
The SHARE Institute Newsletter –Spring 2005
(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:

The SHARE Institute has celebrated its fifth year of Operation. Thanks to your support we have been able to accomplish a great deal together. The Share Institute has funded many projects in Afghanistan, Egypt, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, El Salvador, Yemen, Uganda, Nicaragua, etc. We adopted a Tsunami village in India and SHARE donated \$2,000 towards village reconstruction. SHARE supported the victimized women in Darfur.

Our interns from ARC, UC Davis, and Sacramento State University started a "Cultural Awareness Program" at elementary schools throughout Sacramento. The program has been a huge success with teachers and students.

SHARE International Speaking events have attracted many community members and college students. Thank you for your help and we hope to continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children.

Soheir Stolba

International Speaker Nights – Off to great start!

The SHARE Institute's first spring International Speaker Night took place on February 10, 2005. Marilyn Lembcke, a SHARE Associate, presented pictures and news from her most recent projects including providing wheelchairs to disabled adults in Thailand, donating blankets to hill tribe people, and purchasing books and supplies for a free English school for poor children in Siem Reap, Cambodia. In addition to Ms. Lembcke's presentation, Dr. Soheir Stolba, President of SHARE Institute, provided information regarding our most recent partnership in Latin America with Compas De Nicaragua. This

summer internship will allow volunteers to spend over two weeks working on health and education projects in the poorest settlements of Nicaragua. Over 80 people attended the event, including SHARE board members Kathleen Collihan and Patricia Grady. Dinner was provided through the generous efforts of SHARE Interns and Associates and coordinated by longtime SHARE Intern Heidi Lidgett.

The next International Speaker Night was Thursday, March 17, 2005 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the SHARE Institute office. Professor Kathleen Collihan, Professor of Political Science at American River and SHARE Board Member, kindly delivered a talk entitled “The Future of The United Nations.” Due to international recent events, there has been a lot of attention brought onto the UN both as pertains to its effectiveness as well as its legitimacy. Will the UN survive? Can there be more accountability without destroying the original mission of the UN? Many students and eager individuals joined Professor Collihan in discussing these and many more important topics. As always, the event included an international dinner and the event was \$15 (\$10 for students).

In April, SHARE International Speakers Night is proud to present Sociology Professor at American River College, Professor Nidal Hijazi. This event will be hosted on Thursday, April 14, 2005 from 6:00-8:30pm at the SHARE Institute office. Professor Hijazi, will give a talk entitled “Modern Day Slavery and Women” and will discuss the alarming increase in cases of female trafficking and other forms of modern day slavery. Again, tickets for this event will be \$15 (\$10 for students). April in Sacramento is typically quite enjoyable so please feel free to join us for this outdoor occasion.

Introducing The SHARE Institute’s Art for Children Program

The SHARE Institute is sponsoring a new Art for Children Program. The Program is recruiting children between the ages of 6-11 interested in art and willing to devote two hours every other Sunday to the program activities. Instruction was held at the SHARE Institute Office from 1:00-3:00 p.m. starting on Sunday, February 6, 2005 and will run through the end of April, 2005. Parental involvement is required, the program is a community service by SHARE, and is therefore free of charge. SHARE has already received a commitment from 8 children and their parents so if you are interested or for more information, please call the SHARE Institute at (916) 966-7482.

SHARE’s Newest Partnership with Compas de Nicaragua

SHARE is looking for students and professionals who are interested in working to improve the lives of poor people in Latin America. In collaboration with Compas de Nicaragua, the SHARE Institute is sponsoring interns to travel to Nicaragua to work on educational and economic projects in poor settlements in Managua with Women in Action. Volunteers will spend a little over two weeks from July 25, 2005 through August

8, 2005 in Nicaragua visiting schools, health clinics as well as participating in project work. The total cost of the internship will be \$1,650 and will include roundtrip airfare, room and board (including all meals), local transportation, travel insurance, as well as a tax deductible contribution to the women and children of Nicaragua. The program offers a life changing experience that encourages making a difference in some ones life.

SHARE has received interest from over 10 people for this project. If you are interested or would simply like more information about this collaborative project, please feel free to contact SHARE either by E-mail at [sstolba@theshareinstitute.org](mailto:stolba@theshareinstitute.org) or by telephone at (916) 966-7482.

