

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED  
& COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE  
MENTORING

• **Do you want to make your mentee feel really special?**

Surprise him/her with an unexpected phone call, letter and/or visit.

• **What could you do with your mentee today?**

Go for a walk to a local park and/or pond and feed the ducks, pigeons, geese, etc.

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# Give. Receive. Mentor

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## NOTICE: Indiana Mentor Advisory Council

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiative invites interested mentor agencies, mentors, mentees, and youth development workers to take part in the Indiana Mentor Advisory Council.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.** at the **Junior Achievement International Center Room E.** Junior Achievement is located at 7435 N. Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

### The agenda for the meeting:

- ◆ Welcome and Introductions
- ◆ Indiana Mentor Advisory Council Purpose & Quarterly Emphasis
- ◆ Plan the Mentor Appreciation and Recruitment Fun Day
- ◆ Next Steps
- ◆ FYI
  - ◆ Give.Receive.Mentor. Website ([www.ofbci.IN.2402.htm](http://www.ofbci.IN.2402.htm))
  - ◆ Share Your Mentor Story ([www.ofbci.IN.2444.htm](http://www.ofbci.IN.2444.htm))

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## 2008 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism



Thanks to all who attended the 2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The conference was a great success! Check the

OFBCI website ([www.in.gov/ofbci](http://www.in.gov/ofbci)) in the coming weeks for information about the 2008 Governor's Conference and Governor's Awards. We hope you are able to join us for our next Governor's Conference!

## New Background Check Bills: Ask Your Members of Congress to Co-Sponsor

Senators Biden (D-DE), Hatch (R-UT), and Specter (R-PA), and Representatives Schiff (D-CA) and Rogers (R-MI) have just introduced legislation (S. 2756 and H.R. 5606) to create a permanent successor to SafetyNET that would be available to all organizations working with young people. The bills establish a national

Applicant Processing Center to conduct the background checks and engage the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in reviewing criminal records. Response time on the background checks would be two weeks or less, and the cost would be a maximum of \$25 for nonprofits. **We need as**

**much support as possible to get this system created!** Please contact your Senators and Representative and ask them to co-sponsor this important legislation. MENTOR created an easy-to-send letter you can find at: <http://capwiz.com/mentor/issues/alert/>

### Resources

**Tax Deductions for Volunteers** - Income taxes are due soon... Do your mentors know that they can take tax deductions for their efforts? Mentors can deduct 14 cents per mile for driving their mentees to and from activities, and may be able to deduct additional expenses. Information on volunteer tax deductions can be found at the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under Publication 526, "Charitable Contributions."



## National Volunteer Week is April 27 – May 3, 2008

A service of the Points of Light & Hands On Network, the 2008 National Volunteer Week is fast approaching. Thank some of America's most valuable assets and recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities. National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example" — volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Find out how you, too, can participate at <http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/>

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every year since that time, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

For additional information about National Volunteer Week, please contact John Jowers at (404) 979-2941 or [jjowers@handsonnetwork.org](mailto:jjowers@handsonnetwork.org).

## Help Inspire a New Generation of Healthy Kids

### APPLY FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is bringing together a select group of young people from all across the country to serve on our inaugural Youth Advisory Board. The Alliance is looking

for tweens and teens with unique experiences and opinions to shape the programs of its Kids' Movement and generate fresh ideas on how to make healthy living the norm, not the exception. Applicants must be between the ages of 8-17 years old and live in the United States, including US Territories. The

deadline to apply is April 30. To request more information and an application, contact [john.c.wilson@healthiergeneration.org](mailto:john.c.wilson@healthiergeneration.org)



**OUR AMERICA**  
National  
Town Hall Conversation  
Between Low-Income Young  
Leaders & the Presidential  
Candidates  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2008**  
**7:00-9:30 p.m.**  
Interactive  
Webcast Discussion from the  
historic  
Lincoln Theatre in  
Washington DC  
with Invited Presidential candidates &  
Pennsylvania audience from  
Widener University,  
Chester, PA  
For more information click  
here: <http://think.mtv.com/YouthBuildUSA/>

## Caregiver's Choice

Two weeks ago, mentoring programs across the country began enrolling in Caregiver's Choice, a program designed to bring mentoring programs and children with incarcerated parents together to facilitate and financially support quality new mentoring relationships.

Now, the enrollment for children has begun. To be eligible to join Caregiver's Choice, a child must be between the ages of 4 and 18, must have a parent in state or federal prison, and cannot already be involved in a one-to-one mentoring relationship through a mentoring program. Interested parents and caregivers can enroll their child over the phone at 877-333-CHOICE (877-333-2464) toll-free, or online at [www.mentoring.org/caregiverschoice](http://www.mentoring.org/caregiverschoice).

