



Visionaries

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Students Volunteer at Deborah's Place

Project: VISION students returned to Deborah's Place this holiday season to lend a helping hand. Deborah's Place is a nonprofit organization with a mission to break the cycle of homelessness for women in Chicago by providing housing options and support services. Deborah's



Place provides temporary as well as interim and permanent housing for homeless women. In addition, the organization addresses issues common in the homeless population. For example, they provide services and advocate for mental health

and substance abuse issues. Staff also provide programs to help women meet their educational and employment goals through classes, computer training, and job placement assistance.

This was Project: VISION students' fourth trip back to Deborah's place. Volunteers spent a Saturday afternoon preparing a salad and pasta dinner for about ten residents at Dolores' Safe Haven, one of Deborah's Place's many transitional homes.



This service project really opened the youths' eyes to the struggles of

homeless women in the city and how organizations like Deborah's Place are striving to combat homelessness.



Welcome to New PV Tutor

Welcome to Grace Chen, one of Project: VISION's new tutors! From New York, she has come to Chicago to pursue an undergraduate degree in International Studies at the University of Chicago. She has had the pleasure of working with children in New York, Taiwan, and Romania. She is excited to continue teaching and learning from the youth at Project: VISION!

Project: VISION

Project: VISION's mission is to provide youth in the Bridgeport & Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, personal, interpersonal, and civic development.

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Gift Wrapping Success!

Every year since our beginning, Project: VISION has fundraised during the holiday season by gift wrapping at Borders and Barnes and Nobles bookstores all over the Chicago area. We had another successful year, raising over \$5400 with the help of dedicated volunteers including staff, students, former students, and board members.



Special thank you also to our tutor, Holly Tan for helping to

coordinate the shifts and the volunteers for us!

Our volunteers collectively worked over 322 hours over 35 shifts at ten different bookstore locations, from downtown State Street to the far south suburb of Orland Park!

Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will be used to support our new classroom, allowing us to accommodate more youth in our after school homework tutoring program in the spring semester!



Upcoming Events

Free to Soar (Project: Smoke Free Chinatown)

Dates: Feb 11/21, March 7, April 16

Project: VISION students spread an anti-tobacco message to the Chinatown community with the help of the Asian Health Coalition.

Hustle Up the Hancock

Sunday Feb 27th, 5a-11a

Students will be volunteering at Hustle Up the Hancock, an annual event to help raise money for the Respiratory Health Association of Chicago.

College Workshop for Freshmen/Sophomores

Saturday April 16th, 10a-noon

Come learn about college and how to get started early with your college applications!

Sign up for any of these programs at:
<http://projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html>

The Youth Center will be closed (except for special service learning programs):

Feb 21st- Washington's Birthday (No School)

March 7- Pulaski Day (No School)

Good Luck, Holly!

From all Project: VISION
Staff, Students, & Board

GOOD LUCK in KOREA, HOLLY!

We will miss you, but we know you will be a
wonderful teacher!

Your new students will be lucky to have you!

Holly Tan, our lead tutor will be leaving us this month to teach English in Korea for one year. Please help us bid her goodbye and good luck on her exciting adventure!

