

**ADULTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN**

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Hello everyone – here is a recap of our last Coalition meeting. **We will NOT meet in December - our next meeting is Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Agenda Items –**

- **New Proposals** – We reviewed 2 proposals – All Night Grad and After Prom. Both would involve paying \$500 for supplies such as paper, postage, etc. Both proposals were approved. All forms are on the GHCC website.
- **Parents Who Host Lose the Most Program** – we discussed the background of this program and the various groups that are looking for committee members.
- **Herndon High & Herndon Middle Hispanic Parent meetings** – the second meeting of this year is scheduled for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. *As a follow-up – the meeting was very successful. We had about 40 people in attendance and they didn't leave until 9 pm!!*
- **Hispanic Parent Meetings** – We will be having four winter parent meetings for Hispanic Parents. The flyer will be posted on our website and is available via email. Just let me know if you would like one (they are available in Spanish or English). The dates are Dec. 11, Jan 29, Feb. 12, and Feb. 26.
- **WOLA Report** – The Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) released a report on community-based responses to youth gang violence. World Vision (GHCC member) was highlighted. The full report is posted on our website, under Resources. Congratulations to World Vision on the tremendous work they are doing in our area!!

**Announcements –**

- **Fairfax County Dept. of Human Services** – Jenifer Henry (acting Regional Director) handed out flyers about their upcoming **Grandparents Day Off**. This program is designed for grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. who are raising a child for another family member to have a day off on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 6 pm. For more info, [click here](#). She also handed out flyers for Free Tax Assistance for individuals which will begin on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will be posted to our website. There is also a Coat Closet available at the North County Gov't Center until March 14<sup>th</sup>. For more info, [click here](#).

- **Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic** – Veronica Vogt reported that they received a grant from ALCOA thru their partnership with the GHCC. Kaiser Permanente also donated a ½ time Pediatric Nurse Practitioner who is handling physicals and sick care for all children who meet the eligibility requirements for Fairfax County. On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> they will have a children's clinic day. Call 703-481-8160 for an appointment or visit their [website](#). They began a year ago asking for teen volunteers thru the Coalition and now have about 20 active teens helping out. They were able to honor a Teen Volunteer recently with the 2008 Eddie Hurley Teen Volunteer of the Year award – Shannon Storey, a senior who has donated hundreds of hours at the Free Clinic.

- **Herndon Community Center** – Mike Hotze reported that they are in the process of planning their Teen Discovery Summer Camp. Their next Middle School Dance will be Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. At the last dance, approximately 100+ kids attended. We also discussed the idea of partnering with Reston Community Center on a Prom Dress Drive for the spring. Mike said he would follow-up with Reston to see about a possible partnership.

- **Dranesville ES** – Kathy Wilds reported that they are having a Thanksgiving celebration and will be combining it with a Canned Food Drive for LINK. Their 6<sup>th</sup> graders attended Innerquest recently. Upcoming Events – a Hispanic Parent meeting and they are recommending the upcoming Grandparents Day Off to their families.

