
The SHARE Institute Newsletter – Fall 2007
(Social, Health, Assessment, Research, & Education)

A Quarterly Newsletter Written for the SHARE Community:

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A Few Words from the SHARE Institute's President

Dear SHARE supporters:

I hope all is well with you. I had a great trip to Vietnam over Christmas break. I spent three weeks traveling throughout the whole country and, fortunately, was able to connect with three non-governmental organizations. The connections were made via Ms. France Nguyen, a Fulbright scholar and friend in Vietnam. It was very important to be introduced by a well-trusted scholar. I was particularly very touched by one of the HIV/AIDS activities whose efforts were outstanding in creating public awareness about HIV/AIDS. SHARE funded four projects in Vietnam. The first was a HIV project to pay for baby formula for orphaned children and supplies to make scarves for patients of HIV. Two other projects revolved around offering workshops to create awareness about domestic violence and combating the trafficking of woman. Finally, SHARE provided

Sincerely,

Soheir Stolba

New Website

Come check out The SHARE Institute's exciting new website at <http://www.theshareinstitute.org>. Many thanks to Nathan Menard for his work on the project.

Purchase Recipes from SHARE

The SHARE Institute has gathered together a variety of delicious International and Domestic recipes to add to your collection. The 20 cards include recipes from SHARE members as well as those recipes for the savory dishes prepared for the International Speaker's Events hosted regularly by The SHARE Institute. The recipes range from Cold Vietnamese Spring Rolls to event favorites like Mousaka. The collection of 20 recipes is available from The SHARE Institute for only \$10, with the proceeds going to benefit women and children of the world.

International Speaker Event: Compas de Nicaragua

The SHARE Institute held its first International Speakers Night of the fall semester on September 20, 2007. We were proud to welcome the founders of Compas de Nicaragua, Michael and Anna Bourdreau, who shared their experiences of running a non-profit organization in the poor settlement of La Primavera located in the capital city of Managua. The Primavera is located on the shores of Lake Managua, one of the most polluted lakes in the world, where nearly 80% of households are headed by women. These women are usually uneducated and unskilled, leaving them with few employment options. Many families go hungry and nearly one million children do not attend school.

Compas de Nicaragua offers programs through Women in Action, an organization that formed against incredible odds to answer the needs of the community. Forty women currently participate in the programs that focus on community health and nutrition, provide educational opportunities, and help improve sources of income. Some current activities include gourd art that can be sold on the streets, soy production that is used as a healthier and cost efficient alternative to rice and beans, and preserving cultural tradition through dance presentations. In addition, Women in Action also teaches women to become self-reliant through educational programs and workshops.

Compas de Nicaragua and The SHARE Institute have teamed up to offer internship opportunities for students to visit and work with Women in Action. These trips allow interns to experience the living conditions of extreme poverty and to make a difference in the lives of these women and their families. Activities that interns assist with include building chicken huts, helping with gardening, aiding in health workshops and teaching art to children. Currently, a trip is planned for December 29, 2007- January 16, 2007, which is open to both students and professionals who wish to take advantage of this life changing opportunity.

Recent Events

On October 1, 2007 Dr. Soheir Stolba spoke to employees at the Northern California Children's Residential Regional Office for Community Care Licensing in the Department of Social Services, as part of their California State Employees' Charitable Campaign. Dr. Stolba shared information about the activities of The SHARE Institute as well as her experiences working with The SHARE Institute's international and domestic projects that promote the well-being of women and children.

Upcoming Events

Globalization and Women: Good, Bad, and Evil **Saturday, November 10th, 2007, 8:30-3:30 pm**

Sacramento State's Alumni Center

Please join us for a conference co-sponsored by Sacramento State University Women's Resource Center on Globalization and Women. Speaking at the conference will be Dr. Sunjata Warriar addressing Globalization and Violence Against Women, Dr. Stolba on the Chinese Strategies of Globalization, and other related topics will be discussed. At the conference there will be lunch and entertainment. Please register with the Sacramento State Women's Resource Center at www.csus.edu/wrc or contact Jessica Heskin at www.csus.edu/wrc.

