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Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.



HARMON PARK PAVILION
77th Place and Delmar, Prairie Village
(behind Shawnee Mission East High School)

Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to learn more about GAME'S opportunities and programs... while enjoying cool, delicious refreshments.
<<Fun and games for all ages>>
\$1.00 Donation per person (to defray costs) --
Children under 5 are free

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...so we'll have enough ice cream for all.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE FOR SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATION

Since 2006 and the change in leadership of (G.A.M.E.), the Global and Multicultural Education, the incoming board and officers have closely reviewed the process that makes GAME a viable and flourishing organization. In this assessment process, the board has participated in 3 different strategic planning sessions to realign and update the organization's bylaws to comply with recent

IRS and other legal requirements. Also, there has been modification to the mission and vision to assure clarity of purpose. At the recent strategic planning session (June 19, 2010) at the G.A.M.E office, the board had the opportunity to examine the issues of board governance and the directors' duties and responsibilities.

This session also produced a number of ideas to implement short and long-range planning objectives and to re-establish an advisory committee.



Facilitator, Cindy Laufer, UMKC Midwest Center for Non-profit Leadership, with a survey completed by board members, had gained a good sense of the board's desired direction. In essence, the survey "shaped the agenda" for this planning session. The board reviewed short term (one year) goals as well as a three to five year plan. This interactive session

produced a variety of ideas, including improvement of the organization's technology (website), continuation of a focus on environmental issues, youth and government, Model United Nations projects, and review of the mission statement to make it more clear and concise.

In conclusion, the facilitator emphasized that projects, plans and programs must be funded to be successfully implemented and that each board member's responsibilities include fund raising and personal on-going financial support of the organization.

Sara Pedram, Director

CRC/CEDAW Conference Update -- 10th Anniversary!

A decade after the first conference on children's rights and building a world fit for children, the preparation for the sixth conference on October 14 and 15, 2010 is moving quickly ahead, with intent to finalize and mail the program soon. Embassy Suites Hotel on the Plaza is this year's conference venue. The sixth CRC/CEDAW conference on "Activism for Human Rights" is focusing on "FROM ISSUES TO ACTION," with an exciting film premiere of *Zamboanga: Poverty/ War/ Music*, featuring Barclay Martin, Kansas City's own singer, song writer and philanthropist. Martin travelled to the Philippines several times to work with Filipino musicians and children for production of this film. The October 14 evening event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with registration and a reception and conclude with discussion about the film as well as an opportunity for networking.

The Friday, October 15, luncheon keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Alex, co-anchor of KSHB, NBC Television, who is involved with a number of humanitarian causes around the world. Ms. Alex has received many journalistic awards and will speak on "Advocating for Women and Children through Humanitarian Efforts."

The Friday morning concurrent panels include locally known immigration attorney, Angela

Ferguson, (Austin & Ferguson); Sister Berta Sailer, Operation Breakthrough; and Cynthia Cordes, Assistant U.S. District Attorney, Human Trafficking Coordinator. This year the afternoon sessions will focus on "Taking Action" and will highlight: Taking Action with Social Media, How to be a Fair Trade Activist, and Advocating for Women and Girls.

Bring the World Home: Host a Foreign Exchange Student!

Hosting a student from another country is a great way to experience another culture, make global connections, and enrich your life. It doesn't matter whether you are urban or rural, married or single, or have children.

Organizations such as AFS and YFU place high school students in American homes and high schools for a year, semester, or month to foster intercultural relations and experiences. My family has hosted five students and has had great experiences. The organizations provide initial screening and on-going support for both the students and the host families.



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AFS: <http://www.afs.org>

YFU: <http://www.yfu-usa.org/>

Matthew Westra

GLOBAL UPDATES

Focus on Human Trafficking

Human trafficking has been a major discussion issue for many human rights' activists. The United Nations Convention on Transnational Crime and its protocol known as the *Palermo Protocol* is defined, as follows: "The recruitment, transportation,

transfer and harboring or receipt of persons by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving payments of benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.“

This protocol clearly defines trafficking, however, an editorial from CRIN (Child Rights Network), under the politics of trafficking, indicates that “the number of people involved in the trafficking trade is notoriously difficult to assess, partly because of practical barriers to measuring an underground and illicit trade, but also because of difficulties in defining the term trafficking dissociating the practice from migration.”

Child Domestic Workers -- A Call for Action

The CRC Advocates and the Child Rights Network in an editorial dated 6/23/10 brings to our attention the plight of millions of children in both rich and poor countries alike -- the issue of child domestic workers; specifically, physical, sexual or other forms of abuse, long hours of work, exploitation, hazardous working conditions, etc. Quoting the International Labor Organization (ILO), the editorial states: “More girls under 16 worldwide are engaged in domestic services than any other kind of employment.”

These domestic children often “escape the reach of the law” and, therefore, are at risk of abuse. Negotiation is set to begin in Geneva with the possibility of a supplemental convention to provide international guidelines protecting this group of children. Save the Children, Human Rights Watch and Anti Slavery International are calling upon the ILO member nations to quickly adopt a binding agreement to protect these at-risk children, indicating “special vulnerability” and establishment of effective international mechanisms for complaints and prompt investigation.

Manny Pedram, Founder

Upcoming Events Local and National



July 18, 2010, 2:00-4:00p.m. G.A.M.E. Ice Cream Social, Harmon Park Pavilion. 77 th Place and Delmar. Bring your children, friends and neighbors for cool summer fun and games!

August 22, 2010, 2:00-4:00p.m.G.A.M.E. Board of Director’s quarterly meeting
4428 Harrison Street. KC MO

September 18, 2010, 11:30 a.m-1:30 p.m., Fourth Annual Peace Builder Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction, Grand Street Café.

October 14-15, 2010, G.A.M.E 6th Biennial Human Rights Conference: U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); Embassy Suites Hotel, Country Club Plaza. <Program will be mailed soon>

The International Events Calendar

International Justice Day, Statue adopted on formation of International Criminal Court, July 17, 1998

World Assembly on Aging in Vienna, July 26,1982 and International Year of Older Persons, 1999.

U.S. Senate approved U.N. Charter, July28, 1945

U.N. Conference Against Racism, Durban, South Africa, August 31, 2001

GLOBAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS, August 14-18, 2010

Towards an Alliance of Civilizations: Bridging Cultures to Achieve Peace and Development. KUALA LAMPUR, MALAYSIA.

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