

## **36. Descriptions of Organizations that Hosted Summer Internships**

### **ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

#### **Accion New Mexico**

ACCION New Mexico offers loans and training to self-employed individuals who have limited or no access to traditional business credit. By offering first time loans between \$200 and \$20,000, the organization enables emerging entrepreneurs to realize their dreams and be catalysts for positive economic and social change. The organization forms enduring partnerships with entrepreneurs based on shared, calculated risks, individual responsibility, mutual accountability and investment in the human potential.

#### **Catholic Charities of New Mexico - Refugee Resettlement Program**

The Refugee Resettlement Program of Catholic Charities of Central New Mexico is a comprehensive program devoted to the successful integration of refugee families into the Albuquerque community. Through case management, job development, education and vocational training, the Refugee Resettlement Program empowers newly arrived families to achieve self-sufficiency and to become active members of their community. The Refugee Resettlement Program offers a wide range of services focusing on empowerment and self-sufficiency for refugee families. Individual case managers provide intensive service and document client progress to families for up to six months from the time of arrival. Case management may continue for up to five years for return clients and special needs cases.

#### **Southwest Organizing Project**

SWOP is a statewide multi-racial, multi-issue, community based membership organization.

Since 1980 we have worked to make it possible for thousands of New Mexicans to begin to have a place and voice in social, economic and environmental decisions that affect our lives. Our mission is “working to empower our communities to realize racial and gender equality and social and economic justice.” For 20 years, the South West Organizing Project has mounted a continuous effort to organize affected people for social justice and control over resources. SWOP has played a major leadership role in efforts to level the playing field through greater inclusion of working people in the decisions that affect their lives.

### **Youth Development, Inc. – Juvenile Community Corrections**

Youth Development, Inc. provides educational, developmental, and humanitarian assistance to children, youth and families in central and northern New Mexico. YDI’s programs include gang intervention, drop-out prevention, transitional living, youth sports, internships, scholarships, parenting skills, leadership development, public housing programs, community corrections, GED studies, Headstart centers, substance abuse and AIDS education and many others. YDI has focused on remaining a grassroots community organization and works with other community-based groups to serve all members of the community but especially those most at risk, disenfranchised and troubled.

## **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

### **Chicago Health Outreach**

Chicago Health Outreach (Heartland Alliance) provides primary, mental and oral health care and interpretation and translation services to 11,000 impoverished people a year, 8,500 of whom are homeless. Founded in 1985 as a Health Care for the Homeless national demonstration project,

Chicago Health Outreach serves people through its main clinic in Uptown and through satellite sites and street outreach. It works with community health centers on the south, north and west sides of Chicago to provide neighborhood health care and HIV education, prevention, treatment and counseling.

### **Howard Brown Health Center**

Howard Brown Health Center specializes in the unique medical and psychosocial needs for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Named after the openly gay physician who became the first public health administrator in New York City, the Center focuses on quality, nonjudgmental health services to all who enter through our doors. Founded in 1974, Howard Brown Health Center originally served as an alternative for the gay community to receive confidential testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. With the onset of AIDS, Howard Brown was the first community-based agency in Chicago to respond, including the introduction of the first AIDS hotline in the Midwest. Howard Brown Health Center has also been on the forefront of medical research. In 1983, Howard Brown was chosen by the National Institute of Health to participate in the largest study of HIV and AIDS in the world. Today, Howard Brown Health Center remains the leading provider of services for meeting the challenges of HIV/AIDS in the Midwest.

### **Southwest Women Working Together**

Southwest Women Working Together has a multitude of community-based programs that serves women and children. The Counseling Program provides individual counseling to women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and abuse. SWWT is one of the

few programs in the city that provides comprehensive, long-term psychotherapy to children and adults at nominal or no cost to the individual. In addition, Amani House Transitional Shelter opened its doors in September of 1995, and it has been filled to capacity every night since. The 35-bed shelter provides emergency shelter and case management assistance to homeless women and their families. Along with these services, the Housing Program provides homelessness prevention strategies and tenants rights advocacy to families at risk of homelessness.

## **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

### **Harlem Children's Zone – Beacon**

Harlem Children's Zone - Beacon works to enhance the quality of life for children and families in some of New York City's most devastated neighborhoods. It provides a variety of services aimed at promoting positive outcomes among young people ages 5-21. The prevention programs offer an extensive array of community supports to families in preventive services.

Formerly known as Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families, HCZ Inc.'s 15 centers serve more than 12,600 children and adults, including over 7,500 at-risk children. The emphasis is not just on education, social service and recreation, but on rebuilding the very fabric of community life. HCZ Inc. intentionally develops programs where other agencies are not located and poor children and families have no one, or even a place, to run for help.

### **Inwood House**

In 1830, Inwood House was founded as a shelter to help prostitutes rebuild their lives. The organization's mission is to help young people safely and responsibly navigate the challenges of adolescence. For more than 170 years, Inwood House has helped countless young people

develop the social capital and personal assets we all need to achieve healthy adulthood and self-reliance. It recognizes the importance of reaching boys as well as girls with sexuality education and information, to bring outreach and prevention counseling programs to the schools, to create supportive foster homes for teen mothers and their babies, and to help teen fathers take on their share of parental responsibilities.

### **New York Association for New Americans**

NYANA honors the American dream by reaching out to immigrants of every nation and by helping them realize their most cherished goals. The organization believes that all people have within themselves the power to build a meaningful life and contribute to a better world, no matter how challenging their circumstances. By linking the promise of each individual with the spirit of our country, NYANA continues to strengthen and enrich America with every immigrant it serves.