An Evening with Story Voices performing "Honestly Woman" **Saturday, November 17th, 2007, 6:30 pm**

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd 95626

The SHARE Institute is proud to present a performance by Story Voices that highlights the experiences of women across centuries and cultures. Tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$15 for students. Due to some mature content, the play is recommended for young adults 16 and older. Space is limited, so please RSVP as soon as possible by e-mailing The SHARE Institute at sstolba@theshareinstitute.org or by calling the office at (916) 966-7482

Open House

Saturday, December 1st, 2007, 9:00-3:30 pm

Please join us for a day of holiday shopping at The SHARE Institute's annual open house on December 1, 2007 from 9-3:30 pm. Jewelry, scarves, and other perfect holiday gifts from around the world will be featured for purchase. Refreshments to get you into the festive spirit will also be provided. All proceeds will go toward our mini-grants that help support women and children. If you are interested, please call to confirm your attendance by calling The SHARE Institute office at (916) 966-7482.

International Community Service Opportunity

In collaboration with Compas de Nicaragua, The SHARE Institute is sponsoring a two-week community service program in Managua Nicaragua from January 2nd-January 16th 2008. The community service program will give individuals an opportunity to be involved in teaching English to adults and children, teaching sewing or fruit-selling to women, art-based learning with children, and health workshops and training on personal hygiene and nutrition. The approximate cost of the trip is \$1400 (cost is dependent on Continental Air Fare Prices). The price includes round-trip airfare on Continental Airlines, room, board, local transportation, and some sightseeing trips. No special skills or Spanish are required. For more information please check The SHARE Institute website at www.theshareinstitute.org. If interested in going, please send an email with your name, phone number, and email address to sstolba@theshareinstitute.org.

Who are Our Interns?

SHARE is proud to introduce its interns.

Lauren Herman

Lauren Herman is currently a student at American River College in Sacramento, California. Her current major is Peace and Conflict studies with an emphasis on the continent of Africa and she plans on transferring to the University of California, Berkeley in fall of 2008.

Elizabeth Bennett

Elizabeth Bennett is currently completing her "troublesome" math requirement at American River College. She will then finish her International Relations B.A. at the University of California, Davis.

Veronica Fehlberg

Veronica Fehlberg is currently a student at American River College and hopes to transfer to the University of California, Berkeley as a Sociology Major. As an intern Veronica has been instrumental in our Cultural Awareness Program.

Rebekah Marshal

Rebekah Marshal is student at Folsom Lake College. She is in her last semester before applying to several nursing programs throughout the Sacramento region

Amanda Ross

Amanda Ross is currently a student at American River College and is in her second semester as an intern with The SHARE Institute.

Hilary Thomson

Hilary Thomson is currently a student at American River College. She hopes to transfer to the University of California, Davis as a Political Science Major. She is in her second semester as an intern with The SHARE Institute.

Danielle Jones

Danielle Jones is a second semester intern at The SHARE Institute. She is majoring in Anthropology and hopes to transfer to the University of California, Berkeley in the fall of 2008.

Jaime Crooks

Jaime Crooks is currently attending her last semester at American River College. She plans to transfer to the University of California, Davis where she will work towards completing a B.S. degree in Anthropology.

Tanya Azar

Tanya Azar is currently a student at American River College. After this semester she plans on transferring to the University of California, Davis where she will pursue a degree in International Relations. She also has interest in International Law.

Jessica Buchanan

Jessica Buchanan is a Psychology Major at American River College and she is planning on transferring to the University of California, Davis in the fall of 2009.

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Recently Funded International Mini-Grants
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A Mini-Grant in Afghanistan

NAWA (New Afghanistan Women Association)

The SHARE Institute continued to fund NAWA for women literacy programs in Afghanistan. NAWA continues to be critical component of empowering women and raising women's status in Afghanistan. NAWA's literacy program has been hailed as a beacon of hope for many women and young girls in the country and SHARE is proud to continue funding the project.

A Mini-Grant in Cambodia

JWOC (Journeys Within Our Community)

Journeys Within Our Community is a non-governmental agency that is responsible for the opening language schools for disadvantage youth, building water wells in rural villages, and providing low interest rate loans for small businesses in Cambodia. The mini-grant provided by The SHARE Institute will fund the JWOC Village Microfinance Fund, a program designed to allow women to start their own businesses in Nicaragua.

A Mini-Grant in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Women's Group DCR Congo

The SHARE Institute provided a mini-grant to Women's Group DCR Congo to provide education with regards to sexual health and violence.