Parents and caregivers of eligible children will receive a list of participating mentoring programs in their area. To make sure your program is on that list, apply now to join Caregiver's Choice. All the information you need, and a link to the online application, is available at [www.mentoring.org/caregiverschoice](http://www.mentoring.org/caregiverschoice).

There you can also download the caregiver recruitment brochure for Caregiver's Choice. Mentoring programs that participate in Caregiver's Choice can use this brochure to encourage eligible children and their parents or caregivers to call 877-333-CHOICE (877-333-2464) and enroll. Caregiver's Choice will also be recruiting parents and caregivers through a variety of outreach methods.

## Teach Children to Save Day - April 29!

The American Bankers Association Education Foundation (ABAEF) established **Teach Children to Save Day** to spotlight the importance of teaching our nation's youth about saving money. Every April, bankers make presentations to students in grades K-12 about budgeting, saving, recognizing needs and wants and how interest makes money grow. For more information and other financial literacy resources for youth go to [http://www.mentoringworks.org/Teach\\_Children\\_to\\_Save.html](http://www.mentoringworks.org/Teach_Children_to_Save.html). Lots of great activities for mentors and mentees!



Teach Children to Save

Sponsored by the ABA Education Foundation

## Doodle4Google



Google is soliciting schoolchildren from K-12 to submit their "doodles" with a supporting fifty word statement around the theme "What if...?"

We encourage local partners who work with schools directly on mentoring programs, as well as mentoring colleagues with school-age children, to promote school participation in this competition and to put forth the concept of mentoring as a "What if..." For example, children could consider "What if I had a mentor?"

Deadline for submissions is April 12 and [they can only come from schools that register](#) (by March 28). Winning entry will be featured on Google homepage for 24 hours on May 22, 2008.

As you might know, search engine Google occasionally modifies its logo seen daily by millions of people – known as Google Doodle – to mark a particular holiday, historic event, prominent person or a cause. In the last nine years, Google has brought attention to environmental issues, Olympic Games, and National Teachers Day, among others. MENTOR continues to bring the concept of youth mentoring to the attention of millions of Google users, but the com-

petition is often intense and we need your voice!

It is our hope that if Google receives a critical mass of submissions concerning mentoring and decides to feature mentoring-related doodles, we will be one step further along to bringing awareness of the positive impact of mentoring on our children and the ongoing need for volunteer mentors to the millions of Google users.

To doodle or get more information, please visit <http://www.google.com/doodle4google>



## Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Urge Hispanics to Mentor



March 19, 2008: An ambitious Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS) pilot program has reaped a 29 percent increase in the number of Hispanic youth served over the course of the last year.

The increase in Hispanic matches - occurring in 15 participating BBBS agencies in the U.S. where the program was piloted - is significant considering that average growth in matches among 400 agencies was eight percent during the same time period. Excited by the potential to impact even more Hispanic children, BBBS announced the hire of a director of Hispanic mentoring to lead the organization's ambitious commitment to add another 10,000 Hispanic matches for a total of 50,000 nationwide. Sandra Delgado Searl, a marketer with international experience, has been chosen to lead the call to action for Hispanic mentors across the country.

Independent research indicates that young people who have mentors are more likely to stay in school and less likely to be involved in violence. Given the Hispanic population's tremendous growth combined with its disproportionate poverty and drop-out rates, a Big Brother or Big Sister can make a critical difference to the future of Hispanic children. There are thousands of Hispanic "Littles" waiting to be matched with a caring Big Sisters or Brothers of Hispanic descent.

Key to the growth in the number of Hispanic matches is the diversity of initiatives under the umbrella of the Hispanic Mentoring Program. For example, Big Brothers Big Sisters adapted its selection and matching process to the Hispanic culture and tested the new Hispanic mentoring model at a number of local agencies across the country. In addition, the organization formed an advisory council, established strategic alliances with other Hispanic-focused organizations, increased bilingual and bi-cultural staffing, placed Hispanics in prominent roles in our national programming, and developed marketing materials targeted to Latinos in the U.S.