### **Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW)**

Since 1978, NEW has helped thousands of unemployed and underemployed women in the New York City area achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment in the skilled blue-collar trades. It provides an integrated program of occupational skills and fitness training, job readiness, counseling and case management, and job placement services in occupations in which women are underrepresented. Graduates of NEW, who constitute the majority of women hard hats in New York City, work in a variety of industrial and technical jobs throughout the building trades. NEW also works to change the climate for women in nontraditional work by providing national advocacy and technical assistance services to labor unions, employers, nonprofit organizations,

and government.

## **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

### **East Liberty Family Health Care Center**

East Liberty Family Health Care Center offers quality, whole-person health care to the poor by offering medical services. In the nearly twenty years that have transpired since its humble beginnings in 1982, the Center has seen constant growth and innovation. In 2000, it provided more than 27,000 patient visits for more than 5,000 patients in office, home and hospital. Of these patients, 16% were uninsured, 35% were on Medical Assistance, 11% were on Medicare and 27% were privately insured. The scope of whole-person care has also grown, to include obstetrics/gynecology, dental services, podiatry, addiction outreach services, parent education, social work and mental health counseling services. In 2000, the Center became a federally funded Community Health Center.

### **Neighborhood Academy Summer School**

Neighborhood Academy Summer School serves as a pilot project for a full time inner-city, faith-based, non-sectarian, independent school in an urban setting. The goals of the summer school include providing remedial support in basic reading, writing, computation and analytical thinking skills, nurturing the social skills necessary to successfully negotiate the workplace and school, introducing computer skills, providing sex education and teaching non-violent conflict resolution skills.

### **Summerbridge**

Summerbridge is an academic enrichment program for motivated middle school students with limited opportunities from Allegheny and Beaver Counties. Its mission is to provide public middle school students with limited opportunities the academic, social and leadership skills they need to be successful in secondary schools and beyond. In addition, it hopes to encourage and challenge exceptional high school and college students to enter careers in the field of education.

### **The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh**

The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (WC&S), one of the first six shelters in the United States for battered women, was founded in 1974. Since that time, the Women's Center & Shelter has been at the forefront of the Battered Women's Movement, creating and implementing innovative and effective programming aimed at intervening for and preventing domestic violence. Each year more than 9,000 individuals - women, children and some men - utilize our services for domestic violence victims. The organization provides a 24-hour crisis hotline, temporary shelter, ongoing individual counseling and support groups, advocacy and support services for women victims of domestic violence and their children. It also provides school and community education and professional training on the scope and dynamics of domestic violence.

### **CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

#### **Amy Biehl Foundation Trust**

The Amy Biehl Foundation works to prevent youth-perpetrated violence in South Africa and the United States through providing program opportunities in education, sports/recreation, arts, employable skills and safety. Programs are community-inspired and holistic so as to meaningfully contribute to the development of functional, hopeful young people. First Aid

training sessions including CPR, blunt instrument, sharp instrument and gunshot trauma are conducted with grassroots community leaders, teachers, and South African Police. Consistent with the objective to migrate violence prevention programs that are successful with youth in South Africa home to appropriate settings in America, the organization recently partnered with the Riverside County Red Cross Association to provide emergency first-aid training to students of Coachella Valley High School, in Southern California. Trained youth will be equipped with first-aid kits and will serve as a first-line of defense in their communities during medical emergency situations.

### **Gun Free South Africa**

Gun Free South Africa draws its roots back to a campaign in 1994 that urged civilians to hand in personal guns for destruction. Religious leaders such as Bishop Peter Storey, who now teaches at Duke Divinity School, drove this campaign, which has the ultimate goal of facilitating a safer post-apartheid South African community. Its present strategies include reducing the supply of firearms by lobbying parliament to pass stricter firearm laws. This work has led to the Firearms Control Act, which was signed into law by President Mbeki last year. Other projects include reducing the demand for firearms by changing people's attitudes towards firearms, and challenging the 'love affair' that many South Africans have with guns. Also, the GFSA uses the Gun Free Zone (GFZ) project to create safe spaces and to encourage debate about how dangerous guns are and how you can defend yourself without a gun.

### **New Africa Theatre Academy**

New Africa Theatre Academy focuses on high quality teaching to those who have been excluded

by apartheid from developing themselves at formal educational institutions. Learners attend a year-long course with a very strong practical emphasis. Apart from class work, learners tour with theatre in- education projects to schools and community centers and perform in one of the city's major theatres. Project themes include AIDS plays, Voter Education projects, projects on crime, child abuse as well as effects of change in the new South Africa.

## **HONDURAS**

### **Christian Commission for Development - CCD**

Founded in 1982 by a group of Christians working with Salvadoran refugees along Honduras' western border, CCD faced political harassment and death threats because it defended the rights of the poor. Yet CCD staff steadfastly continued their work, slowly expanding CCD "s ministry into other neglected areas of the country. Before Hurricane Mitch struck at the end of 1998, CCD worked with 113 communities in the poorest areas of the country, including Ocatepeque/Lempira, Santa Barbara, Choluteca/Valle, Intibuci, and the Mosquitia. In each village, CCD helped organize and develop a well-trained, representative group of leaders - including women, men, and children. These trained leaders worked with their neighbors, together analyzing problems and defining solutions. CCD then accompanied the village as people worked together to make change happen. CCD worked in a cooperative fashion with Catholic and Protestant churches, local municipalities, and other nongovernmental organizations.

## **OSHAKATI, NAMIBIA**

### **University of Namibia – Northern Campus**

The University of Namibia - Northern Campus was set up to address challenges of access to

higher education, foster economic development and encourage community participation in the region. The Campus achieves its goals by focusing on expanding and enriching the provision of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, developing and implementing programs aimed at educating and developing community members and undertaking research that enhances our understanding of key socio-economic issues in the region.