

2010 Global Youth Service Day Mini Grant Application

1. Contact Information

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2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

Faith-based Non-profit Government Education
 Club Business Other: _____

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

Disability Inclusion Youth Service Youth Service

Community Served:

The play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project will serve childcare providers serving youth ages 3-5 in North and South Omaha.

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics):

The youth volunteers (ages 10-18) will have completed the Omaha Fire Department's Juvenile Firesetter Program, as prescribed by a concerned parent/guardian, caregiver, teacher, or law enforcement who finds the child to possess characteristics associated with firesetting behaviors. Many different types of children are referred to the Juvenile Firesetter Program including minority youth, bilingual youth, youth with mild to moderate behavioral issues, or youth from low-income families or single parent homes.

Expected Number of Volunteers: **30-40 (10 families x 3-4 members per family)**

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: **10-20**



3. Please describe your Youth Service Day Project plan and how it is applicable to the “*YOUth Can!*” theme:

Captain David Mann, Public Education/Recruiting Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist, coordinates the Omaha Fire Department’s Juvenile Firesetter Program, which works to educate youth who have had incidences of firesetting or display common behaviors associated with firesetting, as well as their families. Adding a new component to the educational one-time class, Captain Mann will reach out to 10 families to participate in the *play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project*.

These youth (ages 10-18) and their families will volunteer their time to distribute a total of 40 *play safe! be safe!* Children’s Fire Safety Education kits (4 kits per family) to local childcare providers serving youth between the ages of 3-5.

To ensure each volunteer youth and their family is volunteering within their own community, Captain Mann will coordinate each family’s site visits. For example, if a Spanish-speaking family living in South Omaha wishes to volunteer, they will be given 4 delivery sites that serve a similar demographic. Over the years, Captain Mann has been tracking the areas that have produced the most youth referred to the Juvenile Firesetter Program. On April 23-25, childcare providers (including Sunday school classes, out-of-home day care, and other programs serving youth age 3-5) in these high-risk areas, located in North and South Omaha, will receive the *play safe! be safe!* Children’s Fire Safety Education kits.

Before the distribution takes place, participating youth and their families will meet with Captain Mann to retrieve the kits and their site locations and go through a quick, 15-20 minute review/preparation. The *play safe! be safe!* Children’s Fire Safety Education kits include an educational DVD, card game, role playing flash cards, stickers to denote safe and dangerous objects, other interactive games, and a manual/activity book for the adult to utilize. All materials are presented in both English and Spanish.

This project is not a kit drop-off project. The volunteer youth (ages 10-18) who have completed the Juvenile Firesetter Program will be encouraged to present and/or demonstrate the use of the contents in front of the young children at the childcare program, utilizing what they learned in the Firesetter Program. Supervised by their parent(s), the *play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project* will emphasize the role of the youth who successfully completed the Juvenile Firesetter Program, as they are not the typical youth normally asked to serve their community. The proposed community service project will promote leadership, civic engagement, and instill confidence in the participating volunteer youth.

It is estimated that each site visit will take a minimum of 15-20 minutes, for a total of 1 ½ to 2 hours of volunteer time per family. Captain Mann will ensure that each site is aware of and willing to participate in the *play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project*. After the project is complete, each family will be asked to complete an evaluation form and return it to Captain Mann.

4. Project Location (Complete Address):

The exact locations of the childcare service providers in North and South Omaha will be determined by Captain Mann after volunteers have been recruited to ensure each volunteer youth and their family are participating within their own neighborhood.



5. Does your project include a Service-Learning approach: Yes No

If yes, please describe:

The volunteer youth (ages 10-18) who participate in the play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project will have successfully completed the Omaha Fire Department’s Juvenile Firesetter Program. These youth will be asked to use the knowledge they acquired in the Firesetter Program to educate young children on fire safety.

6. If your project includes youth with disabilities or focuses on serving those with disabilities, describe how: **NA**

7. Does your project plan to engage youth not normally asked to serve: Yes No

If yes, please explain:

The youth who are referred to the Juvenile Firesetter Program come from many different backgrounds but are most often minority youth, bilingual youth, youth with mild to moderate behavioral issues, and youth from low-income families and/or single parent homes. These youth are not often asked to give participate within their community, but the play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project will help to promote leadership, civic engagement, and instill confidence in the participating volunteer youth.

