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G.A.M.E. Teams Up with Be1!

Airick Leonard West attended our November Board meeting and opened the door for us to participate with Be 1! Be 1 supports the students of the Kansas City Missouri School District by actively being involved in the scholar's life and by bringing positive conversation to their future and the future of their school. GAME is excited to extend help and participate with this very worthy organization and we encourage you to get involved with Be1! If you have a Facebook account, please join Be 1! to stay up to date on all their activities and to contribute to the future of Kansas City's youth!

BE 1! offers two opportunities:

1. Choose to BE 1!

Every KCMSD scholar deserves to be supported by at least 5 caring relationships -- 100,000 family members, teachers, mentors, advocates and tutors. By choosing to BE 1!, you commit to finding a way to share your gifts with the scholars of the KCMSD -- to being 1 of the 100,000. Whether you fulfill that commitment through one of BE 1!'s youth-serving partner agencies or elsewhere, your choice to invest in the lives of our scholars is transformative.

2. Share the conversation of BE 1!

As you engage with the organizations and groups of which you are a part, be intentional about telling your story of what choosing to BE 1! has meant for you. If you choose to go all out for our scholars, BE 1! will support your hosting of an

event to tell your story or your creation of a team to share the BE 1! conversation on a more ambitious scale.

For more information, visit on line:

<http://www.be1kc.org/>

Will you BE 1!?

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GLOBAL UP-DATE

November 19, 2009 was the 20th anniversary of the CRC

* On Wednesday, 11 March 2009, an all-day event called "20 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Achievements and Challenges for its Full Realisation" was held during the 10th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, began the opening statements. She said that although in some quarters children are no longer the property of parents, or the passive recipients of goodwill, but as rights bearers, this view is not widespread and "there remains ample ground for serious concern. She noted how the [UN Study on Violence Against Children](#) reported that 80 to 98 per cent of children reported some sort of violence in the home. *"We need to translate our commitment and work on children's rights into a tangible reality to all of them," she concluded.*"

* Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) participating staff at this two day conference maintain that the 20th anniversary offered an opportunity to reflect on the impact of

the Convention, and ongoing barriers to implementation. There is little doubt that the impact of the CRC has been profound. Ratified by all but two of the world's States, its provisions, based on children's fundamental entitlement to be treated with respect and dignity, have formed the basis of national legislatures and policies, regional human rights mechanisms and international guidelines. But its value lies beyond the power of the law. Historically subordinated and viewed as second-class citizens, or the property of others, the Convention demands that children are seen as rights-holders with sets of specific entitlements. In short, it offers the best blueprint for children's emancipation from harm and injustice. To continue G.A.M.E.'s educational advocacy, the Global and Multicultural Education CRC/CEDAW steering committee is planning its sixth biennial conference (since 2000), with October 14-15 as the scheduled conference dates.

LONGEVITY AND ADVOCACY



Meet Yvonne Logan, a G.A.M.E. member in St. Louis, She celebrated her 90th birthday in December with a fund-raising for the repair of the World Community Center. In early November, Manny and Sara visited with

Yvonne at St. Louis World Community Center and met many of the individuals active in the various organizations that are housed in the Center.

Yvonne and Joy Guze another G.A.M.E. member, came to Kansas City for the first conference on the Rights of the Child in 2000. Manny has known both since early 1982. In fact, Yvonne in the mid 1980's was chairwoman for SALT II (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) in St. Louis and Eastern Missouri, while Manny was chairman of SALT II in Western Missouri and Kansas City. Yvonne began her activism back in 1958 with the Committee for Nuclear Information's Baby Tooth Project in the same building that houses World Community at present time. During the Vietnam War, she directed St. Louis Peace Center, providing many young men draft counseling. In 1975, Yvonne, with support of a number of community activists, purchased the building and formed the non-profit World Community and she herself served as volunteer director, providing a permanent and economical place for peace and justice organizations. At the age of 90, Yvonne still is very vibrant. Although she says she is slow going up the stairs in World Community Center, she loves sharing the history of the organization. She still plays an active role and lights up the room with her wonderful smile!

Global and Multicultural Education is proud of Yvonne's many years of membership in G.A.M.E and salutes her on her 90th birthday.

Social Responsibility Board Recognizes Manny and Sara Pedram

On Sunday, January 3, 2010, the Social Responsibility Board of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, gave its second annual award jointly to Manny and Sara Pedram. Social Responsibility Board member Art Collins made the presentation.

The founder and Director Emeritus (Manny)

and current Director (Sara) were surprised and delighted about this recognition. As Manny said, he was “speechless.”



(Photo by Diane Cassity)

This is a great honor not only for the two recipients but also for the Global and Multicultural Education Center. GAME is in its 28th year of educational efforts ranging from pre-service and in-service training, multicultural education, and publications of “Education for a Global Community” for classroom teachers, and the Refugee training pamphlet, “Moving Toward Self-Sufficiency”. Moreover the award recognized a decade of educational advocacy and social change, focused on the biennial educational conference and advocacy of women and children's rights, peace, justice, and environmental projects all consistent with the principle of “ world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.”

The Joy of India

Bangalore is the Silicone Valley of India. Its weather is temperate and its cuisine delightful. I spent the month of July in Bangalore with work training new members of my team and had the opportunity to meander the streets to meet very hospitable and friendly people. Meandering through the streets was no easy feat. To cross the

road caused heart palpitations, sweaty palms and swear words to be yelled (mostly by me). There are enough fluent English speakers that it's very easy to get around town and upon several occasions I found it very easy to make friends and as a result received several phone numbers from complete strangers. It was such a joy to visit that I compiled a short list of activities that I would recommend if you ever have the fortune of visiting.

Here's my simple must do list if you travel to India:

1. Catch a Baliwood film - complete with spicy popcorn
2. Shop - clothes, (especially little girl princess dresses), handbags, shoes, books, medicine, bedding, decorative pieces, handmade goods, silk, cashmere
3. Visit a beauty parlor - it's always exciting to test your sign language skills
4. Walk across a road during rush hour - without peeing your pants!
5. Karaoke - but of course I recommend this when visiting any country!
6. Eat off banana leaves - the food tastes better!
7. Ride in a rickshaw
8. Get sick and see hotel service at its finest! Doctors make house calls, and the bell boy will pick up medicine at the pharmacy for you.
9. Visit a mall - go to an arcade, food court, department store
10. Witness Hindu Brahmins worship in a temple.

It was an extraordinary experience and I was impressed by the friendly, courageous, and hard working individuals. I strongly recommend India to anyone who likes spicy food, cultural fun and a sense of adventure anytime you cross the road.

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The strength of any organization depends upon the level of support and financial resources provided by its members and friends. G.A.M.E. is no exception. Please use this form to join us today.

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I would like to contribute an additional \$ _____ for educational use of the organization.

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We thank you for your support.

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