

# E-CONNECTED TO SERVICE

## 2002 Harvest for the Hungry “Kids Helping Kids” Campaign

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### Important Dates:

- Harvest for the Hungry “Kids Helping Kids” Campaign October 21–November 8
- Fellows Applications due to LEA Service-Learning Contracts – November 15, 2002
- Youth Mini-Grant Applications (postmark) Deadline – November 22, 2002
- Fellows Applications due to MSSA – December 10, 2002
- Maryland’s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Service-Learning Conference – March 20, 2003
- MSSA New Fellows Training – March 20-21, 2003
- MSSA All Fellows Retreat – March 21, 2003
- National Service-Learning Conference – April 23-26, 2002, Minneapolis MN

Harvest for the Hungry “Kids Helping Kids” is a three-week food collection and hunger awareness campaign for Maryland schools that will take place October 21—November 8. It is sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Food Bank in partnership with all of Maryland’s local food banks. The campaign is designed to raise thousands of pounds of food for needy children throughout Maryland. “Kids Helping Kids” provides students with an opportunity to learn about the serious issues of hunger in Maryland, allows them to volunteer their time in their community and earn credit toward their service-learning requirement.

Any elementary, middle or high school in the state of Maryland can participate. To participate or for more information, including curriculum ideas and flyers, please contact Teresa Ernst of the Maryland Food Bank at 410-947-0404, or log onto [www.mdfoodbank.org](http://www.mdfoodbank.org). You can also contact Jodi Lavin .

Last year’s campaign yielded 349,463 pounds of food through the participation of 326 schools across the state. We hope to reach 400,000 pounds in 2002 and make it the best year ever!



## Small Change Changes Lives

The Maryland Student Service Alliance/ Maryland Department of Education strongly endorses the Trick-or-Treat (T-O-T) for UNICEF program as part of its Character Education and Service-Learning programs. Teachers and principals are encouraged to empower their students to help rid the world of polio with this year’s T-O-T program. This does not have to be a door to door collection –



there are many ideas and free materials available through the UNICEF link on the MSSA and MSDE websites – and every penny makes a difference. Collections can be donated through “Coinstar” machines at grocery stores and receipts sent to the local Chapter of UNICEF. Please feel free to contact the Baltimore Chapter at 410-377-5565 or email at [bal-tusf@aol.com](mailto:bal-tusf@aol.com) for further information, videos or to have a speaker in your class.



# Meetings, Events and Information

## Regional Meetings

The next South Central Regional Meeting is on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Benjamin Banneker Middle School. For information, contact Madeline Yates.

The next Central/Northeastern Regional Meeting is on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. For information, contact Julie Ayers.

The next Western Maryland Regional Meeting is on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Deep Creek Brewing Company. For information, contact Tracey Seabolt.

The next Eastern Shore Service-Learning Coordinators Meeting is on Wednesday, November 13, 2002. For information, contact Harriet Smith.

## Update Website

MSSA's website ([www.mssa.sailorsite.net](http://www.mssa.sailorsite.net)) is undergoing a revision and will have a new look this fall. Our goal is to make it more user-friendly and attractive. We will also begin including a PDF version of our *Connected* newsletters on the site.

## New Fellows

MSSA will be selecting up to 15 new Service-Learning Fellows in December. Please share the attached Fellows 2003 application with any outstanding educators who should be recognized by this leadership program.

## Farewell to a Friend

Sherry Unger, a long-time Service-Learning Fellow and Prince George's County's Service-Learning Contact, passed away this summer in an automobile accident. MSSA renamed our website's Monthly Featured Project the Sherry Unger Award in tribute to this vibrant and dedicated individual. A memorial page providing some details about Sherry's amazing life and gifts is now a permanent fixture on the website. We will all miss her.

## Howard and Anne Arundel Counties Receive Civic Education Training Grant

Howard and Anne Arundel Counties will receive funding from the Constitutional Rights Foundation for the *third* year in a row! These two counties are becoming leaders in combining service-learning with civic education. Both counties are using the funds to train teachers how to create high quality service-learning projects that engage students in their communities and look at structural change through the democratic process. For more information about how to develop civic connections through service-learning projects or to draw on these counties' experience contact Madeline Yates.

