COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

CCA staff recently attended the annual meeting of CEDnet (Community Economic Development network of east Tennessee). CEDnet is “a diverse network of grassroots, community organizations that focus on strategies that will improve the economic standing of the people [they] serve.” Members of CEDnet value “empowerment, justice & equity, preserving cultures within unity, sustainable local economic development, equal access to health and nutrition, preserving a healthy environment, compassion, unity, cooperation and harmony.” Take time to follow the above link to CEDnet’s website to learn more about the organization and how you might get involved.

TC’s Hobbie Center will be hosting an Explorations in Thought retreat January 9th and 10th in Sevierville. The theme to be explored & discussed will be “Turning Points”. In preparation for the retreat half of the participants are reading Fareed Zakaria’s, The Post-American World and the other half is reading Jared Diamond’s, Guns, Germs, and Steel. This should truly be a thought provoking and mind expanding weekend!

For more info, contact Angela Keaton at ext. 5692 or akeaton@tusculum.edu

Service Learning: The focus of SVLN354 this block was Homelessness.

Some of the local agencies the students worked with throughout the block were the Mission Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Adventist Community Services Center, Greeneville / Greene Co. Community Ministries (Food Bank) & ASA/ HARBORHOUSE. The students gave presentations on their experiences in this class on Wed., Dec. 10th at 9 AM in Chalmers.

Thank you to all who came to support Service Learning on campus and to encourage these students to continue serving in their communities.

Bonner Leaders Program  bonner@tusculum.edu

The Bonner Leaders have been busy this block interviewing prospective Bonners for next semester as well as becoming increasingly involved in having a more multi-media presence on the Internet (there will be more info on that soon).

In addition the Bonners have logged a total of 1146 Service Hours so far this Semester!

Service on Saturdays: S.O.S.

This past Saturday over 40 Tusculum students, staff & faculty visited with, and sang Christmas carols for the elderly residents of Plaza Towers Apartments.

There was much Holiday Warmth & Cheer shared by all!

Keep your eyes open for announcements about the next SOS which will be held in Jan., 2009. For more information contact Boazin Katina at bkatina@students.tusculum.edu

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