

Inland Empire United Way

June 2008 Edition



Thank you for supporting Inland Empire United Way (IEUW) - we are working hard in your community! This newsletter will keep you up-to-date and inform you about upcoming events that we want you to be a part of.

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KidSmart Celebrity Spelling Bee A huge S-U-C-C-E-S-S!



On Saturday, June 14, KidSmart supporters and the local community gathered at the The Epicenter for a little spelling action mixed with food, friends, great silent auction items, and even some celebrities!

"Our team had a great time and we thank you for the opportunity to be an MVP Sponsor," said Pat Downey, Target Senior Group Leader.

The main event, hosted by Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, was watching local students team up with sponsors and celebrities to compete for the title of Champion Speller, but attendees had the opportunity to sample delicious food and beverages from top Inland Empire vendors, bid on fabulous Silent Auction items, and meet celebrities. Then, everyone was invited to watch batting practice and stay to cheer on Rancho Cucamonga Quakes as they took on the Modesto Nuts ([Quakes win](#)).

Each team was comprised of a MVP sponsor, a celebrity and a local student speller. Our teams consisted of:

- UPS Team**, represented by Craig Meeker
RC Quakes, represented by Gerald McKearney, Executive Vice President and General Manager
Colin Ryan, 2nd Grade, Pepper Tree Elementary, Upland Unified School District
- Target Team**, represented by Sousan Saberi
Randall Graham, Danced on Broadway and with Joffrey Ballet of New York City
Jordan Tyson, 5th Grade, Juniper Elementary, Fontana Unified School District
- Kohl's Team**, represented by Rich Wolken
Jay Johnstone, Member of four World Series Championship teams, best-selling author
Rebecca Russavage, 6th Grade, Oak Ridge Elementary School, Chino Unified School District



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- **Victoria Gardens Team**, represented by Alana Sorensen
Kenny Landreaux, Member of 1981 World Series Champion LA Dodgers
Josue Sanchez, 5th Grade, Juniper Elementary, Fontana Unified School District

Thanks to event volunteers including Kohl's, Target and Inland Empire Youth Ballet/Academy of the Arts. A special thank you to photographer Bob Otto. Emcee Joe Lyons facilitated the Spelling Bee as Cecelia Huggins, Dr. Shawn Judson, Katie Roberts and Dr. Bonnie Mooney judged participants.



The UPS team celebrates as they win the title of Champion Spellers. Colin Ryan, son of UPS employee Patrick Ryan, was the youngest student speller.



Celebrities Kenny Landreaux and Randall Graham sign autographs for the guests!

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[See the article from the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin!](#)

2-1-1 San Bernardino County

By providing easy access to health and social services, 2-1-1 San Bernardino County helps people find services they need. Dialing 2-1-1 (or 888-435-7565) is the quickest way to access non-emergency resources for family, neighbors and employees.

Stats

2-1-1 San Bernardino County received a total of 3,991 documented calls in May 2008. A total of 11,478 people were represented in these calls.



[Click here to see the 2-1-1 monthly report for May 2008.](#)

Reserve your 2-1-1 Blue Book Directory - a compilation of health and social service resources of San Bernardino County

IEUW has created a resource to enable residents and service providers easy access to hundreds of nonprofit and government agencies in San Bernardino County. [Reserve your copy of the 2-1-1 Blue Book Directory!](#)

Local COAD meetings

Community Organization representatives are invited to join the COADs (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) forming in the East Valley and West End regional areas of the County to develop comprehensive Disaster Recovery plans. These agencies are invited to participate in the development of services to residents in need, after a disaster.

Join the WEST END/ POMONA VALLEY COAD on Tuesday, July 1 from 3 - 5 p.m. at Inland Empire United Way in Rancho Cucamonga.

Join the EAST VALLEY COAD on Tuesday, July 1 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Boy Scouts of America in Redlands.