## International/Cross-Cultural Connections

Are you looking for a way to get your class/school linked with another school/class in another country? Many high quality service-learning projects have a local *and global* component. If you are seeking a "sister school" contact Madeline Yates.

## Working With Colleagues, Administrators, and Parents

Are you trying to gain more support for service-learning at your school? If you know service-learning is really working for your students but you would like current research which SHOWS how high quality service-learning improves school climate and student affective and cognitive achievement, contact Madeline Yates or your regional coordinator and our website at [www.mssa.sailorsite.net](http://www.mssa.sailorsite.net).

## New Service-Learning Coordinators

MSSA welcomes the following new LEA Service-learning Coordinators:

- Robert Mika – Cecil Co.
- Randy Marcum (acting) – Dorchester Co.
- Thomas Gibson – Harford Co.
- Gina Jachimowicz – Kent Co.
- Dr. Dottie Harrison (acting) – Prince George's Co.
- Lisa Hopkins (acting) – Somerset Co.
- Kathy Dill – Talbot Co.
- Alan Zube – Washington Co.

## Conference '03 is Coming Your Way

Mark your calendar! Maryland's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Service-Learning Conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2003 at Villa Julie College in Baltimore County. A team of service-learning experts, including many students, teachers, and administrators, is already hard at work planning for this year's event.



If you are interested in helping to direct Conference '03, please contact Tracey Seabolt to join the Conference Team or serve as an Email Consultant. Keep an eye on MSSA's website for details on the day's agenda, submitting workshop proposals, and – of course – registering for the event!

## “Students in Service”

### Back By Popular Demand

MSSA is proud to again support the statewide “Students in Service” photo exhibit, which showcases Maryland students engaged in service. This exhibit has been a central part of Maryland's last two service-learning conferences, as well as other venues.

Don't miss this opportunity to release your creative energies and participate. Spread the message to students around the state and encourage them to photograph other students who are participating in service projects. You will receive more information on this opportunity soon but here are a few things to keep in mind as you promote the opportunity:

- All photos must be taken by students and measure 8” x 10” in size. Both black and white and color photos are acceptable.
- You must identify student photographers by name, school, grade, and school district.
- You must include a Publicity Release Form for each person *identified* in the photos.
- Include a two or three sentence description for each photograph about the community need being met and how it links to the curriculum.

Dust off those cameras now and start taking those photos!

## Do Something Club Grant

Founded in 1993, Do Something is a school-based leadership and citizenship program that has worked with more than four million students in 20,000 schools over the last three years. Do Something provides the curricula, training, and technical assistance to young people and educators through a year-round program and through calendar-based events at key times of the year like September 11, Thanksgiving, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday and Earth Day.

The Do something Club Application is an innovative resource to help young people plan their community-building work, as well as the opportunity to receive a \$500 grant for their work. The Do Something Club Application is a way to engage young people in service-learning. Additional Information about the Do Something Club Application and grant opportunity is available at <http://www.dosomething.org> or email [advise@dosomething.org](mailto:advise@dosomething.org)

## Youth Mini-Grants

Youth Mini-Grants (\$100-\$400) are available again for the 2002-2003 school year. Please share the attached grant application with students, classes, and clubs who are implementing quality service-learning projects. The application is also available through our website at [www.mssa.sailorsite.net](http://www.mssa.sailorsite.net). Grants are for service-learning projects designed by students. The postmark deadline date is November 22, 2002. For more information contact Madeline Yates.

## Robinson Mini-Grants Program

Thanks to a generous grant from the Maurice R. Robinson Fund of New York City, the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) awards mini-grants for K-12 service-learning projects designed to address serious community issues. This year's application deadline date is October 18, 2002. For more information, [www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org).



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The Maryland Student Service Alliance is now sending the "Connected" newsletter via email. If you know of anyone who would like to receive our electronic newsletter please send their email address to Kim Bellinger.

OR

If you would like your name removed from our mailing list please contact Kim Bellinger.

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