
The SHARE Institute Newsletter – Summer 2006
(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 you had a great summer. I spent most of the summer training Iraqi physicians and nurses in Amman, Jordan. The work was hard, intense, and reflected the traumatic lives of Iraqi men and women today. SHARE is sponsoring its first conference entitled "Women, War, and Violence: Perspectives on Recent Events in the Middle East." The conference is a collaborative effort with Sacramento State's Women's Center and Multi-Cultural Center. The topics of the conference will include updates on the situation in Lebanon, Iraq, Gaza, and Afghanistan. The conference will be held on Saturday October 7th, at Sacramento State in the Redwood Room in the University Union. Please register for the conference by e-mailing wrc@csus.edu to get the registration form. The conference hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a lunch- the cost is included in the registration fee. Also, there will be entertainment, cultural exhibits, and jewelry for sale. I hope you can join us on this special day. If you need more information, please e-mail me at SStolba@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Soheir Stolba

Upcoming Events

International Speakers' Events

Current Events in Somalia: An Update
Thursday, September 21, 2006, 6:00 pm at the SHARE Institute

8370 Sunset Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA (916) 966-7482

Please join us to listen to Dr. Soheir Stolba, Ms. Faryal Said, and Nasim Hassan discuss the recent events in Somalia. Dr. Stolba has worked in Somalia and has kept up to date with the recent developments. Ms Farayal and Nasim are natives of Somalia, who have personally experienced the impact of Somali conflicts on their lives. This event requires reservations, so please contact SHARE at SStolba@aol.com or by telephone at (916) 966-7482. This event costs \$10.00 for students and \$20.00 for non-students.

War, Women and Violence: Perspectives on Recent Events in the Middle East

Saturday, October 7, 2006, Full Day Conference from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Co-Sponsored event at California State University, Sacramento 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6000

Please join us for this informative and exciting event, taking place at CSUS in the Redwood Room in the University Union. Experts and area specialists from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Lebanon will speak about the current situations in these countries, emphasizing the impact of war and violence on women. In the afternoon, there will be cultural and art exhibits, lunch and dancing. The cost for this event is \$15.00 for students and \$30.00 for general public. Lunch will be provided and to register, please fill out a registration form.

For registration, please call the Sacramento State Women's Resource Center at (916) 278-7388, or e-mail at wrc@csus.edu.

During all these events the SHARE jewelry store will be open to exhibit and sell beautiful handmade products by the women that SHARE supports. Please bring a friend. You will enjoy our speaking events and browsing in our store.

Recently Funded International Mini-Grants

A Mini-Grant in Nepal

BBP Parowar

The SHARE Institute provided a mini-grant to the BBP Parowar to fund a woman's self-help group of 29 women in rural Nepal. The women meet once a month to contribute a portion of their income to their joint fund. The women selected for this project will raise the goats and repay the loan to the revolving fund so other women would benefit from the fund.

A Mini-Grant in Afghanistan

A Mobil Mini Circus for Children

The SHARE Institute provided a mini-grant to the MMCC to repair and develop a child friendly playground at the MMCC Children's Culture Center in Kabul. There are not many places in Kabul for children to have fun and enjoy just being a child.

The New Afghan Women's Association (NAWA)

The SHARE Institute continued to provide funding for women's literacy in Afghanistan through NAWA. This mini-grant for 29 girls outside of Kabul will take them from no reading skills to 3rd grade in only one year. The school is home-based and the girls attend class 4 hours a day. The SHARE Institute has funded over 900 Afghani women and girls to procure their 3rd grade education. The early classes started in Kabul and in recent years moved to rural areas. Some of the girls have joined public schools.

A Mini-Grant in India

The Tea Trust

The SHARE Institute provided a mini-grant to the Tea Trust, a non-profit organization located in Southern India, to provide meals for children at the Little Flower Primary school in Tamil Nadu. The children's parents work as migrant workers and spend a part of the school year away from home. By leaving their children at the boarding school during the migrant season, the children are able to continue attending school and avoid missing on their education.

A Mini-Grant in South Africa

Angel Care Center

The SHARE Institute continued to fund the Angel's Care Center in 2006. The Center provides housing, food and school uniforms for indigent children with HIV/AIDs and homeless children. The children are provided with a safe environment, nutritious meals and education.

A Mini-Grant in Ethiopia

Hibreteb Akef Limat Dirijit (HALD)

The SHARE Institute provided a mini-grant to HALD for a one-day advocacy workshop for women about HIV. The women will participate in the discussion groups and learn about prevention of HIV. The goal of the workshop is to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS among women and girls. Many women get infected and pass the HIV virus to their offspring.

A Mini-Grant in Thailand

International Support Group Foundation

The SHARE Institute continues to support the ISG by funding a portion of the annual blanket distribution. The blankets are manufactured by a non-profit organization that is training at risk young women who reside in Northern Thailand. The blankets are distributed to poor Hill Tribe families, women, children and the elderly. The northern Thailand Mountains are cold in the winter and a blanket can make a huge difference in their health and comfort.

A Mini-Grant in Nigeria

Center for Health works, Development and Research

The SHARE Institute continued working with CHEDRES by funding a new mini-grant for training birth attendants on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV Virus. In addition, 30 rural pregnant women will receive free antenatal medical laboratory services.

A Mini-Grant in India

A SHARE intern traveled to India and visited TAPWA, a partner non-profit organization that supports Tsunami orphans. Our intern worked with TAPWA officials to secure funding for the orphans.

