

International Outreach Bulletin Summer 2011

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Hi Juniors,

It was amazing to read in the reports about all the great projects that the club are doing. Way to go Juniors!

Here are some summer projects that your club can get involved in:

Operation Smile:

OneSmile begins with you. The perfect Graduation or Wedding gift: a OneSmile fundraising webpage. Create a OneSmile webpage in just a few quick steps. You can add a photo, send e-cards and track your donations online.

Then, set a goal and encourage your friends and family to contribute and donate online. Be creative in spreading the word and spreading smiles!

Set up your OneSmile page now and help change a child's life forever.

http://www.operationsmile.org/ways_to_give/one-smile.html

Heifer International Summer Library Program:

Kids can make a difference as they participate in your summer library reading program! This summer, with your help, children across the United States will have the opportunity to take a journey around the world as they read stories from various countries and cultures. As they read, they will be helping children and families around the globe lift themselves out from the grip of hunger and poverty.

Since 1944, Heifer has provided food and income-producing animals and training in their care to 12.5 million resource poor families in more than 125 countries. Animal products like milk, eggs and meat improve nutrition while other products like wool, draft power and manure for fertilizer help families earn money for education, clothing, health care, better housing or to start small businesses.

Heifer's Read to Feed™ provides reading logs and certificates, as well as reading incentives that include animal cracker cards, stickers, and buttons – all for free! You can also access their resource library on-line to get book recommendations that support the theme of "One World, Many Stories."

In addition, Heifer has published books such as "Beatrice's Goat" that tells how a girl from Uganda achieved her wish to go to school through a gift of a goat, and "Once there Was, and Was Not" – an Armenian folk story that talks about an agricultural afterschool club that learns animal husbandry skills as they look after a Heifer cow.

www.Heifer.org

go to the Get Involved menu and click on their Summer Reading Program for details.

United Nations Refugee Agency Key Campaign

Open your eyes. Open your heart. Open the door.

For just \$5 you will join the Blue Key community, a growing contingent of Americans who are standing up for the world's most vulnerable people: refugees. With your key you will open the door to a new life that was unexpectedly—through no fault of their own—closed to refugees.

No one chooses to be a refugee, forced from home, family and everything they have ever known. Yet 43 million people around the world—nearly the combined populations of New York and Texas—find themselves in this exact position. them. Forced to depend on others, refugees need water, food and shelter. Some spend years, even decades, in displacement camps. Many are traumatized by sexual violence, torture, and aggression. While living in camps, these survivors need some semblance of normalcy—a school, a health clinic, a shelter to call their own. We launched the Blue Key campaign to give these refugees a voice. More than 6,000 UNHCR staffers worldwide give them the food, shelter and care that they need, opening doors to a new life; the doors that unexpectedly, and through no fault of their own, were closed.

As World Refugee Day—June 20—approaches, our current goal is for 6,000 U.S. residents—thoughtful, caring people like you—to get a Blue Key. By doing so, you'll tell the millions of refugees worldwide that they're not invisible, and our staff that their live-saving work does not go unnoticed. And if you'd like to do more to support our cause, we'd love to have you.

Start Making a Difference

<http://thebluekey.org>

Support UNICEF's HIV/AIDS Programs

The AIDS epidemic began over 25 years ago, and the disease continues to prey upon millions of children. UNICEF programs provide care and education for HIV-infected children, as well as those who are orphaned by the disease or living with infected caregivers.

Print a form to send your donation to UNICEF's HIV/AIDS prevention program by mail, or call 1.800.FOR.KIDS (1.800.367.5437) to donate by phone.

UNICEF's AIDS campaign has brought children to the centre of the world's fight against HIV/AIDS. Tremendous progress has been made over the last years in order to keep innocent children free from the virus.

Still, more than 1,000 babies are infected with HIV every day - most of them by their own mother, during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding. We want to save all these children and make the HIV-free generation a reality. I To "Unite for Children, Unite Against AIDS", please donate - :

<http://www.unicef.org/aids/index.html>