

CSC NEWS: OCTOBER 2009

The monthly electronic newsletter of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Concern (CSC).

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I. CSC EVENT SPOTLIGHTS

A. "PEOPLE LIVE HERE" DISCUSSION SERIES

Date: Thursday, October 8

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hodson 210

You are all cordially invited to the first event of the "People Live Here" discussion series hosted by the Center for Social Concern. Ralph Moore, the Director of the St. Frances Academy Community Center and a Johns Hopkins alumnus, will lead a discussion about community partnerships, student involvement, and the role of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The event will be a real opportunity to learn about the work of a fantastic Baltimore community organization and talk to with your friends and classmates about what it means for us, as university students, to do work "in the community." Questions, interaction, and dialogue are highly encouraged, and we will continue to explore the issues we raise at other events throughout the year. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Hodson 210 on Thursday, October 8.

Please spread the word to your groups, networks and friends!

"People Live Here" is an ongoing series that aims to start campus-wide discussions about mutual community partnerships. By bringing together members of our university, we hope to examine critically our place in Baltimore and challenge our assumptions about what it means to work with "the community." We know that we don't have all the answers, and we need your participation.

For more information, please send an e-mail to peoplelivehere@jhu.edu.

B. PROJECT PREVENT HEALTH FAIR

Date: Saturday, October 10

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Oliver Recreation Center (1400 Federal Street, Baltimore, MD)

Project Prevent provides health education, information, and free primary care screenings to the Baltimore community. Project Prevent realizes that there are severe socio-economic and racial disparities present in the current healthcare system and attempts to address these issues through the prevention of disease and illness. Project Prevent's main goal is to reduce and eliminate some of the disparities in health care delivery by organizing an annual health fair that provides free primary health care services to the uninsured and underserved communities in Baltimore.

This year's health fair will provide blood pressure screenings; cholesterol screenings; literacy services from Baltimore Reads, Inc.; and enrollment in free health care from Baltimore Health Care Access--and these are just some of the services and opportunities that will be provided to the community! In addition, entertainment that will be provided will include free music; free food; a raffle; face painting; magicians; clowns; and performances by choirs, marching bands and dance groups!

If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the fair, please send an e-mail to jhuprojectprevent@gmail.com.

C. EWB-USA AT JHU SEMINAR: "BASIC ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT & HOW TO RUN A VOLUNTEER PROJECT/GROUP"

Date: Wednesday, October 14

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Charles Commons Room 304 (behind Nolan's)

The vision of Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA) is a world in which all communities have the capacity to meet their basic human needs. In light of this vision, EWB-USA supports community-driven development programs worldwide through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects while fostering responsible leadership.

Founded in 2005, the Johns Hopkins University Chapter of EWB-USA is already on its way to helping fulfill this vision in our community development projects in Ecuador, Guatemala, South Africa, and Baltimore. The Ecuador team is building a nursery, the Guatemala team is installing a solar-powered water pump, and the South African team is installing ram pump irrigation systems. Last but not least, the Baltimore team plans on building a community park and educational garden in nearby Remington. We welcome students from all majors, not just engineering!

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.ewb.jhu.edu> or contact us at ewb-jhu@jhu.edu.

D. BREASTIVAL 2009

Date: Saturday, October 17 (rain date: Sunday, October 18)

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: The Beach

Breastival 2009, held in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is designed to bring the community together to increase breast cancer awareness, promoting breast health among both women and men. Free and open to the public, Breastival will feature several informational and educational booths, as well as games, prizes, entertainment, and refreshments. Come out to the Beach to enjoy free food and performances by JHU a cappella and dance groups!

For more information, please send an e-mail to Colleges Against Cancer president Tony L. He at cac@jhu.edu.

II. UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. NEW LOCATION OF THE CSC

Are you looking for the Center for Social Concern? Just look for the bright red door at the corner of N. Charles and 31st Streets! The Center for Social Concern has said farewell to the murals of Levering Hall and moved into its very own building. Located along the same sidewalk as the Smokler Center for Jewish Life, the new office includes a backyard, full kitchen, conference room, and a future hangout space for students (in the works for the third floor). Please feel free to stop by and look around, or just say hi!

B. THIRD SALUD GENERAL BODY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 7

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Charles Commons Multipurpose Room

Salud will host its third general body meeting at the Charles Commons Multipurpose Room from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7. Students are welcome to come to this meeting and listen to our projects and sign up for volunteering for Hispanic health care. Please note that we hold general body meetings on a biweekly basis.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to salud.jhu@gmail.com.