The Hispanic Mentoring Program has now grown to 30 participating BBBS agencies in locations reflective of the Hispanic community's diversity including Chicago, Illinois; Macon, Georgia; Portland, Oregon; Miami, Florida; Denver, Colorado; and Fort Wayne, Indiana to name a few. Support for the program is provided by The Goizueta Foundation; Jack in the Box Foundation; Cargill, Inc.; and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of America go to <http://www.bbbs.org>



## Grants

### **Global Citizen Corps Leadership Program (Deadline: April 15)**

The Global Citizen Corps is a national network of high school student leaders who educate and mobilize their schools and communities to fight global poverty. Every year, Mercy Corps selects 200 Global Citizen Corps Leaders to gain the knowledge and skills to become effective anti-poverty experts through in-person and online trainings. Throughout the year, Global Citizen Corps Leaders organize Global Action Days to inform and inspire their classmates to take action on poverty and related issues like hunger, HIV/AIDS, climate change and access to education. To learn more, visit <http://www.globalcitizencorps.org>

### **Apply For the State Farm Youth Advisory Board (Deadline: April 18)**

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently recruiting new members. Members of this Board play an important leadership role in creating and overseeing a \$5 million/year signature service-learning initiative which addresses pressing issues of importance to State Farm and communities across America. To learn more, visit <http://www.statefarmyab.com/>

### **The Gloria Barron Prize For Young Heroes (Deadline: April 30)**


The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, the Barron Prize selects ten winners nationwide. Half of the winners have focused on helping their communities and fellow beings; half have focused on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment. To learn more, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>



## Mentoring - The Magic of Connections!

MENTOR, the California Mentor Foundation and the Evelyn Freed Mentor Center are pleased to announce "Mentoring - The Magic of Connections!" National Mentoring Summit. Mark your calendars for September 18-19, 2008 to join us at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. These two days will inspire and engage the mentoring field in examining where we are and where we want to go. You will have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops on the best practices in our field and hear from national leaders. The Summit will provide the opportunity to connect with professionals from across the country in a supportive environment created with a Disney flair. Keep watching for registration information at [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org) and [www.calmentor.org](http://www.calmentor.org).

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OUR AMERICA National Town Hall Webcast Conversation Between Low-Income Young Leaders & the Presidential Candidates from the historic Lincoln Theatre in <b>Washington DC</b> 7-9:30 p.m. <a href="http://think.mtv.com/YouthBuildUSA/">http://think.mtv.com/YouthBuildUSA/</a>	2Memphis Soul - The Story of Stax Records Produced by Black Ensemble Theatre of Chicago At the Westside Theatre Guild in <b>Gary</b> For more information, please call 219-977-2198 ext. 11	3 Passport to Adventure Benefit Auction at Old National Bank Atrium (1 Main St. <b>Evansville</b> ) Summer getaways being auctioned off to benefit Youth First. 5 p.m., silent auction; 7 p.m., live auction. Free. (812) 421-8336. RSVP: <a href="mailto:auction@youthfirstinc.org">auction@youthfirstinc.org</a>	4 Yo-Yo Demo The Leaning Curve in Central Library 1 & 2 p.m. FREE (40 E. St. Clair St, <b>Indy</b> )	5 Patrick Ball in Celtic Harp and Story at the Indiana History Center Basile Theater (450 W. Ohio St, <b>Indy</b> ) For more information contact (317) 232-1882
6 Cannibal Monster, a play about the different tribes of people created with children in mind." Lockerbie Central United Methodist Church, (237 N. East St) <b>Indy</b> at 3 p.m. <a href="http://www.indyarts.org/calendar.aspx?id=8648">http://www.indyarts.org/calendar.aspx?id=8648</a>	7 	8 Riverdance-7:30 Indiana University Auditorium, <b>Bloomington</b> <a href="http://www.iuauditorium.com/0708/index.html">http://www.iuauditorium.com/0708/index.html</a>  Indiana Mentor Advisory Council Meeting 9 a.m. at Junior Achievement (7435 Keystone Ave.)	9	10 Harlem Globetrotters 7 p.m. John E. Worthen Arena, <b>Muncie</b> <a href="http://www.zvents.com/muncie-in/events/show/80647189-harlem-globetrotters-tour">http://www.zvents.com/muncie-in/events/show/80647189-harlem-globetrotters-tour</a>	11 	12 Festival of Art's poRAPtry Concert 2-4 p.m. Central Library (40 E. St. Clair St.)  Step Show at Northwest High School 6 p.m. <b>Indianapolis</b>
13 <b>Indianapolis</b> Symphony Orchestra's Feel the Family Rhythm 2 p.m. FREE, (7435 35 N. Keystone Ave)	14 Youth Resources Community Night 5:30-6:30 p.m. Vanderburgh Superiour Court 1, Courts Building, Civic Center, Room 104 <b>Evansville</b> For more information call (812) 421-0030. <a href="http://www.youth-resources.org">www.youth-resources.org</a>	15	16 Children will create objects that surround the earth during this change. Class runs 10-11 am at The Monon Center, <b>Indy</b> . For further information call 317.848.7275.	17 	18 The Emperor's Nightingale at Harrison High School, (211 Fielding Rd, <b>Evansville</b> ) 10 a.m., 1 p.m Call (812) 473-8937 for ticket information	19 Arbor Earth day celebration and tree planting at Lindenwood Nature Preserve, <b>Fort Wayne</b> <a href="http://www.fortwayneparks.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=27&amp;Itemid=47">http://www.fortwayneparks.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=27&amp;Itemid=47</a>
20 How the Orchestra Grew 1:30 & 4 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theater For More Information visit <a href="http://Indianapolissymphony.org">Indianapolissymphony.org</a>	21	22 Earth Day 	23	24 Taste of Home Cooking Show—7 p.m. IU Auditorium, <b>Bloomington</b> <a href="http://www.iuauditorium.com/0708/index.html">http://www.iuauditorium.com/0708/index.html</a>	25 Circle City Yard Sale City-Wide Event <b>Indianapolis</b> , Indiana All Weekend Long Admission: FREE For more information, visit. <a href="http://www.circlecitysale.org">www.circlecitysale.org</a>	26 Earth Arbor Day 10am-4pm at the International Friendship Gardens (2055 US Hwy 12 <b>Michigan City</b> ) Contact Marti Pizzini at 219-878-9885 <a href="http://www.friendshipgardens.org">www.friendshipgardens.org</a>

