

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR., GOVERNOR

The 2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism has finally arrived!

A few reminders.....

Service Project: Don't forget your jars of peanut butter and jelly! Donations will go to three homeless shelters throughout the state.



Email: Be on the lookout for a last-minute reminder email concerning registration, parking, and other conference logistics.

It's not too late! You can still register for the conference! Walk-in registrations will be accepted at the Sheraton (8787 Keystone Crossing Blvd). Walk-in rates are:

Adult: \$165

Student: \$115

One-Day Student: \$75





HOOSIER RISING STAR AWARD

2008 Hoosier Rising Star Competition

Award honors youth leaders in Hoosier communities

In an effort to acknowledge the contributions youth make in our communities, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman launched the 2008 Hoosier Rising Star Award. This honor will be awarded to as many as five young Hoosiers who have made a significant difference in their Indiana communities.

Hoosiers are encouraged to nominate an outstanding youth in their community. Any student enrolled in grades K-12 during the 2007-08 school year is eligible for the Hoosier Rising Star Award.

“There are many young Hoosiers who have rolled up their sleeves for their communities, and they deserve recognition,” said Lt. Gov. Skillman. “This award allows the state to recognize Indiana’s outstanding youth and to encourage them to continue to be model citizens.”

A completed nomination form is required. Nominations may be supplemented by the student’s resume or biography, up to three letters of recommendation, and any relevant press clippings. All application materials should be submitted together and must be postmarked by **April 1, 2008**. Winners will be announced in the summer of 2008.

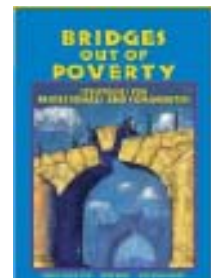
For more information on the award and nomination process, visit <http://www.in.gov/lg/2864.htm> or call Noelle Stock in the Lt. Governor’s office at 317.232.4545.

Share Our Strength, a national organization working to make sure no kid in America grows up hungry, just announced that it is launching its fifth annual Great American Bake Sale. Share Our Strength’s Great American Bake Sale, hosted by Sandra Lee and Duff Goldman is a national campaign that mobilizes Americans to end childhood hunger by holding bake sales in their communities. To learn how you can get involved, visit <http://www.greatamericanbakesale.org>



Just in time for the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (May 7), the National Campaign has announced a new video contest for teens. Is there a budding actor or actress in your house? Know a future director? If so, give them the chance to turn their talents into prize money. StayTeen.org has just launched a new web feature that allows teens to submit their own video masterpieces using the StayTeen message. Anyone ages 13-19 are eligible. To learn more visit, <http://www.stayteen.org>

Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities, sponsored by the Urban Mission YMCA, is a one-day workshop where participants will create a mental model of poverty, review poverty research, examine a theory of change and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure and language. The seminar puts into words what many veteran professionals and community members have experienced. Throughout the workshop, participants will receive specific strategies for improving outcomes for people living in poverty, but the focus of the workshop is to provide a broad overview of concepts. This informative workshop will be on **Friday, April 25th**, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis, 441 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis. For more information or to register contact Adrienne Preddie, 317-713-8570 or apreddie@indymca.org





A Mentally Healthy Community: The Impact of Traumatic Stress
Friday, May 2nd

8 AM to 4:30 PM

Junior Achievement Center, 7435 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

Topics include: *Eternal High—A Teenager's Experience with Depression and Suicide that will Change Your Life; The Impact of Trauma at Virginia Tech; Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: History, Diagnosis & Treatment; Family Systems Approaches to Trauma: Understanding the Impact When Trauma Hits Home.*

The conference has been approved for 6.25 CEUs for social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors through Mental Health America of Indiana. The Indiana Department of Education has approved the conference for 3 CRUs. The cost is \$95 by April 23rd or \$120 after. Lunch is included in the cost. For more information, contact mhaindy@mhaindy.net or call 317-251-0005 to register.

Did you Know...

On Election Day, it takes more than 30,000 poll workers to run Indiana's 5,500 precincts?

Recruiting volunteers is one of the biggest challenges of running an election?

**This year, do more than vote on Election Day.
Donate for Democracy Basics:**

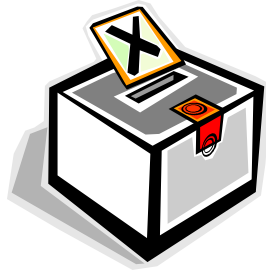
Assist your fellow Hoosiers at the polls on Election Day and earn a few extra dollars for your favorite nonprofit organization. Donate for Democracy provides an opportunity for you to contribute to your organization's charitable goals, **AND** play an important role in the democratic process. There are two easy requirements in order to participate:

You must be a registered voter and a resident of the county in which you wish to work; and
You must be at least 18 years old.

You will earn at least \$70 for your charity and possibly more depending on your county. You will need to declare your political party preference in order to work on Election Day. Polling places are staffed by the political parties.

Contribute Your Time on Election Day & Contribute Money to Your Favorite Nonprofit

For more information, or to sign-up online, please visit www.donatefordemocracy.in.gov or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE. You may also request a brochure (limit 10) by emailing jsimpson@ofbci.in.gov. Please remember to include your name and mailing address.



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

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

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

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