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about Creative Mentoring, Seasons of Respect,
Creative Transitions, Bridge to Employment, and More!

December 2009 Newsletter



"Remember this December, that love weighs more than gold!"
~Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon

**Wishing You and Your Loved Ones a Happy and Safe Holiday Season
From the Staff and Board at Connecting Generations**

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End of Year Giving

During this holiday season, consider making a donation to support the



National Mentoring Month Summit in Delaware

January is National Mentoring Month!
Connecting Generations, in partnership with
Communities in Schools, formed a

programs of Connecting Generations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and are very appreciated!

[Click here](#) to find out how you can help us continue to make a difference in children's lives in Delaware!



Save the Date!

Join us for these upcoming events.



First Annual "Mentoring Works" Summit

Save the Date!
Connecting Generations, Communities in Schools, Delaware Mentoring Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware and other partners will be hosting a Mentoring Summit during National Mentoring Month.

When: Tuesday, January 26, 2010
8:30am-1:30pm

Why: To strengthen mentoring in Delaware by increasing collaboration, celebrating successes, and raising awareness.

Tickets go on sale on January 5th!
Read more on the right.

Jazz in January, our annual fundraising and celebration event, is moving to the spring.



collaboration of mentoring organizations and key stakeholders in education to launch a "Mentoring Works" Summit, which will be held in late January 2010.

Last spring Connecting Generations decided to move our annual fundraising event, Jazz in January, to later in the year so that we could focus more on celebrating and supporting mentoring during National Mentoring Month. Through a blossoming partnership with Communities in Schools, Delaware Mentoring Council, and Big Brother Big Sisters of Delaware, we decided to do something to celebrate mentoring in a new and interactive way. The "Mentoring Works" Summit is the product of our vision to have an inclusive and collaborative Mentoring event involving organizations and individuals statewide.

The Summit aims to strengthen mentoring in Delaware by encouraging involvement and participation by all stakeholders as a strategy for helping young people succeed in school, work, and life. Connecting Generations is working hard to ensure the Summit will empower mentoring programs to seek collaboration and support from other organizations statewide, encourage Business Mentoring Partnerships, support the development of High School mentoring programs, and create a networking opportunity for mentors to develop synergy.

Mentors throughout the state, Mentoring Organizations and Programs, Educators, Young Leaders (High School students), Business/ Faith/Community Partners, and Government Leaders are all invited and encouraged to attend. The Summit will be held in a central location to promote statewide participation. Tickets will be offered at a low cost and will be available for purchase on January 5th, 2010. All Creative Mentors will have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend at no cost.

More details about the event will be posted on our website in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in participating on the Planning Committee or sponsoring part of the event, please contact Rachael Hotchkiss, Public Ally, at

Join us for:

SWING INTO SPRING

on Saturday, March 13, 2010
for an evening cocktail party
featuring Sean "Sinatra" Reilly

at the Delaware Center for
Contemporary Arts on the
Riverfront in Wilmington

Save the Date!

More details to follow next
month.

hotchkiss@connecting-generations.org or
302.656.2122 ext. 17.

Grotto's Community Pizza Night

Connecting Generations hosted its first Grotto Community Pizza Night on November 3rd with the goal of raising funds and awareness about our programs. Mentors, mentees, board members, staff, friends, and family came to support the organization by having dinner at Grotto's on Main Street in Newark and Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilmington.

Thank you to those who were able to attend and for your support. We plan to have benefit dinners every quarter in restaurants throughout the state, so look for more information about the next one in an upcoming e-newsletter.

Mentor Corner

Holiday Activities for You and Your Mentee

Below are a few fun and inexpensive activities that we hope will bring you and your mentee closer this holiday season.

Imagine a World With Us



Start off the new year by learning more about Connecting Generations. Join us for our first free, one-hour "Imagine a World" open house event in 2010:

**January 14th 4pm-5pm,
Community Service Building,
Wilmington,
Hosted by Jim Patton**

Register today by clicking
[here](#) or calling 302.656.2122 ext.
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Snow Man Craft

Supplies Needed:

Toilet Paper Roll, Paper, Egg Carton,
Black Paint, and Red Ribbon

Directions:

Cut out paper in the shape of a snow man and glue to the roll. Then cut out sections of egg carton to make a hat and paint it black. Draw eyes, a mouth, and a nose on the snow man. Last step, tie a ribbon around the snow man's neck.

Holiday No-Sew Sachets

Supplies Needed:

Festive Color Fabric Scraps, Fabric Glue,
Potpourri (such as lavender flowers or
balsam fir needles), and Festive Ribbon
or Yarn

Directions:

Cut out 5 sets of 5 inch fabric squares.
Then glue 3 sides together and fill with

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Mentors and Mentor Coordinators are encouraged to visit these websites to gain inspiration and to help to generate ideas about how you can celebrate National Mentoring Month:

www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/

www.serve.gov/mentor.asp

United Way of Delaware Campaign

Did you know you can support the Creative Mentoring program through United Way? Please consider designating your donation to us if you're planning to participate in this year's United Way of Delaware Campaign.

Designate:

"Creative Mentoring Book# 9344"

Thank you! We appreciate your support!

potpourri, then glue 4th side to close. Tie all the sachets together with Yarn or Ribbon.

Stained Glass Snowflake

Supplies Needed:

Construction Paper, Scissors, a Hole Punch, Tissue Paper, Glue, and Yarn

Directions:

Cut out a circle of paper, fold it in half 3 times, then snip sections from the sides. Open it up and cover holes with different color tissue paper. Then put a piece of yarn through the hole on top. Last but not least write a message to your mentor on the snowflake.

For more activity ideas, visit the [Mentor Corner](#) on the Connecting Generations website.

In Their Own Words

Melissa Currie, a new mentor at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, got involved this year through her employer BlackRock's partnership with the Creative Mentoring program. Although she has only met with her mentee a few times, they have already bonded. Melissa and Julie made a Turkey Bread Basket for Thanksgiving and plan to work on more projects together throughout the year.

In Melissa's Own Words: "This is my first mentoring experience and after only a few weeks I wish I had done this sooner. My mentee was very open to having a mentor and I believe that has helped us create a good foundation for building our relationship. I hope to be someone she can trust and talk to, someone who she knows wants to see her grow and succeed."



Click [here](#) to read more Creative Mentoring stories. If you'd like to share your own story and photo, or highlight another deserving mentor, email it to jshanebrook@connecting-generations.org.

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