- **CSB (Community Service Board)** – Linda Pate reported that they have an individual who coordinates Alcohol & Drug Services for their Reston Youth Outpatient program. For more info, contact Frances Williams, 703-481-4008, [fran.williams@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fran.williams@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- **World Vision** – Juan Pacheco reported the funding crisis for this year was averted when World Vision took our local unit under their wing after the funding ran out from Congressman Wolf. Also, a HHS student recently won a Fairfax Partnership for Youth Peer Advocate Award and the same individual is a member of the World Vision Youth Advisory Council. Their program from last year (mentoring on a one-to-one basis) is currently postponed until a new MOU can be established. Question was asked if there is an increase or decrease in gang activity. Juan said no discernable difference, but that they are also helping out in Sterling with gang issues.
- **Town of Herndon Police** – Officer G reported that they will have their annual “Shop with a Cop” event on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. This is sponsored by Herndon Police Citizens Support Team, Herndon Police, and many others. Hoping to work with 30 – 40 kids in K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and each child will receive about \$50 to shop at Kmart with a police officer. Submit any qualifying names to [Officer G](#). They must be Town of Herndon residents and you should include information regarding need. There will be an “Underwear Ride” on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to collect new underwear that will be donated to Reston Interfaith. To view photos from the 2007 ride, [click here](#). On Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Miracle Christmas event where needy children will receive wrapped gifts delivered by policemen. Sponsors are Rotary Club, Optimist, Herndon Fraternal Order of Police, Herndon Police Citizen Support Team, and others. Officer G also reported that the Kids @ Hope seminar held on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> was well attended. He also said that the Neighborhood Resource Center has a new direction – Cecily Powell. You can email her at – [Cecily.powell@herndon-va.gov](mailto:Cecily.powell@herndon-va.gov).
- **Herndon HS** – Becky Field-Ross reported that they finally found a chairperson for After Prom. There is a fund-raiser dinner for ANG at HUMC on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Reston Interfaith** – Jenifer reported for Bill that they are sponsoring Free Legal Services on Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 at Southgate Community Center. For more info, call Samuel Gatewood (571-323-1432).
- **Health Department** – Virginia Wilkinson, school nurse for HHS & HMS, reported that there are no new moms and they she is still meeting regularly with the teen moms. She also mentioned that they are now recommending that all children receive flu shots.
- **Trinity Presbyterian** – will be working with LINK Holiday Basket program in November and December and they are still coordinating lunch for the day laborers (there are up to 85 individuals showing up for lunch on Wednesdays). Their fall ESL classes are concluding.
- **Hispanic Parent Meetings** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and will focus on Parenting Skills and Clubs & Activities.

#### Other Announcements –

- **Holiday Volunteer Opportunities** – on the Coalition website, we have posted a PDF document containing the needs of many of our area groups for the Holiday season. If you want me to send this to you via email, just let me know. We have LINK, Reston Interfaith, Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, and Women’s Shelter information
- **FCPS Annual Bookmark Contest** – DEA, AEIC, and Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 are sponsoring this year’s contest. The theme is “My Community and Me – Safe and Drug Free”. The winning entry from each school must be turned in by January 26, 2009 at 4 pm. Questions should be addressed to Stefan Mascoll at: [stefan.mascoll@fcps.edu](mailto:stefan.mascoll@fcps.edu) or 571-423-4276.
- **Edlin School Can Drive & Change Drive** – The Edlin school is sponsoring a canned food drive and loose change drive thru May 2009. For more info, visit the [school website](#).

#### OUR MISSION

*The GHCC is united in a drive to help ensure the well-being of all youth in the Herndon community. We dedicate our efforts to provide information and education about preventing under-age drinking, drug-abuse use issues, and personal character issues faced by our young citizenry, because all kids are capable of success, no exceptions.*

- **Women Giving Back Store Opening** – On Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> the WGB store will open at 1110 Herndon Pkwy., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. For more info, [click here](#).
- **Washington Gas Energy Assistance** – Washington Gas will give \$128 million to Virginia to use for Low Income Energy Assistance. The referral line is 800-230-6977 or visit [www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit).

### Meetings for 08-09 (all meetings are at 3:30 pm)

- January 14
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22
- May 27



### Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 6 – Underwear Ride (see link above for photos from last year's ride)
- Dec. 11 – Herndon Hispanic Parent Class (for parents of K – 6<sup>th</sup> graders) at Neighborhood Resource Center, 7 – 9 pm
- Dec. 12 – Middle School Dance @ Herndon Community Center
- Dec. 13 – Grandparents Day Off
- Dec. 13 – Shop with a Cop Day @ Kmart
- Dec. 16 – Free Legal Assistance @ Southgate Community Center
- Dec. 18 – Children's Clinic Day at Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic
- Dec. 20 – Miracle Christmas Toy Deliveries by Town of Herndon Police
- Dec. 20 – LINK Holiday Christmas Basket Program @ Trinity Presbyterian, Herndon United Methodist & Christ the Redeemer, 8 am – 4 pm
- **Jan. 14 - Coalition Meeting, 3:30 pm – HHS Principal's Conference Room – PLEASE BRING PROPOSALS**
- Jan. 17 – FREE Tax Assistance Program begins



***There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. With it beats the spirit of service, generosity, and compassion....and the health and well-being of our community, our country, and our world.***

***--Kobi Yamada***