

# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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## JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

CELEBRATE WITH  
31 DAYS OF MENTORING



January is National Mentoring Month! Look for highlights, resources, and activities throughout the following:

- 31 Days of Mentoring article in the January 2008 issue of ORG Magazine
- OFBCI 31 Days of Mentoring Booklet
- OFBCI Give.Receive.Mentor website at [www.IN.gov/ofbci/2402.htm](http://www.IN.gov/ofbci/2402.htm)
- OFBCI Give.Receive.Mentor E-Newsletter [www.IN.gov/ofbci/2505.htm](http://www.IN.gov/ofbci/2505.htm)
- Share your mentoring experiences at [www.in.gov/ofbci/2444.htm](http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2444.htm)
- Share What You Know...Mentor a Child! Make a New Year resolution to mentor a child in 2008
- [www.whomentoredyou.org](http://www.whomentoredyou.org)
- Weekly mentoring updates in OFBCI Friday Night Facts
- Alliance of Youth Mentoring Agencies' *Celebrate the Power of Mentoring* Luncheon and Expo on January 25, 2008 held at the Omni Severin Hotel

31 Days of Mentoring is designed to be a tool for current mentors and individuals interested in becoming mentors. For those seeking to become a mentor we have featured (FEATURE) thirteen Indiana mentoring agencies and 18 activities (ACTION) for those who are currently mentors/mentees to take part in during January's 31 Days.

## WEEK TWO OF 31 DAYS OF MENTORING

### January 6, 2008—ACTION: DISCOVER YOUR SPECIAL GIFTS AND TALENTS

*Acknowledge that the things that make people different are special to each individual. People are just like apples. No matter the differences on the outside, inside everyone are seeds that are just waiting to grow, develop and be nurtured to make each one a "star".*

### January 7, 2008—FEATURE: COLLEGE MENTORS FOR KIDS

*College Mentors for Kids, Inc., is an innovative non-profit that pairs first- through fourth-graders with a college student mentor on a college campus for weekly activities focused on higher education and career, culture and diversity and community service. College Mentors for Kids serves 810 children from 30 elementary schools at 20 university based chapters with 900 mentors and college student leaders.*

### January 8, 2008—ACTION: WRITE PEN PAL LETTER

*Give mentees the opportunity to express to others what mentoring means to them. It will give encouragement to the mentors and give them better insight into their mentees life. This will be a great opportunity to use some of the letters as quotes in future promotions and endorsements.*

### January 9, 2008—ACTION—PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL STUDIES ACTIVITIES

*Explain that Martin Luther King Jr. was famous because he helped our country change some very unfair laws. Discuss the meaning of a law and that a law is like a rule. Discuss fair rules and unfair rules. Use examples of rules. Ask the children if the rules are the same for everyone in the class. Are they fair to every one? Then give some examples of rules that would be unfair to some people in class. \*FOR MORE ACTIVITIES VISIT <http://www.learningtogive.org>*

### January 10, 2008—ACTION: DEVELOP BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP WITH FIFTH-THIRD YOUNG BANKERS CLUB

*Join the hands-on financial literacy program at Fifth Third Bank. The Young Bankers Club is essential for children to learn the importance of saving, basic banking, money management principles and a post secondary education. This program serves as re-enforcement on the basics of reading, mathematics, social studies, and guidance throughout the course. Contact: Beverly Mukes-Gaither at (317) 383-2636.*

### January 11, 2008—ACTION: PARTICIPATE IN EARTH SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

*Assist your mentee in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be an environmental steward and to apply this knowledge, by means of conservation and recycling, to identify environmental misuse of natural resources as found in his/her home, school, and community.*

### January 12, 2008—FEATURE: GIRLS INCORPORATED

*Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. For over 55 years, Girls Inc. has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, underserved areas. Today, innovative programs help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential, and prepare them to lead successful, independent, and fulfilling lives.*

Nominations Now  
BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE

**2008**

## GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Nominations Due BY FEBRUARY 22, 2008



**The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** is seeking nominations for recipients of the **2008 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service - Indiana's Most Prestigious Celebration of Volunteerism.**

The 2008 Honorees will be recognized for outstanding volunteer contributions to causes that include health care, neighborhood revitalization, youth and senior activities, the arts, education, the environment, justice, housing, nutrition and social services at the Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism awards luncheon on March 25, 2008. Each honoree will receive a beautiful customized award, presented by the representatives of the highest office in Indiana.

