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Featured Programs

4TH ANNUAL 19TH WARD MLK LUMINARY EVENING
Monday, January 17, Sunset to 9 p.m., Brooks Landing & Westside Neighborhoods
Residents of southwest Rochester’s 19th Ward will again line the sidewalks in front of their homes with luminary candles. Residents of the neighborhood, visitors from all around Rochester, and students (that’s you!) are invited to stroll the streets, enjoy the warm glow, and meet neighbors. There will be a number of locations throughout the neighborhood that will be setting up stands to provide free hot chocolate, treats, and fire pits. A map to these ‘hot’ spots is available on the website. You can even help set up for the event on Sunday, January 16 from 1-4 p.m. at St Monica’s Church (two blocks north of Boulder on Genesee Street). Luminary kits are available for purchase at Boulder Coffee Shop for $4.00 which includes 10 luminaries. A portion of the proceeds will support the 19th Ward Community Association.

BROOKS LANDING SKATING PARTY
Sunday, January 23, 4-6 p.m., Genesee Valley Park Ice Rink
Come join neighbors from across the river at the annual University-community ice skating party. Includes free pizza and drinks. Bring your own skates and skate for free, or rent skates at the rink for $2.75. Shuttle busses will loop from ITS. Sponsored by the 19th Ward Community Association, NeighborWorks Rochester, the Community Learning Center, Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, and the RCCL.

CONSIDER YOUR ALTERNATIVES THIS SPRING BREAK
Interest meeting: Monday, January 31, 5:30 p.m., Wilson Commons 121
Each year, over 100 UR undergraduates spend spring break learning about important issues and seeking to bring positive change to communities across the country. This March, seven different alternative spring break (ASB) trips are being planned. Find out more—and view a slide show from 2010 ASB trips—on the RCCL website, then attend the interest meeting on January 31 to hear about the 2011 trips.
A SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE JOINT PROCLAMATION

Monday, January 31, noon-1:00 p.m., Liberty Pole, Main Street (near Eastman School)

The Season for Nonviolence marks the 64 calendar days between the anniversary of the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi on January 30, and that of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4. The joint proclamation by City and County officials will kick off a series of events scheduled throughout the season for non-violence. The proclamation will be followed by an indoor reception hosted by Rochester AmeriCorps. Throughout the season, members of the community are warmly invited to gather for a daily observance of nonviolence at the Rochester Liberty Pole. The observances will be led by individuals and organizations in the community inspired to spread the message of peace and goodwill. Dates are still available for anyone wishing to lead an observance. Creativity and random acts of kindness are encouraged!

BECOME A ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR FELLOW

Seniors, as you start of your final semester, consider applying to become a Rochester Youth Year Fellow! Whether you are considering taking a year off to increase your community involvement before embarking on graduate studies, want to do something meaningful next year, or are interested in civic engagement, youth empowerment, and non-profit work, this AmeriCorps*VISTA program can provide a life-changing opportunity to bring your knowledge to bear by working with the community to improve opportunities for youth and their families. The program is designed especially for graduating seniors from the UR, RIT, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, the College at Brockport, SUNY Geneseo, and Roberts Wesleyan College. After your holiday festivities, visit the Rochester Youth Year website to read more about this opportunity. Contact VISTA Leader Kyvaughn Henry for more information.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWS

Interest meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 5:30 p.m., Wilson Commons 121

The Rochester Urban Fellows program is currently seeking applicants for Summer 2011. The Urban Fellows Program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages a celebration and appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. During this unique 10-week program, fellows receive stipends of $2,000 for their work with community-based organizations in the Rochester community. In addition to their internship, fellows participate in urban issues seminars, community activities, and an end-of-summer symposium. Please contact Patricia Waters in the RCCL for more information.

Community Leadership Opportunities

TUTORS FOR ROCHESTER CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDED

Rochester City High School Graduation Rates are below 50%. Join the effort to increase Rochester City High School graduation rates and contribute to the success of individual high school students. Rochester City High School students are employed part-time throughout the River Campus and medical center. They need your tutoring expertise. Commit to 1-2 hours per week. Tutoring occurs in UR libraries at a mutually convenient scheduled time. For more information, including application forms, contact the RCCL.

