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Proposed Community Project Package for 2018-2019

EARLY LITERACY PROJECTS

Projects proposed for renewal:

1. **AIM (Arts in Motion)** – (*Mission First, Inc.*) *Summer Blitz Project*. Volunteers will provide a week-long day camp on the campus of Mission First on Roseneath Street. The camp will focus around the arts, including crafts, drama and music. At the end of the camp, a program will be presented for the parents.
2. **CAMP JLJ (Junior Leadership Jumpstart)** – **WHEF Get2College (Education Services Foundation)**. *Summer Blitz Project*. Volunteers will conduct a week-long camp targeting youth/middle school students to increase the student’s awareness of the college admission and financial aid processes. Students will learn social skills and personal well-being techniques and the importance of high school for long term academic and life success.
3. **Imagination Celebration** – (**Mississippi Children’s Museum**) *Summer Blitz Project*. Summer Camp for JPS Children. Volunteers will provide educational experiences for underserved rising 1st and 2nd graders selected from several elementary schools in JPS District.
4. **I Read More with My Buddy** (**Jackson Public Schools/Oak Forest Elementary**) *Formerly “Share a Book with Me/Book Buddies”*. School Year Morning. Volunteers will conduct one-on-one reading sessions with second and third-grade students selected by their teachers to help students build fluency and comprehension skills. Volunteers also coordinate a book drive to collect reading materials to give back to the school.
5. **JPS Summer Camp** – (Pecan Park Elementary School). *Summer Blitz Project*. Volunteers will provide a one-week day camp for students in rising 3rd and 4th grades. Campers will rotate through academic (reading, language arts, math, science/social studies) and extra-curricular (drama/music, art, PE) classes. Volunteer will also draft application, create schedule, order supplies, plan menu and write lesson plans for the week.
6. **Language of Art** – (Magnolia Speech School). *Summer Blitz Project*. Volunteers will provide a week-long camp for students at Magnolia Speech School. Activities will focus on further developing literacy and expressive language skills through the use of art, shared book experiences, drama, exercises and games related to a theme. Volunteers will also assist with a “backdrop” for the end of year program.

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7. **Public School Mini-Grants (Jackson Public Schools/Community Foundation of Greater Jackson).** *Flexible/Self-scheduled (summer intensive).* JLJ volunteers organize, review and evaluate classroom grant proposals and award grants, host a reception for winning teachers and principals, and visit schools to evaluate the use of grant funds.

Proposed new Early Literacy Projects:

8. **Summer Helping Hands** – (various). Volunteers will work on several different summer projects, signing up for shifts in each of them. Projects include: Stewpot’s Lunch-n-Learn (serving lunch and teaching children about health), Operation Shoestring’s Summer Reading Program (assisting students maintaining reading skills and working with students to support reading comprehension), Backpack Buddies (filling backpacks with school supplies for JPS students), and Fit Kid Fest (planning and hosting a one-day fitness/health event at HIS Heart).

Proposed project package does not continue the following Early Literacy Projects:

N/A

CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROJECTS

Projects proposed for renewal:

9. **McClellan Fletcher Center Program (McClellan Fletcher Center).** *School Year Evening* – Volunteers provide grief support to children, teens and their families. Volunteers also provide a meal for the children and families and greet and serve the families before the group sessions.
10. **Midtown Backpack and School Pantry Program (Mississippi Food Network).** *School Year Morning –backpack portion; Evening-pantry portion.* Volunteers will provide approximately 200 backpack meal kits to children in the Midtown community attending Brown and Johnson Elementary Schools. Volunteers will pack backpack meal kits and supplemental foods every Friday and be responsible for delivering backpacks to the schools. Additionally, volunteers will pack and deliver personal care items once a month and purchase fresh produce for the pantry once a month.
11. **Food for Thought (UMMC Center for Advancement of Youth).** *School Year Evening.* Volunteers will assist with monthly event for families of patients seen in the CAY clinic. Volunteers will greet families, provide and serve dinner, and engage the children of these families while parents attend educational sessions.

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12. **REACH Night (and Day) at Batson Children’s Hospital (UMMC-Children’s of Mississippi)**. *School Year Day/Evening*. Volunteers will read, play, and provide arts and crafts to patients struggling with being in the hospital. Volunteers will also serve as role models for parents and care-givers who might not have effective skills for interacting with their children in play. REACH Night and REACH Day (formerly a provisional project) will be combined this year.
13. **Wholesome and Healthy (Operation Shoestring)**. *School Year Evening*. Volunteers will assist with finding speakers and developing activities that address identifying and changing unhealthy eating habits and increasing the knowledge and skills to help families lead healthy lives.

Proposed new Health Projects:

N/A

Proposed project package does not continue the following Health Services projects:

N/A

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

14. **GRACE (Girls Rule! Accepting, Caring, Empowering)** – (Methodist Children’s Homes of MS). *School Year Evening*. Volunteers will provide education and enrichment for girls ages 12 – 18 to build self-esteem, self-respect and values so they will have the tools to make healthy life style choices. Volunteers will cover a variety of topics including: budgeting, balancing a checkbook, responsible credit card usage, meal planning, interview skills and completing a job application.
15. **Helping Hands (Various)**. *School Year Weekends/Self-Scheduled/Flexible*. Volunteers work with current and new community partners throughout the year at their location or venue to provide volunteer support for special events, as well as provide general volunteer support.
16. **Making Connections, Rewarding Success – CARES Inc. (formerly Merit Store)** – (Canopy Children’s Solutions/ formerly MS Children’s Home Services). Volunteers will operate a merit-based store and assist students as they check their balances and make purchases. Volunteers will stock the store based on the “wish lists” generated by the students and prepare and stock welcome bags to be given to children during the admissions process.

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17. **BGCCM Library Makeover Project** – (Boys and Girls Club of Central MS). *Formerly “Reading is Fundamental Makeover Project”*. Volunteers will carry-out a mini-makeover project for the library and technology area at the Walker Unit of the Boys and Girls Club. Volunteers will assist in painting walls, installing bookshelves, library décor, reading bean bags, study lights, desks, computers, and installing TV screens for video learning projects.
18. **Arts Explosion Camp** – (HIS Heart). *Formerly a Provisional Project. Summer Blitz Project.* Volunteers will provide a week-long camp for children ages 5 to 10 that will provide activities centered around art, music, movement, dance, drama, and beginning architecture and engineering. Additionally, volunteers will purchase nutritious foods to serve for breakfast and lunch.

Proposed new Social Development Projects:

19. **Sensory Fun and Learning** – (The Little Light House). *School Year Evening.* Volunteers will provide sensory activities for children with special needs, ages six weeks to six years of age. Volunteers will plan and organize activities that incorporate various learning experiences through sensory play.
20. **Arts Alive** – (Hope Hollow Ministries). *School Year Evening.* Volunteers will provide activities focused on art, music and creative dance expression to special needs students participating in an after-school program for children ages 8 – 18.

Proposed project package does not continue the following Social Development Projects:

P.A.L.S (Preparing Adolescents for Living Successfully) Mentoring Project (Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc.)

Junior League Jumble

Volunteers will again host a rummage sale in April of 2019 providing quality merchandise to the community and generating funds that support the League’s mission.

Touch A Truck® Jackson

This popular event continues in March of 2019 allowing children of all ages to physically explore their favorite emergency and service vehicles, large and small, as well as to meet the personnel who serve the community of central Mississippi.