

Please join us for a very important inaugural event . . .

2012 “Growing Together” Critical Issues Summit: Focus on Poverty

CALL TO ACTION . . .

What: Our inaugural *Critical Issues Summit* will bring together representatives from each of our “Growing Together” schools and partner agencies/organizations to **explore complex challenges related to poverty in central Ohio**. Based on our shared understanding and commitment, we will identify specific ideas and action steps to help address these challenges more effectively in the coming year.

When: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

- **Participants must be available for the full day!**
- Continental breakfast will be available at 8:00 a.m.
- Summit will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp and end at 3:30 p.m.
- Lunch will be provided on site.

Where: Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH 43123

Why: Hunger, homelessness, and other poverty-related issues demand our urgent attention and response. But beyond band-aid approaches, these **challenges clearly call for deeper insights and more strategic, creative problem solving**.

So let’s put our hearts and minds together to **explore how our students and schools can make a more significant difference, and how high quality service-learning can help**. Think of the impact we can have if we put students’ knowledge, gifts, and passions together across our “Growing Together” network!

How: We’ll start to make this happen on March 14th through a series of interactive and thought-provoking experiences:

- Our day will begin with an in-depth **Poverty Simulation** facilitated by Mid-Ohio Foodbank staff members.
- We’ll gain additional background via our agency partners and several informative and moving videos.
- We’ll form strategy groups to brainstorm/prioritize next steps re: service-learning for maximum impact.

Together, we’ll undoubtedly generate many exciting new ideas that will enable us to **take more meaningful action, both individually and collectively**.

Who: We can accommodate **teams of at least two people** from each “Growing Together” school and partner agency/organization. Service-learning Lead Teachers, AmeriCorps Service-Learning Fellows, and/or teachers involved in poverty-related service-learning projects **should have priority if they are available for the full day**.

Each school may request one to three additional slots, but space is limited due to the maximum capacity of the Poverty Simulation. (We will place your extra folks on a waiting list in case other schools and/or agencies don’t use all of their slots.)

How (to register): Please complete and return the attached registration form with the names of your school/agency representatives (and proposed extras identified in order) **no later than Wednesday, February 15th**. We will confirm your allotted spaces the following week so that your final arrangements can be made for substitute teachers if needed. (We will appreciate your district covering the cost of subs if at all possible. However, the “Growing Together” program will provide reimbursement to school districts if necessary.)

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Registration Form

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Imagine a world where there is no hunger ... Imagine a world where there is no homelessness ... Imagine a world where there is no poverty ...

What are you willing to do to make this vision come true? Please join us on March 14, as a "Dream Team" of experienced and creative educators, community agency representatives, and AmeriCorps Service-Learning Fellows will begin to tackle some of these problems through purposeful action. Think of the impact we can have if we put our students' knowledge, gifts, and passions together through high quality service-learning initiatives across our "Growing Together" network!

To register, complete one form per "Growing Together" school or partner community agency and mail, fax, or email all of the information listed below **no later than Wednesday, February 15** to: Partnerships Make A Difference, 1601 W. Fifth Ave., #106, Columbus, Ohio, 43212, (fax) 614.488.1864, or kathy@partnershipsmakedifference.org. For more information, contact Ellen Erlanger or Kathy Meyer, 614.488.3459.

School/Partner Agency: _____

1. Participant Name _____ Email _____

2. Participant Name _____ Email _____

Additional Participants if space permits:

3. Participant Name _____ Email _____

4. Participant Name _____ Email _____

5. Participant Name _____ Email _____