ROCHESTER-BASED ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Interest meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., Interfaith Chapel Brennan Room

The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence is planning a local alternative spring break opportunity. Activities currently planned include volunteering at Grow Green (an educational greenhouse), holding a peaceful anti-war protest, beautifying the banks of the Genesee and the streets of downtown Rochester, and helping students at the Children’s School of Rochester. If you have any questions, or if you would like to learn more, come to the interest meeting, or contact Faye Gura.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY WEB DESIGN PROJECT

The Sector IV Community Development Corporation builds partnerships and collaborations between business, neighborhood and community organizations in Southwest Rochester, and provides tools, talent and techniques to renew, redevelop and rebuild the five commercial corridors in the neighborhoods on the west side of the Genesee river. The CDC is looking for student volunteers to assist with the re-design of its website. This is a
great opportunity to enhance your resume while contributing to a dynamic community organization. If interested, please email the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

**SPRING SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS AT NOFA-NY**

NOFA-NY is a statewide non-profit organization of consumers, gardeners, farmers, and businesses established in 1983 to create a sustainable regional food system which is ecologically sound and economically viable. Through demonstration and education, NOFA promotes land stewardship, organic food production, and local marketing. The organization, based at 249 Highland Avenue, is offering several unpaid internships this semester, including: Special Event Internship, Policy Internship, Fundraising Internship and Education Internship. For more information, and to apply, contact Lea Kone at NOFA-NY.

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT MARY’S PLACE**

Mary’s Place is an outreach ministry serving the refugee population of all faiths and nationalities, primarily living in the Maplewood-Edgerton neighborhoods of Rochester. Since its inception in 2009, Mary’s place has served more than 300 families, providing them with clothing, counseling (bills, health, jobs, and nutrition), tutoring and light household goods and some food. The goal is to help refugee families driven from their homeland to find a sense of hope and normalcy in our community. Mary’s Place offers unpaid, competitive internship opportunities for students, reporting directly to the Director of Mary’s Place and working closely with staff and other volunteers in running the Center’s programs for refugee clients. Three distinct opportunities are available: outreach and program coordinator; computer language lab; and adult education. For more information, contact the Director, Kathy LaBue, or visit the website.

**C.A.S.H. VOLUNTEERING FOR TAX SEASON**

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community, while gaining valuable experience? C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) is looking for volunteers for 2010 Tax Season to help prepare free tax returns for low income families in our area. If tax preparation is not your interest, volunteers are also needed as advisers to help link our clients with community resources, and to man the front desk. No experience is necessary; training will be provided for all volunteers. In addition, all volunteers will get free tax preparation and E-filing! The volunteer time commitment is approximately 40 hours over the course of the tax season (late January - April). This will consist of one four hour session per week, but flexible scheduling is available if you are available for only part of the season. You can sign up to volunteer on the web. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Berta Rivera.

**“URBAN BY CHOICE” PORCH BANNER DESIGN CONTEST**

Deadline: Monday, January 24, 2011.

The 19th Ward Community Association is seeking original art work to produce a porch banner. The ideal work will incorporate the “urban by choice” service mark and themes of community, as well as cultural, economic, ethnic, religious, and racial diversity. The primary objectives of this project are to celebrate the 19WCA’s 45th Anniversary, to continue its campaign to promote the positive aspects of city living, and to beautify the 19th ward. For more contest information, go to the Community Association’s website.

**SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

Deadline: January 18, 2011.

The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides $10,000 for a one-year public service project. Students are encouraged to develop their own proposals for public service in this country or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental or other public service organizations. All applicants must be graduating from a U.S. college or university. Applications should be addressed to Amy F. Stacy. The Samuel Huntington Fund, 40 Sylvan Road. Waltham, MA 02451. For more information visit the website.

**LECTURE: CHRISTOPHER LEINBERGER “THE NEW AMERICAN DREAM”**

Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., MCC Brighton Campus Theater, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd.
Christopher B. Leinberger is a land use strategist and developer who combines an understanding of business realities with a concern for our nation’s social and environmental issues. He is Professor of Practice and Director of the Graduate Real Estate Development Program at the University of Michigan, which trains the next generation of real estate developers in the building of sustainable, walk-able urban places, and a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. Part of the “Reshaping Rochester” lecture series through the Rochester Regional Community Design Center. Visit the website for further details.

Leadership Tip of the Month

COURTESY IS EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP
Here are some helpful tips on working with guests and presenters:

• If an activity organizer wishes to extend invitation to guests, make sure that invitations are sent out early so that guests are given ample notice. Invitations should be sent out at least 3 weeks in advance.

• Be sure to provide your guest with the necessary background and related information on your function.

• Ample time should be provided when seeking assistance/advice, so be sure you plan ahead!

• Always address guests with the proper name, title, position and gender.

• Express your gratitude by sending thank-you notes to guests/helpers after the event.

About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership

The Rochester Center for Community Leadership is part of the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester. Its mission is to educate students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of effecting positive social change in their communities.