A Mini-Grant in Nicaragua

Compas De Nicaragua

Compas de Nicaragua (Compas) is an organization that supports Women in Action, a group of forty women living in a poor settlement of the La Primavera neighborhood in Managua, Nicaragua. The mini-grant provided by The SHARE Institute carries out health, nutrition, education, and income generating programs for women, adolescents, and children.

A Mini-Grant in Egypt

Children Cooperative Association

The SHARE Insitute awarded a mini-grant to the Children Cooperative Association which will be used to provide HIV/AIDS workshops to youth groups in Egypt. The focus of the workshops will be on the preventing the transmission of HIV/AIDS.

Mini-Grants in Ghana

Women's Hope Foundation

The SHARE Institute gave the Women's Hope Foundation a mini-grant to train women in the areas of maternal/child health. This grant will educate traditional birth attendants about female genital mutilation in order to discourage the practice.

Muslim Women's Social Justice

The SHARE Institute awarded a mini-grant to the Women's Hope Foundation used to educate those that will be sent out to train traditional birth attendants about FGM as well as other issues related to maternal and child health.

Akpafu Birth Attendants Women's Association

The SHARE Institute provided the Akpafu Birth Attendants Women's Association with a mini-grant for the use of purchasing kits for traditional birth attendants.

Mini-Grants in India

TAPWA

The SHARE Institute awarded a mini-grant to TAPWA to continue the funding of micro-credit projects in Tamil Nadu.

Tea Trust

The SHARE Institute awarded a mini-grant to The Tea Trust which will be used to improve educational facilities, buy books for a new library, and to purchase equipment for a new laboratory, all of which will be used to further the education of children of migrant workers.

Mini-Grants in Kenya

CHELMA Advisory Institute

The SHARE Institute provided the CHELMA Advisory Institute with a mini-grant for useage in reproductive health education.

Compassion Network Agency

The SHARE Institute provided a mini-grant to the Compassion Network Agency, which offers workshops for women to improve their knowledge of reproductive health.

A Mini-Grant in Nepal

BBP Parowar

The SHARE Institute funded BBP Parowar to provide micro-credit services to poor women. Women will purchase goats and return the funds for others to borrow the money

A Mini-Grant in Nigeria

CHEDRES (Centre for Health Work, Development, and Research)

The SHARE Institute awarded CHEDRES a mini-grant to train 20 birth attendants in safe motherhood practices. This project will also provide free antenatal medical and laboratory services to 20 pregnant women in the project target area.

A Mini-Grant in Thailand

International Support group Foundation

The Share Institute contributed funds to purchase 5 wheelchairs for needy disabled persons.

Mini-Grants in Vietnam

HOA SUA

The SHARE Institute provided HOA SUA with a mini-grant for use in purchasing formula and supplies.

CEPEW (Center for Education, Promotion, and Empowerment of Women)

The SHARE Insitute awarded a mini-grant to CEPEW which was used to raise awareness of domestic violence issues for women and families in Hanoi, Vietnam.

A Mini-Grant in Yemen

The Safe Childhood Center

The Safe Children's Center provides education, meals, medical treatment, and a safe place to stay for abused street children in Aden, Yemen. Thanks to the support of the Center, many of these children are at the top of their class and have a chance to break the cycle of poverty and abuse.

Recently Funded Local Mini-Grants

SHARE Interns Scholarships

Scholarships were provided by the SHARE Institute to some of SHARE's interns for school this semester.

American River College Scholarship

SHARE has provided 3 scholarships to American River College for deserving students to attend college.

Gift Donation Cards and Gifts

Many friends of the Institute send holiday gift donation cards to family and friends. Gift donation cards are a great way to celebrate a holiday, accomplishment, or special occasion by giving to those who are less fortunate. By giving a tax-deductible gift donation, the “gift recipient” will receive a beautiful card acknowledging the donation in her/his name, and health and well-being projects around the world will receive the funds that they so desperately need. Gift donations can be earmarked for a certain project, or be used for the projects that most need funds.

Other ways to help:

**Donate money to the mini-grant program. Tax-deductible donations of any amount will help local people further improve their lives. Contributors may suggest types of projects for the Institute to launch.

**Spread the word. Let others know about the SHARE Institute and how they can help.

**Get involved. We would love to have you make a difference in international and domestic issues. Let us know your interests and how you can share your skill

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