An Award to a distinguished SHARE Intern

On the night of Thursday, February 10, 2005, SHARE was honored to have Ms. Heidi Lidgett in attendance as we were proud to present her with a scholarship in appreciation of her commitment and dedication to both SHARE and numerous community service programs around the world. Heidi has been instrumental in bringing three grants to the SHARE Institute and raising funds for the Tsunami Relief effort. Thank you Heidi, from everyone at SHARE.

Tsunami Donations to the Local Buddhist Temple

One week after the news came of the Tsunami, the SHARE Institute pooled its resources together and made several donations to relief efforts both locally and abroad. Heidi Lidgett, one of SHARE's interns, gathered bags of clothing, new blankets, baby food and fresh towels to be delivered to the local Buddhist temple. The goods were then sent to other relief organizations based in Sri Lanka.

Tsunami Relief to TAPWA

In the past, SHARE has given TAPWA (Tamilnuda People Welfare Association) a mini-grant to assist with a feeding scheme for local preschools based in India. When the SHARE Institute heard of the devastation in India due to the tsunami, efforts were made to raise funds for a second mini-grant. Part of the mini-grant was used to rebuild homes, schools, and businesses lost in the Tsunami. The other portion of the mini-grant is being used to implement educational and training programs for women. TAPWA has requested the amount of 31,000.00 dollars to rebuild their community destroyed by the Tsunami. We are still seeking donations from our supporters to repair the destruction caused by the Tsunami in this village. We would appreciate any assistance we might get from you.

Dinner and Dialogue

Recently, the first ever Dinner and Dialogue was held at the SHARE Institute and we are proud to announce that it was a huge success. On December 4, 2004, 15 guests received a fabulous meal and stimulating conversation led by American River Professor and SHARE Board Member Kathleen Collihan. The topic of the evening was "What does the world think of the United States." The purpose of this program is to create a pleasant and intimate environment for people to discuss ideas and to have a chance to make friends with others who have similar interests. The inaugural event provided that and so much more that the SHARE Institute hosted its second Dinner and Dialogue event.

On Saturday, March 5, 2005, the SHARE Institute hosted the second installment of Dinner and Dialogue. This discussion group was again led by Professor Kathleen Collihan and the topic of this night was, "Is the World Getting More Democratic?" Proceeds from the event went towards funding SHARE's mini-grants around the world. We are looking forward to future engagements from these exciting evenings of delicious food and thought-provoking conversation.

SHARE's Local Cultural Awareness Program

Several interns from throughout the Sacramento and Davis area have joined the SHARE Institute and have begun work on a local outreach project that will travel to elementary schools in the area in hopes of educating school age children in addition to raising their overall awareness of our world's many cultures. Updates on this project will be included in future newsletters but to begin we would like to introduce these interns to you with a little information on each of them and their experiences.

Nicholas Whitaker is a third year International relations student at UC Davis with plans of eventually pursuing a career in teaching. In addition to his recent two year stint working with San Juan Unified School Districts After School Programs, Nicholas is an active volunteer with local organizations such as Loaves and Fishes, the Boys and Girls Club, and Amnesty International.

CarolAnn Kinzel is currently studying language at American River College and working at a local emergency youth shelter. She earned her BA in History in 2003 and is hoping to apply to a Master's Degree in a Social Work program this coming fall. In her free time she enjoys doing art projects, hiking in the mountains and spending time with friends.

Katie Hulse is currently attending American River College and hopes to transfer to UC Davis or UC Berkeley in the fall of 2006, majoring in Political Science. This is her first internship experience. She works for an accounting firm and is currently starring in Dr. Faustus at ARC.

Elizabeth McCord is currently attending American River College. She is a History major and will be transferring to UC Davis or UC Berkeley in the fall of 2005. She also

works with Building Bridges, an after school program which is a free enrichment program for at risk children at local elementary schools.

Destiny Simon is currently attending American River College to go into the nursing program. She is working as a phlebotomist for two independent companies. She is interested in starting the SHARE Assistance to Hospice program in collaboration with UCD medical center.

