thousands of children visit volunteer host families in 13 states and Canada through the Friendly Town Program or attend Fresh Air Fund camps.

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GEAR UP BOSTON

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description:

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a federally funded initiative designed to help young people have high expectations for themselves and to provide support to help them achieve their goals. GEAR UP in Boston is a partnership project that is managed by the Boston Public Schools and The Boston Higher Education Partnership. It involves eight colleges and universities directly paired with Boston public schools. The partnership project also includes a number of community partners.

In September these students will be entering the 10th and 11th grades. Our two original cohorts of students now attend all of Boston's district and examination schools. While our efforts are focused on seven high schools, we make sure that our students at the other high schools have either become part of two other GEAR UP programs that involve Boston students or are contacted regularly by GEAR UP in Boston staff to check on their progress and offer support as needed. GEAR UP programs are located at all district high schools and one examination high school. GEAR UP in Boston also serves students who live in four Boston Housing Authority sites and attend schools across the city. In this unique partnership services for these students are provided on a university campus.

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GENERATIONS, INC.

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description: *Generations Incorporated*: "Uniting youth and older adults to strengthen individuals and communities." Through our literacy, mentoring, and community service learning activities, youth and older adults have a positive impact on their communities and each other in school and after-school settings in Dorchester, Roxbury and South Boston. Generations Incorporated's Experience Corps Program is a national program that engages older adults in community service, with a strong focus on education. It currently operates in 15 cities across the country, with Generations Incorporated serving as the Boston area host of the program. Generations Incorporated's Experience Corps Program has three components:

Literacy: Experience Corps volunteers tutor elementary-school students in Boston Public Schools and after-school programs. Each pair meets two to three times per week in one-to-one reading sessions that help under-performing children recover lost ground.

Mentoring: Experience Corps volunteers serve as classroom mentors or lunchtime mentors. As classroom mentors, volunteers work with 2 or 3 students at a time during the teacher's literacy session twice a week for 1.5 hours. As lunchtime mentors, volunteers eat lunch, read a book, and play games with a student during his/her 40 minute lunch period.

Community Service Learning: Experience Corps volunteers and local elementary and middle-school children serve together on a variety of community service projects. Some projects occur regularly throughout the school year and engage frail older adults living nursing homes through activities and service. Other projects include one-day intergenerational service activities that benefit the community.

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JAMAICA PLAIN COMMUNITY CENTER

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Community building

Description:

The Adult Learning Program of the *Jamaica Plain Community Centers* is a community based adult education program dedicated to the EMPOWERMENT of adults in advocating for themselves, their families and their communities through the provision of free basic education, ESL and high school diploma programs. The ALP aims to offer adults the tools they need to achieve their career, educational and personal goals and to offer the services necessary in the relocation process for immigrants and refugees.

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JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Education

Description:

JVS creates a network of services and supports to help the working poor gain education and skills for employment and job advancement over time. By volunteering for *JVS*, you can help provide support at many stages of the participant's road to advancement. Whether you're serving as a mentor, tutoring a student, or , you can watch someone make the move from taking a class to interviewing for a promotion to starting a new and better job.

Tutor/mentor Boston Public High School students (NEW!)
Teach New Americans English Language Skills and Cultural Awareness
Teach Computer Skills
Help an Entrepreneur Succeed in Business
Be a Career Mentor
Help Individuals Search for Jobs
Give Administrative Support at a Career Resource Library
Bilingual Volunteers Assist Clients and Employment Counselors (NEW!)
Student Internships
Other Volunteer Opportunities

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JUMPSTART

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Youth

Description: *Jumpstart* engages young people in service to work towards the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed by pairing University students with at-risk preschool children. This program is run through Suffolk University and is available for students with work-study money.

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LA VIDA, INC.

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Community Building

Description: *La Vida, Inc.* is a non-profit organization that serves through six different projects the Hispanic population in the Greater Boston area. La Vida's afterschool program, La Vida Youth Enrichment Services "YES" & La Vida Yes-YES2, serves 40 Hispanic middle school students and 20 Hispanic high school students from Lynn. Our main goal in this project is to help the Hispanic youth to develop the appropriate social and academic behaviors while promoting their leadership skills. This program is from 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM open Monday thru Thursday.

The mission of La Vida, Inc. is to assist the Hispanic Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Boston in caring for the spiritual and material needs of Greater Boston Hispanics, and in promoting their participation and leadership not only in the Church, but also in their communities. Our new program, La Vida Youth Enrichment Services "YES", helps 40 Hispanic middle school students from Lynn to increase their self-esteem, improve academically, and develop positive leadership skills. Our curriculum focusses on tutoring and enrichment activities such as homework help, sports, arts and crafts, music, computers, civic awareness, conflict resolution skills, violence prevention, and robots.

