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Greetings!

Welcome to the first edition of the DRF e-newsletter. Each quarter, we will use this to share information about opportunities and challenges facing non-profits and community organizations in our region and beyond. We invite you to sign up for the e-newsletter and e-blasts of time sensitive information.

We are hoping to use this new outreach tool to share and to learn. Please share with DRF information that you would like to see part of the conversation in our region. We are particularly interested in information that will help us all to see what excellence looks like and how we achieve it.

We also need your ideas on how to improve the e-newsletter. Share your thoughts with Starling McKenzie at smckenzie@danilleregionalfoundation.org.

Karl N. Stauber
President & CEO
Danville Regional Foundation

DRF COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

DRF Offering Summer Internships

Danville Regional Foundation (DRF) is excited to offer up to ten (10) paid summer internship opportunities to students currently enrolled in an associates, bachelors or graduate level program from a known academic institution.

"We see this as an effort that will help prepare our college students to become the next generation of talented workforce and community leaders in this region. We want to reverse the outflow of highly skilled knowledgeable workers and educated young people to other locales. The loss of human capital makes it harder for the area to attract and retain new businesses and to encourage entrepreneurship. Our internship program is to help our young people see this as the region of opportunity," says Karl Stauber, President/CEO of the Danville Regional Foundation.

The Internship Program will identify 10 talented well-educated young people to help further the mission of DRF in the region through hands-on project-focused work and conceptual learning in the field of philanthropy. This program offers a unique opportunity for professional growth and a chance to make a difference in our community.

DRF will provide a dynamic experience for interns with various backgrounds and interests in our focus areas of economic development, education, health and wellness, and community engagement.

- Interns will undertake major team projects to further DRF initiatives. Interns will receive hands-on experience working in the field of philanthropy and with community partners.

- Interns will be required to participate in weekly discussions with local community leaders about required reading on community transformation.

- Each class of interns will be asked to recommend and make a grant of up to \$100,000 to the organization that they believe can do the most to transform this region.

- Interns will develop a group of implementable recommendations on what the region can do to attract and retain more young professionals.

DRF is requiring that interns must be currently enrolled in an associate, bachelor, or master's level program at a known academic institution. First priority will be given to those who reside in Caswell County, NC, Pittsylvania County and Danville, VA. Interns must possess strong written and verbal communication skills and they must be able to work independently as well as collaboratively in teams. Any discipline is welcome to apply.

Our internship is a 10-week program that begins May 26, 2009 and ends July 31, 2009. Interns will work full time, five days a week including a weekly seminar to be held one night per week. The pay will range from \$11.00 up to \$14.50 per hour based on the level of education and experience of the intern. DRF will provide housing on an as needed basis at no cost to the intern. The deadline to apply is March 16, 2009.

An Internship Program Overview and Application are available on our website to [learn more](#) and [click here](#).

For additional questions contact us at 434-799-2176 or email info@danvilleregionalfoundation.org

News from our Partners

B*E*S*T Coalition

The mission of the B*E*S*T Coalition is to increase family self-sufficiency through local Earned Income Tax Credit initiatives. There are nine Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites located in Danville, Pittsylvania and Caswell County, NC, where low to moderate income individuals and families can have tax returns prepared at no cost by trained and certified volunteers. This service will help claim monies available through tax credits.

If you would like to know how to qualify for free tax assistance [read more](#) or call 2-1-1 for free confidential help.

... *More Partner News*

The Community Center at Chatham

The Community Center's fitness classes, open gym, concerts and many other activities are bringing about 200 people weekly to the Center. The Center hosts the Boys and Girls Club After-School Program that is averaging 45 students per day. Exciting events, programs and activities are taking place in downtown Chatham. Come, be a part of the revitalization!!

Do you want to learn more about the events and activities taking place at The Community Center at Chatham? [Read more](#).

DRF's NON-PROFIT CAPACITY INITIATIVES for 2009

Non-Profit Training Coming Soon!

The Danville Regional Foundation Non-profit Capacity Building Initiatives will begin in mid March with three informational workshops on "**How to apply to DRF for grants.**" These workshops will take place at the following locations and dates:

New Caswell County Senior Center, 649 Fire Tower Rd., Yanceyville, NC, Friday, March 20, 2009 - 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

The Riddle Center, 207-B Coffey St., Gretna, VA, Friday, March 27, 2009 - 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

RCATT Center, 121 Slayton Ave., Danville, VA, Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

To reserve a space at a workshop email Shirley Jo Hite, sjhite@danvilleregionalfoundation.org or call (434) 799-2176

(email is preferred). Space is limited. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis for individuals to attend these workshops.

DRF will be sponsoring a series of training workshops on a monthly basis from late March through June. These training seminars will be advertised through the local media and promoted by email to area non-profits. The planned workshops include: ***IRS 990 Reporting Document; Grant Writing/Fundraising; Creating a Business/Strategic Plan and Non-profit Board Governance.***

Stay tuned for upcoming email alerts by joining our mailing list above!

The Danville Regional Foundation is a catalyst for innovation and an agent for transformation. Understanding that significant community change takes time, the Foundation invests for the long term in efforts that promise sustained positive impact for the Dan River region. The Foundation is committed to activities, programs, and organizations that address the health, education, and well-being of residents of Danville, Pittsylvania County, and Caswell County.

Sincerely,

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