

URBAN LEADERS LIVE

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IMPORTANT ULT DATES

- 12/6** ULT training
- 12/12** Site supervisor meeting
4-5 pm, NLF Office
- 12/13** ULT training
- 12/16** Special ULT service day
- 12/20** ULT holiday party (no training—supervisors welcome! Details TBA)
- 12/20** Member evaluations and reports due
- 12/27** No ULT Training
- 1/3** ULT Training
- 1/10** ULT Training
- 1/17** ULT Training
- 1/20** MLK Day of Service with PCCD
9 am-1 pm
- 1/24-26** ULT retreat!
- 1/31** No ULT training

Another month has flown by for the ULT team at our service sites and now the holidays are upon us. November has been a month of learning about relational leadership and the importance of relationships within the community and our lives. The team has been working through the concepts that you can only act within the world you see and that relationships are often the most meaningful, and also painful, parts of our lives. As members continue to be more invested in their work site and in those around them, relationships have been a main focus. The team has engaged in great conversations about acting within the world you see while having your impact be felt even in the world that you are unable to see. The team’s reflections and insights to this concept have been great! December will bring a new turn in the discussion as we introduce reconciling leadership.



As site visits come to an end, the amount of change being accomplished by these members is truly inspirational. Taylor had 10 of her 16 high school seniors make it to the second round of the Act Six Scholarship selection process. Act Six (Kariann and Marisol) received over 400 applications for their program this past month. Panago at the Trinity Learning Center has increased the number of active participants in his afterschool program from 5 students last year to 40 students this year. These numbers and outcomes are astonishing but what is even more impressive are the stories of change coming from each site: students who see their future including college, ecological systems being restored (over 1700 plants

planted) to ensure our planet is around for the generations to come, and students improving to be able to read at their grade level.

On-site and off-site, Urban Leaders in Training are making a difference in Tacoma. The Youth Philanthropy Board has engaged three members, two members have signed up for ongoing volunteer service with the Pierce County Juvenile System, and many more individuals are engaging in volunteer activities. November’s service project was a huge success. The Rescue Mission Family Campus needed their basement to be cleaned up and organized before the holiday season; a task that upon a first glance seemed that it would take the entire day to accomplish. The ULT had the space cleaned and organized before 11 a.m.! This team continues to amaze with the work that they are driven to accomplish and in the way they are getting things done, on and off their work sites. The ULT team has embraced the idea that, “YOU are the change you have been waiting for.”

Happy Thanksgiving!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Making a Difference in Community (MDC)'s mission has been to "Develop and manage innovative programs that promote self-sufficiency and remove individuals and families from poverty" since its founding in 1964. It values the importance of excellence in services, integrity as an organization, human potential in those served and inclusion of all people.



MDC TRiO College Bound is a non-profit TRiO Upward Bound program funded by the United States Department of Education to assist low income and first generation high school students break a national cycle of low educational achievement by increasing their level of representation and advancement in college. The primary focus is to help all students have access to higher education by preparing them to enroll and succeed in higher education. Program staff work with students from 9th -12th grades in a dedicated class to set and achieve these goals.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Panago Horton is a Tacoma native who attended Pacific Lutheran University as an Act Six scholar. He is currently serving his second Americorps term at Trinity Presbyterian Church, providing Jason Lee Middle School students with academic assistance. Panago graduated from PLU with a degree in biology in 2012, and plans to attend dental school after his Americorps term ends.

Panago's favorite part of living and working in Tacoma is "serving a city that helped shape me into the person I am today. Time with the kids we work with is priceless and seeing the results of our service in their lives and the community as a whole is really rewarding."



Living on a limited budget can make holiday gift-giving challenging and stressful. Here are some ways that you can still give to your friends and family, without breaking the bank:

- **Make a budget.** Decide ahead of time how much you will spend on gifts, traveling, parties, decorations, etc. Once you've created a spending plan, keep track of your purchases.
- **Make your own gifts.** Decorate an inexpensive picture frame, knit a scarf or hat, make a Christmas ornament, or bake holiday treats. Other options include cooking a meal for your friends or family, or making a date to do your friend's favorite activity with them (i.e., movie night). Browse Pinterest, Martha Stewart Living, or spoonful.com for some fun and easy DIY holiday gift ideas.
- **Shop online.** Shopping online can help you stick to a budget because you will avoid the temptation of store displays and may be able to use coupons and promotional codes. "Cyber Monday," or the Black Friday of online shopping, is coming up on Monday, December 2nd. www.cybermonday.com will tell you about all of the deals that different stores are offering.

Most importantly, enjoy the time you have with family and friends!

MONEY MATTERS: Celebrating the Holidays on a Budget



FIRST PAGE: ULT members Miriam and Lizy help organize toys and school supplies during the Rescue Mission clean-up day on Nov. 16.

LEFT: Haley and Caitlin break down cardboard after doing some heavy lifting in the Rescue Mission basement.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Tacoma Tree Lighting

5:30 pm, Pantages Theater
FREE admission

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 - SUNDAY, DEC. 8

A Victorian Country Christmas Festival

Washington State Fairgrounds
\$11 admission
www.avictoriancountrychristmas.com

ALL MONTH

Franciscan Polar Plaza Holiday Ice Skating

Tollefson Plaza (1701 Pacific Ave)
\$8 admission, \$2 skate rental

ALL MONTH

9th Annual Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park

5:30-9 pm, Spanaway Park
\$13 per vehicle; discount tickets available

ALL MONTH

Zoolights

Point Defiance Zoo
\$7.50 online or \$8.75 at the gate
Find out more at www.pdza.org/zoolights

You can also check the News Tribune or Weekly Volcano websites for an updated calendar of great events in the area. There are so many great holiday festivities this month, so go out, have fun and be safe!

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