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community:

Juvenile Firesetting is a serious problem that can be eliminated through early education and intervention. In January 2010, two young children were killed and family members injured in a house fire in Omaha. Unfortunately, the children had been playing with a lighter, which led to this fatal fire. Distributing 40 play safe! be safe! Children’s Fire Safety Education kits in the targeted areas will provide an educational tool for childcare providers and prevent juvenile firesetting behaviors.

9. Day(s) completing service: April 23 April 24 April 25 Other: _____

10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project:

Captain Mann will reach out to youth and their families who have participated or are in the process of participating in the Juvenile Firesetter Program.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles:

The volunteer youth (ages 10-18) who have completed the Juvenile Firesetter Program will be encouraged to present and/or demonstrate the use of the contents in front of the young children at the childcare program, utilizing what they learned in the Firesetter Program. Supervised by their parent(s), the play safe! be safe! Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project will emphasize the role of the youth who successfully completed the Juvenile Firesetter Program, as they are not the typical youth normally asked to serve their community. The proposed community service project will promote leadership, civic engagement, and instill confidence in the participating volunteer youth.



12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: NA

13. Is this project a collaboration with another service day: Yes No
If yes, which one(s) and with whom:

14. What supplies or resources will be necessary to complete this project:

The Omaha Fire Department is requesting 40 *play safe! be safe!* Children’s Fire Safety Education kits for children ages 3 to 5 to be distributed by the youth volunteers and their families.

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?

Captain Mann will recruit volunteers that are able to provide their own transportation to the childcare locations. However, Captain Mann will ensure that each volunteer family will be given child care sites that are in their neighborhood and in close proximity.

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours:

At the 15-20 minute kit review and preparation with Captain Mann, he will distribute a one-page evaluation form to each volunteer family to track their efforts. The form will ask how many family members participated, how many hours they volunteered, what locations they visited, if they will volunteer as a family in the future, and any comments regarding the overall experience. After completion, the form will be mailed back to Captain Mann.

17. What will the end result of your project be:

The end results of the *play safe! be safe!* Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project will be the successful placement of 40 *play safe! be safe!* Children’s Fire Safety Education kits within the targeted areas, the sense of leadership and confidence within the volunteer youth, the quality time spent with family, and the learned importance of giving back to the community.

18. How will you know your project was a success:

Per the evaluations completed by each participating family, the *play safe! be safe!* Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project will be considered a success if all kits were successfully delivered, if the volunteer youth were engaged in the process, and if the family indicates they will continue to participate in community service activities.



Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
40 play safe! be safe! Children's Fire Safety Education Program kits @ \$12.50 each	\$500.00			\$500.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$500.00			\$500.00

Travel (mileage, food costs): NA

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<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Project Coordinator (Captain David Mann) Time at \$23.69/hr for 12 hrs		\$284.28	In-kind commitment provided by OFD	\$284.28
<i>Sub-Total</i>		\$284.28		\$284.28

Total:	\$500.00	\$284.28		\$784.28
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.

The Omaha Fire Department requests \$500.00 to purchase 40 *play safe! be safe!* Children's Fire Safety Education kits to be distributed into the community by the youth volunteers and their families. Developed by the BIC Corporation, these multimedia fire safety education kits were created by educators and fire safety experts. The *play safe! be safe!* Children's Fire Safety Education kits bring a firefighter into the classroom through a range of educational products and activities to teach young children the basics of fire prevention and to show them how to respond to specific fire situations. All materials are printed in both English and Spanish.

These kits are an essential piece to the *play safe! be safe!* Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Project. Due to budget cuts, the Omaha Fire Department lacks the funds necessary to purchase more of these kits. So far, approximately 50 kits have been distributed to daycares in Omaha by Captain Mann and his assistant, but the need for these popular and effective educational tools continues to grow. The proposed community service project will not only impact the volunteer youth and their families, but will also improve the level of safety and contribute to the betterment of the city of Omaha.