



WITH DISTINCTION FOR GENERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Homelessness

California Polytechnic State University

Education, Homelessness, Hunger, Fundraiser

Students in Action

Students in Action is grant program that gives funds to student leaders to be spent on a service project in their community; at Cal Poly Homelessness Awareness Week was created from the Students in Action grant. On Sunday, April 23, 2006, approximately 55 students including students from Greek Life, the Week of Welcome orientation program, and Student Community Services organized a food fundraiser. Over 1000 pounds of food were donated to the Aids Support Network Food Pantry. On Tuesday, April 25, 2006, an open microphone was held from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm wherein students, staff, and community members could speak about homelessness in the community. Following the open microphone, there was an event that involved people eating soup while learning of different community programs they could volunteer with in order to help the hunger and homelessness in San Luis Obispo. That evening, students gathered in the University Union Plaza to discuss homelessness with a gentleman who is homeless and a sleep out followed. The sleep-out garnered about 15 people, including the homeless gentleman who shared stories and songs and gave students an idea of what it was like to be homeless. On Saturday, April 29, 2006, a fundraising walk was held. Over \$1400 was raised and donated to the local day shelter and overnight shelters. Overall, the total participation in Homelessness Awareness Week was about 250 people. The Students in Action program is funded by the CSU Chancellors office and Learn and Serve America.

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California State University, San Marcos

Community & Economic Development, Education, Homelessness, Youth Leadership, Service Learning

Video in the Community

Each semester, students in the Video in the Community service learning course at the California State University, San Marcos collaborate with community partners to identify, develop and produce different media projects relevant to those communities. During 2005-06, 23 students produced videos for several non-profit organizations such as Casa de Amparo, an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children throughout San Diego County. Students produced a promotional video that highlighted the organization's services. The video will be used for marketing, fundraising and support for its new \$2,000,000 shelter facilities. Another organization that benefited from this project is Girls, Inc., a national nonprofit youth organization whose mission is to "inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold." This video project, "Safe in My World," is a series of PSA's and dramatic shorts about safety and violence prevention for teen girls. The video focuses on abusive boyfriends and where girls can go for help. Students collaborated with the teens to script, produce, and edit the video. "Safe in My World" will be shown at symposia on safety, community fora, and other specialized meetings with girls. The Office of Community Service Learning assisted Prof. Kristine Diekman, the instructor, who was a recipient of Learn and Serve America mini-grant funds during 2005-06.

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Hamline University

Community & Economic Development, Education, Homelessness, Service Learning

First Year Student Experience

All first-year undergraduates at Hamline University are involved in service. The breadth of service is wide: as part of the Hamline University Orientation all members of the incoming class participate in "City Serve". During 2005-06 this was 425 students. Each First Year Seminar, FYSEM, spends a half day of orientation at a community organization learning about the organization and providing service to meet some of the organization's needs.

The depth of experience in service continues as some FYSEMs incorporate City Serve as part of the curricular experience. "Living in a Rape Culture: What Are We Going to Do About It?" works closely with Sexual Offense Services, the Rape Crisis Center of Ramsey County. An option for the final project includes the Volunteer Training Program (40 hours of training) and a commitment to work between two and four 12 hour shifts a month as a phone crisis counselor and hospital outreach advocate, 480 hours of service. My Name is not "Those People": Homeless In America worked extensively in the community, requiring twenty hours of service-learning at local homeless shelters. In addition, they participated in the Joint Service-Learning project on Homelessness between Hamline and Hancock Elementary. The impact of City Serve can be seen as community organizations call in the spring to be included, faculty include service-learning in other courses, and students provide informed leadership for the Women's Resource Center.

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Homelessness

Technical Career Institutes – The College of Technology

Community & Economic Development, Homelessness, Housing, Special Needs

BMMSA Renovation & Repair Project

The Building Maintenance Management Student Association (BMMSA) performs electrical repairs, fixes damaged refrigeration, appliances, and air-conditioning units for donation to needy persons. BMMSA began in 1995 and is limited to 15 students majoring in HVAC and/or Building Maintenance. BMSSA volunteers paint disabled individuals' homes and repair their wheelchairs. In 2005, the students painted and renovated the Metropolitan Community Church and the Olivieri Center (a shelter for the homeless). Ten student volunteers committed 30 hours each over a period of three weekends to paint the shelter and perform the needed renovation work.

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