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MASSACHUSETTS MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description: *MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership* has been leading the effort to connect America's young people with caring adult mentors. MENTOR was created in 1990 by financiers and philanthropists Geoff Boisi and Ray Chambers. In their work reaching out to young people across the country, they had heard the same attitudes expressed over and over: No one cares about us, and the American dream is a joke.

Today, approximately 35.2 million children ages 10 to 18 live in the United States. Of that number, about half - or 17.6 million - could benefit greatly from a high-quality formal mentoring relationship with a caring adult. Many face especially difficult circumstances: 1 out of 4 lives with only one parent; 1 out of 10 is born to teen parents; 1 out of 5 lives in poverty; and 1 out of 10 will not finish high school. Currently, we estimate that, of the 17.6 million young people who need mentors, approximately 2.5 million are in formal, high-quality mentoring relationships. That means more than 15 million young people still need mentors. That unmet need constitutes what we call the "mentoring gap." MENTOR works to close this gap. To close the mentoring gap, we have identified a number of barriers that historically have prevented mentoring from being available to all who need it. Barriers include: too little support for existing mentoring efforts; duplication of efforts in some areas, while not enough initiatives in others; lack of easy access to information about how to start and maintain mentoring efforts; high attrition among mentors and would-be mentors; and not enough influence with decision makers at all levels regarding mentoring issues. By leveraging resources, we have been able to help communities tackle the barriers that hinder their efforts to expand mentoring.

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PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Political, Community Building, Education

Description: This program supports prisoners who want to educate themselves and their peers by providing them with free, high-quality reading material. The books, magazines and legal materials that we send are a scarce resource inside American prisons and, at the same time, are essential to the development of community, personal identity, and self-esteem. We aim to foster a line of communication between the community outside and the people inside prison.

Though our service is relatively simple, it is quite necessary and relevant. As incarceration in the United States focuses more and more on punishment instead of rehabilitation, education programs and libraries within the prison system become weakened. Furthermore, laws exist in many states that prohibit prisoners from receiving books from their friends or family. For indigent prisoners who cannot afford to obtain books through a publisher or bookstore, we are often their only means of accessing the reading materials of their choice.

We firmly believe that access to books and other educational materials is a human right. Books can empower an individual, lift a despaired spirit. Prisoners need educational resources if they are to be fully rehabilitated. Access to quality reading materials is instrumental in building personal, spiritual, and political power with prisons.

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RECORDING FOR THE BLIND AND DYSLEXIC (RFB&D)

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description:

RFB&D now has a volunteer force of more than 4,900 volunteers who added 4,167 titles to our library in the year 2003. RFB&D has also undertaken an innovative Educational Outreach initiative — bringing our services directly into the schools to train teachers and students how to most effectively use our recorded textbooks.

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category:

Description:

TEACH! TUTOR! MENTOR! AT *SUMMERBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE!* Opportunities for college and high school students to teach and tutor Cambridge middle school students after school or on the weekend. Get hands-on teaching experience, training in working with middle school students, and the thrill of helping students continue to succeed in school. All volunteers fill out a brief volunteer application. Upon acceptance, volunteers participate in a mandatory training offered by the Summerbridge staff. The training includes program policies, issues of adolescent development, learning styles and multiple intelligences, classroom management, as well as teaching and tutoring tips. Please call the office for further information and application materials.

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Other Category:

Description: *Teach For America* is building the movement to eliminate educational inequity in this country. Since 1990, more than 10,000 exceptional individuals have joined Teach For America, committing two years to teach in low-income rural and urban communities. Following this experience, many have become committed leaders in the effort to expand opportunities for all children. Teach For America has 22 regional sites across the country, including our expansion into Las Vegas and South Dakota in the fall of 2004.

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CITIZEN'S SCHOOLS

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Primary Category: Education

Other Category: Education

Description:

Citizen Schools, an after school and summer enrichment program, inspires and educates children while strengthening community through unique learning apprenticeships. The program challenges children to become apprentices and learn side-by-side some of Boston's most talented artisans, tradespeople and professionals -- Citizen Teachers who volunteer their time.

Students learn by doing as they actually write children's books; design web pages; start businesses; build cabinets; perform original dances; cook gourmet meals; publish newspapers; and much, much more. Citizen Schools works because of the dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to share their skills and knowledge with small groups of children at Citizen Schools campuses in Boston Public Schools across the city.

Apprenticeships are at the heart of Citizen Schools. Boston's best professionals, artisans, and trades people work directly with small groups of 9-14 year olds to develop amazing products and performances that are valuable to the community and make the kids and the adults say, "WOW!"

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