**Please help us by nominating a deserving volunteer. The nomination form and program guidelines can be found at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2509.htm>.**

Volunteers can be nominated in one of six categories: Youth, Faith-Based, National Service, Service-Learning, Volunteerism, and Lifetime Achievement. Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern on Friday, February 22, 2008.

Thank you for helping the **Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** honor Indiana's most outstanding volunteers!



2006 and 2007 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service Recipients



## Capacity-Building Workshops Coming to a Town Near You???

OFBCI is in the process of creating a Capacity-Building Assistance (CBA) Program. Capacity-building is a term used to describe interventions that help Faith-Based and Community Organizations improve their infrastructure so they can accomplish their missions more effectively and efficiently. Examples include board of director development, financial management assistance, operations training, and direct financial assistance (operating support).

As we prepare to schedule workshops for the upcoming year, we are gathering information from interested organizations throughout Indiana. Your input could help determine the workshop focus and locations!

Would your organization:

- Be interested in attending a Capacity-Building Workshop to learn about practical ways to improve your organization's effectiveness and efficiency to achieve your mission and impact your community?
- Desire to complete a capacity self-assessment to help you pinpoint your strengths as well as areas that need to be improved?
- Be willing to complete training modules on topics that are selected to help you strengthen your organization?
- Like to receive onsite consultation?
- Be interested in participating in a Statewide capacity-building peer-to-peer exchange?
- Like to host a technical assistance workshop?

**Please complete our online survey at:**

**[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0TzFYRBdvO2tHjCWjjU1uQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=0TzFYRBdvO2tHjCWjjU1uQ_3d_3d)**

Look for results in future Friday Night Facts!

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Click below to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

**<http://www.in.gov/ofbc/2414.htm>**

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to

**[igegel@ofbc.i.IN.gov](mailto:igegel@ofbc.i.IN.gov)**

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

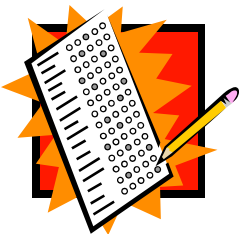
<b>Who:</b>	You and your family
<b>What:</b>	“a day ON, not a day OFF”
<b>When:</b>	January 21, 2008
<b>Where:</b>	Visit <a href="http://www.mlkday.org">www.mlkday.org</a> for service ideas
<b>Why:</b>	Build a Stronger Community Empower Individuals Bridge Barriers



The President's Volunteer Service Award, created by The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation is a way to thank volunteers for their commitment to volunteerism and community service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain number of volunteer hours over the course of a year, or lifetime. To learn more, visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm>

Helping America's Youth has useful statistics available on their web site, including information on schools, families, mortality, violence and substance abuse.

Visit <http://guide.helpingamericasyouth.gov/ccq-quickfacts.htm>



A survey is being conducted by Youth Service America to figure out what type of service activities interest most individuals. There are many ways to volunteer successfully. Whether it is through indirect or direct action, advocacy or research, it is important that everyone is able to identify his or her own category of volunteering or citizenship. To participate in the survey, visit [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9mFqWXttC2Fy607JIsOpbQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9mFqWXttC2Fy607JIsOpbQ_3d_3d)

The National Peace Essay Contest promotes serious discussion among high school students, teachers, and leaders about international peace and conflict resolution. Students in grades 9-12 in the U.S. and U.S. territories are eligible to apply. This year's topic is natural resources and conflict. The deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, go to <http://www.usip.org/ed/npec/index.html>

