



HORIZONS

JUNE NEWSLETTER

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

VOLUNTEER DAY @ SF FOOD BANK



SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK

Horizons' employment program coordinators took their youth on a trip to the San Francisco food bank this past May. Close to 15 MYEEP and NDEP participants engaged in frozen pasta and grapefruit packaging for later distribution to the city of San Francisco.

Youth were exposed to the reality of homelessness and hunger in the city, a social injustice they might not normally have otherwise witnessed so closely. While this trip was mandatory for some and encouraged for all, there's no doubt that youth gained valuable lessons in teamwork and community service.

Below: NDEP Coordinator Lia on the right & NDEP youth Robin on the left.



MISSION DISTRICT CARNAVAL

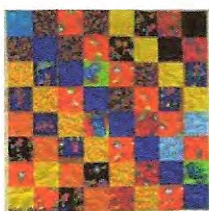
A handful of Horizons youth accompanied DJ Project Coordinator Anjanette in promotional efforts at SF's annual Carnaval celebration.

Pictured below: youth volunteers- Patrick, Jackie & Jessica- @ Carnaval NBA Nation, a fanfest-type gathering of basketball-oriented activities.



TURNING HEADS ART EXHIBIT @ HORIZONS

On May 13th, Horizons hosted an end-of-workshop fashion exhibition for a neighboring organization called Turning Heads. The show displayed an array of skirts, blouses, tapestries and more- all designed and fabricated by 8 young women from the Sewing & Fashion Design Program.



MYEEP & NDEP GRADUATION



As the 08-'09' fiscal year is coming to a close, Horizons' employment programs threw a congratulatory graduation event for their youth. Families and friends of participants gathered to eat, dance, and be merry. As usual, the entertainment was proudly provided by DJ Project youth.

Pictured below: [Top] MYEEP CITs help to hand out certificates of achievement. [Bottom] MYEEP youth Patrick gazes toward a bright future.



May Progress & June Updates

Summer Solstice:

This commemorative date marks the beginning of summer. In the Northern hemisphere, this day boasts the longest sunlight hours and shortest nighttime of the year. In 2009, summer will begin on June 21st @ 1:45 am, Eastern Daylight Time.

The word Solstice comes from the Latin root SOL meaning sun, and SISTIT meaning stand. We know Solstice to signify the time when the sun appears to stand still in the sky; when its noontime elevation does not seem to change.

FEMALES AGAINST VIOLENCE (FAV)

The final Level 1 cycle of the year began this past May; the final stretch of a very successful year for Females Against Violence Peer Educator training. Level 1 Cycle 4 currently has 8 participants from Downtown HS, Galileo HS, and SF State. These young women are of a slightly older age range, flavoring this cycle with a mature sense of understanding.

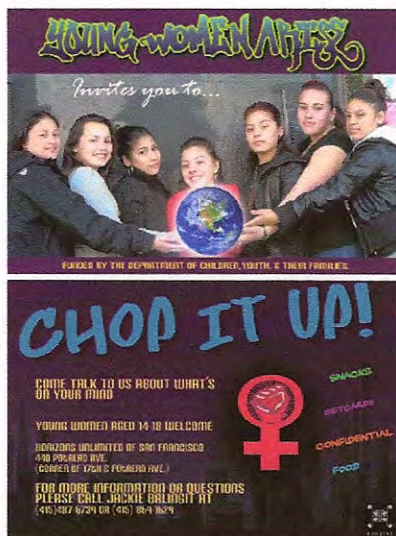
Pictured below: Level 1 Cycle 4:

Horizons' proposal-writing team has now sent off contract renewals to support FAV during the upcoming 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. In line with this current fiscal year, we're requesting a renewal for funding from the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families & the Department on the Status of Women.

YOUNG WOMEN ARISE (YWAP)

5000 YWAP flyers have arrived to the agency to promote peer-led support groups taking place this June as well as the fiscal year to come. YWAP support groups are the final product of an intensive 7 month training program teaching young women the skills of counseling. The front of the flyer showcases the faces of 6 current YWAP participants- Bianey,

Andreina, Stephanie, Areli, Yajaira, Susalen- and their fearless coordinator Jackie Balingit. The backside describes in detail the invitation to 'Chop It Up!' See below:



YWAP is still seeking support group participants for June. If you know any interested young women, contact Jackie @ (415) 869-1629.

Welcome Back,

Horizons would like to welcome back NDEP coordinator JoAnna Marie from a 3-month maternity leave of absence. For the time being, JoAnna will be splitting the full-time coordinator position with interim coordinator Lia- each coordinator working 20 of the total 40 hours.

Upcoming Activities

Mark Your Calendars

June 3

- All-Staff Meeting @ 12:00 pm

if you're free, check out...

June-August 2009

- Stern Grove Festival
Established in 1938, it's the oldest admission-free summer performing arts festival of its kind in the United States.

Mid to Late June

- Free Shakespeare @ GG Park

June 6-28

- SF Ethnic Dance Festival
This Year's Theme is *Return of the Sun: The Legend of How the Sun Got Its Light.*

June 6 & 7

- Union Street Festival

June 13 & 14

- North Beach Festival

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- 33rd Annual SF Free Folk Festival @ Presidio Middle School

June 14

- Haight Ashbury Street Fair

June 18-28

- Frameline: SF Int'l LGBT Film Festival

June 27 & 28

- SF Pride