

Gannondale Delivers

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"Ready for the Future"

A grant sponsored by WIA Youth/TANF allowed us to offer a series of programs this Spring season which gave the girls hands-on exposure in different fields. This newsletter is exclusively dedicated to providing a brief showcase of the programs conducted during the 1st Quarter of 2011.

Science 1



Sr. Pat Lupo and Emily Pritchard of Earth Action conducted four sessions to teach the residents about renewable and nonrenewable resources. They explored solar and wind energy, and also learned about how to conduct an energy audit.

Earth Action is going to teach the residents about square foot gardening and the simplicity of compost utilization as well.

Science 2



Amy Dalpiaz from the Erie "Traveling" Zoo came to visit and taught the residents about careers at the Zoo. The alligator (above) seemed to be the real "attention grabber" of the girls. The zoo will be coming back again to educate the residents on the importance of biodiversity as well.

Economics



Graham Parsons, a board member of Junior Achievement conducted six sessions at Gannondale with the residents. Goals of these sessions were not only to explore personal and financial success, but also focus on education and career options for the girls.

Mr. Parsons met with the New Horizons' (ITU) residents and the counselors there can verify how excited and enthusiastic the girls are for each session.

Finance 1 & 2



Erika Jackson from the Center for Financial & Consumer Outreach came and discussed the “DOs and DON'Ts” of using credit cards with the residents. During her second visit, she quizzed the residents on their financial literacy.



Clarice Womack of PNC Bank, and also a Gannondale Board Member, came to discuss budgets and career goals. During her second visit she practiced job interviews with the residents.

Career Development



Mike Simons of GECAC introduced his Trio program to New Horizons (ITU). This allowed residents to take an aptitude test in order to explore and narrow down career fields with some focus.

Sanctuary



The residents are exposed to weekly psycho ed classes with Brandy Peterson (above right). During the Sanctuary certification our evaluators, Wendy (above left) and Nathan, attended a class and were extremely pleased with what they had experienced.

A well thought-out lesson plan, great class participation, and beautiful poems about loss written by the residents created a heart-felt experience. The goal of psycho education is to re-educate the residents in regards to their self-perception and teach them about the overwhelming impacts that traumatic experiences have on their daily lives.

Health



Eileen Zinchiak of Hero Heath Career Academy will be coming to Gannondale to conduct three sessions on exploring different careers in the health field.

Celebration



On Tuesday, May 24th, there will be a “Ready for the Future” celebration with a career fair and residents displaying their story boards.

Feedback

Plan ahead.

It wasn't raining when

Noah built the Ark.

- Richard Cushing

Communication is important to us. To that end, we have formed a Leadership Workgroup as part of our Sanctuary implementation. This workgroup is comprised of Nancy Sabol, Jericho McCalmont-Tuite, and Tom Schumacher. We want your feedback, so please get to one of us via e-mail, letters in mailboxes, or simply face-to-face discussion and tell us whether you like this newsletter, want other information, have suggestions, etc...

Thank you all for your continuous commitment and dedication to Gannondale!