C. G.I.V.E. GENERAL BODY MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 8

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Remsen 101

G.I.V.E (Goals, Inspirations, Values, Education) is a national, emerging non-profit organization that has just been established at Hopkins. Various colleges have their own chapters, and this year is the first year for the organization to be established at Hopkins. G.I.V.E members will promote higher graduation rates among high schools in underprivileged areas in Baltimore. Interested volunteers will help promote higher education as well as motivate high school students to pursue college and other career interests. We will provide presentations and mentorship to inner city high school students.

Additionally, we will have a general meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, at Remsen 101. The meeting will provide free pizza and fun interactions among new members and board members.

Any interested members who want to sign up for our mailing list and get more information on our general body meeting should email us at hopkingsgive@gmail.com.

III. CSC CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

A. THE BALTIMORE PROJECT PARTNERED WITH ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-JHU

Are you looking to volunteer in Baltimore by applying your engineering skills? The Baltimore Project is a new project aiming to build an educational park in Remington. Students of all majors are welcome!

For more information, please send an e-mail to Mary Vitale at ewb.baltimore@gmail.com.

B. THE CAMPUS KITCHEN AT JHU

For our first cooking shift, we made yummy apple crisp that we donated to the Church of the Guardian Angel in Remington. We will get word to our mailing list about upcoming cooking shifts.

If you're interested in getting on the list so that you can help us turn surplus food into meals for people who really need it, please send an e-mail to ckjhu.volunteer@gmail.com.

For any questions, suggestions, or interest in leadership, please send an e-mail to Jessica Zha at jzha@jhu.edu.

C. HAMPDEN FAMILY CENTER GROUP

Our purpose is to provide extra help to students who need it at the Hampden Elementary/Middle School. We meet each Monday and Wednesday (you can volunteer on either or both days) at 5:50 p.m. here at Hopkins and ride a shuttle to the Hampden Family Center to tutor. We arrive back just after 7:00 p.m. Help us provide options for this community with many economic and educational difficulties! We will start volunteering on Monday, October 12.

For more information, please contact Joe Tsao at joetsao@jhu.edu or (248) 935-7577.

D. READY, SET, DESIGN!: "HUMAN EXPLORATION OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT"

Date: Saturday, October 31

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Great Hall (in Levering Hall)

Volunteers are needed to staff "Ready, Set, Design!: Human Exploration of Their Environment." "Ready, Set, Design!" provides introductory engineering experiences for middle school girls in the Baltimore area, through half-day weekend programs on the Johns Hopkins University campus. In each session, the girls first learn about the engineering design process and about the theme of that session's activities. Then, the students split into groups along with Johns Hopkins student volunteers to work on the group design projects. Each group designs a device to perform a specific task related to the theme of the session. Creativity is encouraged--every idea is worth exploring!

For more information, please send an e-mail to readyssetdesign@gmail.com.

IV. COMMUNITY CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

A. ESPERANZA CENTER

The Esperanza Center offers many services to immigrants in the Baltimore metropolitan area, including English language instruction, remedial services, workforce development, health services, legal services, and social service referrals. Most volunteers will tutor students in basic English, working one-on-one or in small groups. Knowledge of Spanish is not required, but may be helpful. Tutors are needed from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays. Tutors are also needed from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays. Mornings are usually busier, so if you have a choice, please choose to come in the mornings!

In addition, our health services program--though a consortium agreement with area hospitals--offers primary care adult, pediatric, and well-woman care. Bilingual volunteers may provide interpretation assistance for non-bilingual providers, or contribute through projects such as the development of patient education materials.

For more information, please contact Rosa Azcarate at razacarate@cc-md.edu or (410) 522-2668.

V. OFFICE NOTES

A. EVENING HOURS AND OTHER SERVICES AT THE NEW CSC BUILDING

The CSC's new building is open for evening hours every Monday through Wednesday from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.! We are excited that we could offer evening hours three days a week. After we see how the evening usage goes, we will consider expanding to additional days. The office will have student monitors at the entrance who will need to see a J-Card for students to enter. A guest log will also need to be signed.

The following services are available by reservation in evening hours:

- * Second Floor Conference Room (It seats 10 people at the table; a maximum of 20 people could be seated if perimeter seating is also used in the room.)
- * LCD Projector and Screen

To reserve the meeting spaces and/or the LCD projector and screen, please contact Hanne Fiore via e-mail at hfiore1@jhu.edu or by calling (410) 516-4777. Reservations can be made between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The CSC is also interested in developing a space on the third level as a lounge area for informal gatherings (no reservation needed). We are currently taking suggestions as to how to design the space to be more inviting for students and what amenities students are interested in. Please e-mail suggestions to volunteer@jhu.edu.

VI. SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

If you want to subscribe to CSC News, please send a message to sympa@lists.johnshopkins.edu, with the following text in the subject line:

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