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Alternative Breaks Program-Service in Rural Kansas Communities

KSU has a program in the School of Leadership Studies called the "Alternative Breaks" program. The Alternative Breaks office coordinates groups of KSU students to engage in one-day "Weekend Breaks" service projects. The project coordinators, Bethany Caldwell and Erika Williams, contacted the PRIDE office to see if there might be PRIDE communities within a 120 mile radius of Manhattan that would be interested in having a student team come for a day to help with a project. If your PRIDE community has a project and would like to participate, contact:



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Community Highlight: Tampa

Out with the Old-In with the New

Tampa PRIDE, a newly organized PRIDE community in Marion County, has organized a group of volunteers to plan and execute a number of projects in the community. When organizing just over a year ago, Tampa PRIDE identified a need to provide opportunities for people of all ages to gather in the community for fellowship and recreational opportunities to increase the health of the people of Tampa.

To date they report that they've had a busy summer which includes taking down an unsafe piece of playground equipment in the park, adding a new basketball court with adjustable goals to accommodate young adults and sponsoring a farmer's market which also provides an evening of fellowship for the community and provides sources of fresh fruits and vegetables.

In addition to these projects, the PRIDE group responded to a critical issue related to the fact that they do not have a convenience store and the café closes at 2 p.m. by sponsoring a concession stand and pop machines during these evening events.

Community Resource Act (CRA) Grant Applications Due October 15, 2011

CRA grants helps communities in Kansas organize their own community education

programs.

UFM's philosophy and educational programming are the models that are used by many communities to develop their own program. UFM Community Learning Center was started in 1968 in Manhattan. Based on the philosophy that everyone can learn and everyone can teach, UFM provides opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development. Community members share their knowledge, hobbies and interests as volunteer instructors for their community's educational program. Class offerings could be on a variety of topics including arts & crafts, recreation, history, earth & nature, health & wellness and much more.

This program provides state mini-grants and technical support for a uniquely Kansas approach to community development and joint learning. The program is designed to meet the educational, recreational, social and cultural needs of a community.

Eligible organizations are local non-profit organizations, institutions, service agencies or groups primarily concerned with the general welfare of the community which are organized for the purpose of establishing and operating community education programs.

The Community Resource Act (CRA) Program is administered by Kansas State University, Division of Continuing Education, through UFM Community Learning Center. As an outreach program of UFM and the Division of Continuing Education, CRA strives to promote life-long learning throughout the state of Kansas.

For more information about UFM and the CRA Program, call (785) 539-8763 or e-mail Charlene Brownson at cmb@ksu.edu.

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Dates to Remember

CRA Grants due October 15, 2011

Quarterly Reports due October 25, 2011

2012 Enrollment and Resolution Forms due December 15, 2011

June 2, 2012 - Day of PRIDE (location to be determined)