



2008 GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY MINI-GRANT PROJECTS

The listing below is in alphabetical order, by project sponsor:

217 Productions, Grand Island: Youth rehearsed and performed a play in Grand Island sharing a message against chemical dependency. The performers included local students within the state probation system and will be performed to local schools and the general public.

Arc of Buffalo County, Kearney: A training session was conducted for parents, teachers, childcare providers, and community members connected to youth with behavioral disabilities. During the same day, youth with disabilities participated in a "Teens in Action Hooked on Fishing" outreach event where they were taught how to fish.

Blackburn Alternative School, Omaha: Students in North Omaha participated in a car wash fundraising effort to raise the funds for a disabled boy in their community that is in need of a handicapped accessible living space.

Broken Bow Public Schools, Broken Bow: A Life Skills classroom participated in a landscaping project for the Prairie Pioneer Center, a local senior citizen facility.

Creighton University, Omaha: This service learning literacy project with Kellom Elementary School built literacy through fun, youth volunteer planned activities. Each student that participated also received a book to take home and share with their families.

Crofton Community Schools, Crofton: Seventh and eighth graders participated in a park clean up project that launched the kickoff to a new Ecology Club. The funds awarded helped include a student with disabilities participate.

Dundee Elementary School, Omaha: The Dundee Elementary School PTA (Omaha) hosted a school-wide gardening project. This project was used as a learning tool for younger students, as they planted a "rainbow garden" teaching students the color spectrum.

Educational Service Unit #13, Scottsbluff: In collaboration with Regional West Medical Center, they hosted a community blood drive on the Western Nebraska Community College campus, with students with disabilities designing and producing the marketing campaign.

Hart of the Matter, Inc., Omaha: Youth with limited movement disabilities were given the opportunity to participate in art projects.

Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (HETRA), Valley: Youth with disabilities in the greater Omaha metro area created the content for the organization's quarterly newsletter to inform the general community on what they have accomplished at HETRA.

Lincoln Action Program, Lincoln: A community space was developed in a blighted area in Lincoln. Projects included developing a kiosk for community announcements, benches along the Salt Creek Levee trail, and landscaping projects throughout the area.

Star City Treasures AmeriCorps, City of Lincoln: Three Star City Treasures AmeriCorps sites in Lincoln implemented projects. The Clyde Malone Center composed and decorated letters & postcards to send to the troops and elderly. The Irving Recreation Center participated in an Earth Day recycling project that included sewing together recycled sacks. The Park Teen Center painted murals to improve the décor of the teen center.

United Methodist Ministries, Omaha: Participants partnered with Big Garden located throughout the metro-Omaha area. Each community garden site is designed to meet the needs of its surrounding community. This project focused on empowering neighbors to grow nutritious food, build community partnerships, improve health, and start small businesses.