



Community Action Network

Update



Update on IKE

- American Red Cross has opened a Volunteer Resource Center (VCR) for training volunteers
 - Those wishing to volunteer are asked to visit website www.centex.redcross.org
 - And fill out volunteer application and request a background check
 - Volunteers must then report to the Resource Center for training, credentialing and scheduling.
 - Those without computer access are encouraged to go directly to the VCR located at Northwest Hills Recreation Center at 2913 Northland Drive in Austin



CANews

- 28 editions since Feb 27th
 - Except in special cases, a weekly communication
 - Feature reports, research, hearings, and events with links
 - 1400 recipients



CAN Retreat - Oct 10th

- Planning Committee: Ann Kitchen, Terry Cowan, Sherri Fleming and David Balch
- CAN Retreat – Friday, October 10th
 - 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Resource Council, Community Council, Admin. Team and Issue Area Group Leaders
 - 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. debriefing lunch for Resource Council
- Retreat Goals:
 - Review CAN's role
 - Final vetting of “Community Goals”
 - Identify focus areas for CAN collaboration in 2009



Butler Awards

- Nominations due September 26th
 - **Community Leader**: an individual leader
 - **Bridge Builder**: a quiet behind the scenes volunteer or worker
 - **Spirit of Collaboration**: an organization that demonstrates the spirit of collaboration

Simple one-page application www.caction.org

E-mail applications to Brenda Ahrns





Scope of Issues

LEARNING

- Early Education & Care
- P – 16
- Literacy / Basic Skills

WORKING

- Economic Well-being
- Jobs with Livable Wages
- Workforce Development

**Also... Aging • Children & Youth
Homeless • Immigrants • Victims
Persons with Disabilities •
Re- entry Population •
Veterans**

THRIVING

- Self-Sufficiency
 - Affordable cost of living
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Basic Needs
- Health / Behavioral Health
- Public Safety

CONNECTING / LEADING

- Diverse / Inclusive Community
- Civic Engagement
- Leadership

Identify Common Goals – Currently Vetting These Goals

Learning:

- People are prepared and ready to learn at the next transitional level of their life.
- People perform at their highest academic potential.
- People have the skills and educational opportunities to live happy lives, as independently and productively as possible.

Working:

- People have the education and skills to meet employer needs.
- People have jobs that pay a living wage.

Thriving:

- People have adequate incomes and resources to meet their basic needs.
- People have safe and stable housing.
- People have safe, affordable and reliable transportation alternatives.
- People achieve their optimal physical and mental health.
- People engage in healthy behaviors.
- People are free from abuse, neglect, crime and violence.

Connecting / Leading:

- People are inclusive and value the diversity of our community as an asset.
- People are civically engaged and give their talents, time or treasures towards enhancing the community's well-being.
- People enjoy the emotional security of living in a nurturing and caring environment.