A Mini-Grant in Iraq

Dar Al Naga Orphanage

The SHARE Institute provided a small mini-grant to the Dar Al Naga Orphanage for purchasing a water cooler. The children in the orphanage now have access to cool water in Baghdad where temperatures in the summer can exceed 120 degrees.

Who are Our New Interns?

SHARE is proud to introduce its new interns.

Elizabeth Bennett

Elizabeth Bennett has been working as a volunteer in the non-profit sector for over 17 years. The opportunities that Dr. Stolba will give me as an intern will help me in my new career working with NGO's in the international arena. I am currently a student at ARC.

Jennifer Davis

My name is Jennifer Davis and I am a student at American River College. It's the start of my second year in college, therefore I'm starting to get excited about transferring! I plan on heading to San Diego State University as a political science major in the fall of 2007.

With all the sunny weather, I just couldn't resist. I'm also really excited about serving as an intern for SHARE this fall. Professor Stolba's work is so fascinating, so I saw this opportunity as a great way to help and give back to people of the world.

Veronica Fehlberg

My name is Veronica Fehlberg. I'm 18 years old and I am currently a sophomore at ARC. I joined SHARE last semester and I loved it so much that I'm back again. I plan to attend ARC until I transfer to UCSB next fall. My father worked for the Saudi government, so I lived there for my early childhood, this helped expose me to a lot of different cultures. We also had the opportunity to travel, which allowed me from a young age to realize how fortunate I was. After we had lived in the States for nearly 10 years, my brother's best friend from Saudi, Moses a Muslim Ugandan, came to live with us. He really got me involved in world issues, like the AIDS problem. I hope that through this internship I will make a difference in the world. I hope to go help overseas.

Allison Whitney Givens

I was born Allison Whitney Givens on October 29, 1987 in Sacramento, CA. I am a current student at American River College and plan to transfer to UC Davis as a psychology major. I plan to eventually earn a master's degree and PhD in clinical psychology. In the meantime, I am excited to be involved with the SHARE Institute as it will give me first hand experience with a variety of cultures. I feel honored that I have the privilege of interning with Dr. Stolba and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the world.

Lauren Herman

My name is Lauren Herman and I am a student at American River College. Next year I hope to transfer to San Francisco State in Fall 2007 to study photo journalism with an AA on Social Science. While attending ARC I decided to get involved with the community through the SHARE Institute. This program seems like a great opportunity to help with issues I am concerned about dealing with women and children. Interning in this program will also give me great appreciation of different cultures and people around the world that will help me greatly as I travel throughout my life.

Rebekah Marshall

My name is Rebekah Marshall and I am a Nursing major at ARC. I hope to transfer to California State University Sacramento and eventually be a RN. I wanted to work with SHARE in order to get a better understanding of other cultures and to regain my faith in humanity. I know SHARE will be a great place to gain these things as well as experience with non-profits.

Nathen Menard

My name is Nathen Menard and I am a student at American River College. My major is Sociology and Geography with a minor in Anthropology. I am transferring to UC Berkeley in the fall of 2007. When I complete my master's degree in Sociology I would like to become a professor at a community college. I became involved with the SHARE Institute because I have a deep desire to learn about other cultures and help people around

the world take a step towards bettering their lives, both individually and within their communities.

Lindsey Wathen

My name is Lindsey Wathen and I am currently a student at ARC studying for a degree in history. The SHARE Institute interested me for various reasons. I recently separated from the U.S. Navy, during which I lived and worked in many different countries. Part of the reason for my leaving the military was to experience other cultures and aid people from a humanitarian aspect versus a political aspect. I am hoping that I can do that through this organization.

Recently Funded Local Mini-Grants

Empowering Single Moms Attending College

The SHARE Institute donated funds to single mothers attending college. In addition, SHARE funds an academic scholarship at American River College for students studying anthropology.

Assistance to Mustard Seed Children

Mustard Seed is a local non-profit organization that provides educational programs to homeless children. SHARE interns made Easter baskets and donated them to the children.

Working Poor Clothing Drive for Men & Women

Throughout 2006, the SHARE Institute collected and donated several bags of clothing to men and women who are trying to work their way out of street poverty and homelessness. These men and women earn minimum wages and are extremely grateful for the clothing and the general assistance.

Public Speaking Events at SHARE

SHARE hosts once a month a presentation where the public is invited to taste ethnic foods and participate in discussion on topics of interest. In addition, Dr. Soheir Stolba, President of the SHARE Institute, gives presentations to civic groups and universities in and surrounding Sacramento areas. Call the institute for reservations.

India Day

SHARE sponsored a one-day cultural event to raise funds for its Indian projects. SHARE's interns planned and implemented the event at American River College.

Cultural Awareness Programs for School Children

GABY MINI-GRANT

SHARE was awarded a mini-grant by GABY, Grants Advisory Board for Youth, to hold a cultural awareness project for elementary school children through the Bridges After School program. Interns visited classes and spoke about different countries throughout the world, including Korea, Afghanistan, and Mexico.

The interns dressed up in native clothing and taught the children interactively about different cultures. After the lesson was completed the children would engage in an activity of beading bracelets using the color symbolism the children learned about in the presentation.

SAN JUAN SUMMER PROGRAM

The SHARE Institute received a mini-grant from the San Juan Unified School District for a cultural awareness program on Mexico. SHARE interns visited San Juan elementary summer Discovery Clubs throughout the duration of the summer. They offered presentations about the ancient civilizations and modern day Mexican culture.

The children learned about Mexico in their classes and SHARE was able to enhance their knowledge. After each presentation, children were able to do a beaded bracelet activity.

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 skill

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