

2008 Nebraska Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grantees

Youth Service

- Creighton University** Kim Stevens (402) 280-3597 kimstevens@creighton.edu
This service learning literacy project with Kellom Elementary School builds literacy through fun, youth volunteer planned activities. Each student that participates will also get a book to take home and share with their families.
- Dundee Elementary School** Vic Paul (402) 553-4156 vpaul321@cox.net
The Dundee Elementary School PTA (Omaha) is hosting a school-wide gardening project. This will be used as a learning tool for younger students, as they will be planting a "rainbow garden" teaching students the color spectrum.
- Lincoln Action Program** Amy Swoboda (402) 471-4515 aswoboda@lincoln-action.org
A community space will be developed in a blighted area in Lincoln. Plans include developing a kiosk for community announcements, benches along the Salt Creek Levee trail, and landscaping projects throughout the area.
- Star City Treasures AmeriCorps** Deb Buckman (402) 441-4907 dbuckman@lincoln.ne.gov
Three Star City Treasures AmeriCorps sites in Lincoln will be implementing projects. The Clyde Malone Center will be writing and decorating letters & postcards to send to the troops and elderly. The Irving Recreation Center will be doing an Earth Day recycling project that includes sewing together recycled sacks for litter bags. The Park Teen Center will be painting murals in the teen center.
- United Methodists Ministries** Lisa Maupin (402) 898-9862 lmaupin@bigmuddyumc.org
Participants will be partnering 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 plans to focus on empowering neighbors to grow nutritious food, build community partnerships, improve health, and start small businesses.

Disability Initiatives

- 217 Productions** Cassey Graves (308) 384-6816 cg@retzlergroup.com
Youth will rehearse and perform a play in Grand Island sharing a message against chemical dependency. The performers will include local students and will be performed to local schools and the general public.
- Arc of Buffalo County** Kristen Larsen (308) 237-4343 larsenkl@charter.net
A training session will be conducted for parents, teachers, childcare providers, and community members connected to youth with behavioral disabilities. During the same day, youth with disabilities will participate in a "Teens in Action Hooked on Fishing" outreach event where they will learn how to fish.
- Blackburn Alternative School** Jennifer Winje (402) 202-3338 jennifer.diamant@ops.org
Students in North Omaha will participate 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** Ann Kujath (308) 872-2475 ankujat@bbps.org
A Life Skills classroom will participate in a landscaping project for the Prairie Pioneer Center, a local senior citizen facility.
- Crofton Community Schools** Jayne Arens (402) 388-2440 jarens@esu1.org
Seventh and eighth graders will participate in a park clean up project that will be the kickoff to a new Ecology Club. The funds awarded are to help include a student with disabilities participate.
- ESU #13 - Scottsbluff** Janine Barber (308) 635-3696 jbarber@esu13.org
In collaboration with Regional West Medical Center, they intend to host 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.** Jody Carhart (402) 651-6035 jcarhart@mpsomaha.org
Youth with limited movement disabilities will have the opportunity to participate in art projects.
- Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (HETRA)** Jodi Teal (402) 359-8830 jodi@hetra.org
Youth with disabilities in the greater Omaha metro area will create the content for the organization's quarterly newsletter to inform the general community on what they have accomplished at HETRA.