Jennifer Wood is currently attending American River College and is studying Anthropology. She is looking forward to transferring to UC Davis in the future and hopes to someday travel to North Africa and the Middle East and work on humanitarian aide and anthropologically related work projects. She is a happy mother of an 18th month old son and enjoys making clothing and accessories.

Mariam Aowrang is a full time student at American River College and is a double major in Psychology and Anthropology working towards a PhD in Psychology. She plans to transfer to a university in fall 2006. After her education is completed, she hopes to work in developing countries doing pro-bono work, and is at SHARE to gain a foundation for her future goals.

Heidi Lidgett is a full time student at the University of California, Davis working towards her B.S. Degree in Nutritional Science with an emphasis in Clinical Nutrition. Heidi has been with SHARE for the past three years helping to develop new projects both locally and abroad. After completing her degree, she will be applying to internships towards her Registered Dieticians License. She intends to be a part of SHARE indefinitely.

Our 2005 Mini-Grants are Making a Difference

NEW MINI-GRANTS

Compas de Nicaragua

The SHARE Institute has awarded a grant to the Compas de Nicaragua program for the purpose of funding the “Women in Action” program. “Woman in Action” is a Women’s group that is developing health and educational projects to the impoverished women of the la Primavera settlement in Nicaragua.

Chidamoyo Hospital

SHARE has re-funded the Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe to continue the education of 16 high school girls for another year. The students attend a peer support group and volunteer two hours per week at the hospital. The program has a drop-out rate of less than 2%. Due to the 400% inflation rate in Zimbabwe, so many students cannot afford a

public education.

Afghanistan Literacy

SHARE has continued funding with NAWA (National Afghanistan Women's Association) for a new project to give the gift of literacy to 40 women outside Kabul. This project begins April 2nd and lasts for one year. At the end of the school year the women will be certified through a fourth grade reading level.

Pakistan American Forum

SHARE has awarded a mini-grant to the Pakistan American Forum to fund the Merit Grants for Young Women Program in order to promote higher education among Pakistan's underprivileged young women. Women under the age of ten are chosen based on merit to receive tuition money for the purpose of purchasing books, uniforms and other educational necessities. The goal of the Merit Grants Program is to encourage Pakistan families to educate their daughters and thereby close the widening gap in literacy rates between men and women.

Save the Children Tsunami Relief

The SHARE Institute has awarded a mini-grant to Save the Children Tsunami Relief. The funds will be used to provide nutritional meals, health and education to children in countries devastated by the Tsunami.

Tsunami Relief in India

The SHARE institute donated emergency funding to TAPWA (Tamilnadu People's Welfare Association) to help with the Tsunami disaster in India. The funding helped victim's family members during the recovery period by providing food items, cooking utensils, sleeping materials and medicines for families.

DOMESTIC 2005 GRANTS

Provision of Art Supplies

SHARE has funded an American River College Student to purchase art supplies.

Cultural Awareness in Schools

SHARE has just begun a project funding an after school educational project providing cultural awareness education to at-risk children grades K-6.

HIV/AIDS Fundraiser

The SHARE Institute sponsored a dancer in UCLA's 4th Annual Dance Marathon. Students participated in a 26 hour dance marathon to raise money for pediatric AIDS.

Book Scholarship

The SHARE Institute awarded a book scholarship to a student at American River College for the spring 2005 semester.

Public Speaking and Social Events

SPRING SHARE EVENTS

March 5, 2005

Dinner and Dialogue

“Is the World Becoming more Democratic?”

5:00 – 8:30 pm

The SHARE Institute

March 17, 2005

International Speaker Night

“The Future of The United Nations” presented by Professor Kathleen Collihan

6:00 – 8:30 pm

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March 29, 2005

International Club Day at American River College

Fundraising Event

April 6, 2005

Tsunami Village Reconstruction Project: A Fundraiser at ARC

April 14, 2005

International Speaker Night

“Modern Day Slavery and Women: presented by Professor Nidal Hijazi

6:00 – 8:30 pm

The SHARE Institute

February 6, 2005 to the end of April, 2005

Art for Children Program

Community Service Program, free of charge

1:00 – 3:00 pm (Every Other Sunday)

The SHARE Institute

Gift Donation Cards

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 skills.

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