## National Library Week

[www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm)

## Global Youth Service Day YOUTH DAYS OF CARING

## National Volunteer Week

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/>



# Early Readers Club Launch Event



When: Sunday, April 20, 2008; 2 - 4 p.m.

Where: Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, Central Library  
40 E. St. Clair Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog  
&

Indiana author, Rebecca Kai Dotlich  
Chat about her book *What is Square?*

Join the fun with free games, prizes and more!

Please R.S.V.P. by April 14th by calling 317.921.1260 or e-mail:  
[jill.mockabee@uwci.org](mailto:jill.mockabee@uwci.org).

[Learn more about the Early Readers Club](#)

Event sponsored by:



## Match Activity



-[Pursuit of the Dream: Cars & Jobs in America](#), produced by the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), feature stories of three real-life families who struggled with the common pitfalls that low-wage workers often face when purchasing a car, the documentary shows how they overcame these obstacles and provides tips to avoid them. The documentary is provided in both English and Spanish, and a printed discussion guide is enclosed in each DVD package. [View the documentary](#) or order a free copy at [http://www.kidscount.org/news/fes/request\\_onlineform.pdf](http://www.kidscount.org/news/fes/request_onlineform.pdf)



## Swinging with Indy Celebrities

Swinging with Indy's Celebrities is a spin-off of the popular television show, Dancing with the Stars... Come enjoy a buffet dinner and entertainment by Indianapolis notables, as they compete in a ballroom competition. Little Bethel will donate \$500 to the winner's charity of choice.

### *Swinging with Indy's Celebrities*

**Saturday, May 17, 2008**  
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

**Little Bethel Community Center**  
3279 Winthrop Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

**For ticket information contact:**  
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#### FEATURING:



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Deshong Perry  
WTHR 13 Producer



Donna Shiele  
Radio-One  
DJ & Producer



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Black Journalists



Randy Fields  
LBBC  
Camp Director



Steve Jefferson  
WTHR 13 Reporter

## Youth Day of Caring

Each Spring, United Way of Central Indiana sets aside two days (April 25th and 26th) so that young people can experience the joy of giving their time to make our community better and have fun while doing so.



Youth Day of Caring is held in celebration of Global Youth Service Day. Global Youth Service Day is an annual public awareness and education campaign that highlights the valuable contributions that young people make to their communities throughout the year.

Youth volunteers work on important projects including painting, neighborhood beautification, cleaning, reading to children, and visiting seniors!

**Who:** Young volunteers! Middle school, High school and College age youth.

**Where:** Nonprofit organizations in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion and Morgan counties.

**When:** Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, 2008

**For more information about United Way's Youth Day of Caring,**  
please contact Aileen Higgins at 317.921.1204 or at [aileen.higgins@uwci.org](mailto:aileen.higgins@uwci.org).

**[You can also register online, just click here!](#)**

## Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives



If you have questions, mentor/mentee stories, or events to be added contact:

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Share Your Mentor Story  
([www.ofbci.IN.2444.htm](http://www.ofbci.IN.2444.htm))

Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives  
(<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/>)

***Bring more Americans into service***  
***Salute AmeriCorps members & alums***  
***Thank community partners***



AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

AmeriCorps Week, May 11-18th, is a recruitment and recognition event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. More than 50,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to strengthen communities and increase the civic engagement through 92 national service projects across Indiana. During this week, AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners, and friends will shine a spotlight on the work done by members across this State, and motivate more Americans to join or volunteer in their communities.