**If you missed the last meetings, catch up sessions will take place 1/2 hour before the meeting time.*

RSVP to [Victoria Stephens](#) at (951) 735-4242.

Please invite other organizations who are interested - [click here for the flyer in PDF.](#)

Ameron International Charity Golf Tournament raised \$20,000



Ameron International held its seventh annual Caring Hearts Charity Golf Tournament in June at the Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana. All proceeds after expenses benefit Inland Empire United Way. IEUW is appreciative of the \$20,000 that was raised during the golf tournament. Learn more about Ameron International at www.ameron.com.

KidSmart Report Card

Kids Pack wrap up

In the 2007-2008 school year, a total of 32,370 backpacks of food were delivered to hungry kids each weekend, when school meals are not available. 1,148 children from 46 schools and five districts participated in the program.

Kids Cafe began June 23

For the fourth summer, the Kids Cafe summer program has begun serving hot lunches for children at the Boys & Girls Club of Pomona Valley main club house.

Kids Cafe provides nutritious food after school to hungry children in a safe, nurturing, and easily accessible environment. The food is served in conjunction with nutrition education, tutoring and mentoring programs. During the school months, an after-school snack is provided and during the summer months, a hot lunch is provided.

This program is provided in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, an affiliate of America's Second Harvest, Sodexo Campus Services at Pomona College, and the Sodexo Foundation.

School Tools

Since the program's inception, the School Tools TRC has conducted 956 teacher visits and distributed \$583,413 retail value worth of product to benefit 28,680 children in our local schools.

School Tools is currently serving 21 schools. To see a complete list of participating schools, [click here](#). Five additional schools will be invited to participate in the program this fall.

Thank you KidSmart Volunteers

For the 2007-2008 program year, IEUW KidSmart hosted 868 volunteers, who generously donated 3,690 hours of service.



Pathways is advancing YNPN

Inland Empire YNPN hits 100!

Since the social mixer on May 15, our YNPN list serve has gone from 63 to 102 members! We are now listed as a chapter on the [YNPN national website](#) so our national visibility will begin to grow. Inland Empire Young Nonprofit Professionals Network (YNPN) enhances capacity building by bringing attention to the nonprofit sector and acting as the central place for information and resources for nonprofit professionals. YNPN is a national initiative, and IEUW supports the local chapter.

Now's your chance!

Take an active role in your local YNPN - attend the upcoming planning meeting at 4 p.m. on this Thursday, June 26 (tomorrow!) at Harry's Pacific Grill, 8009 Day Creek Blvd., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739. **RSVP** to [Allan Collins](#) at (909) 980-2857 ext. 243.



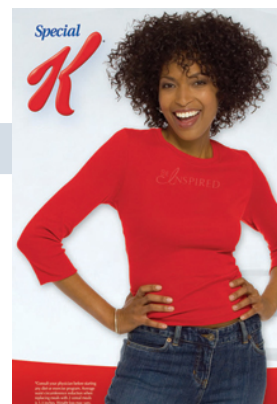
IEUW offers eCivis grant opportunity to nonprofits free of charge

Originally designed for use by government offices, eCivis is an online grants research service gaining widespread acceptance throughout the nonprofit community. Inland Empire United Way is making eCivis access available free of charge to nonprofit organizations in the Inland Empire.

If you are a grantseeker for an Inland Empire nonprofit and would like to learn how you can arrange to use eCivis onsite at IEUW's Rancho Cucamonga facility, please contact [Beth Miller](#), Grants Manager, at (909) 980-2857 ext. 235.

Be Inspired

For more than 80 years, Kellogg Company has been a proud partner of United Way to help strengthen communities all across America. [Click here for more info!](#)



Hands On Inland Empire

BoardLinks

BoardLinks is a free training for management-level employees and individuals interested in serving on a nonprofit board of directors. By facilitating the connection between trained leaders and executive level volunteer opportunities in the community, BoardLinks increases the pool of skilled candidates, broadens diversity on local boards, cultivates community networks, enhances corporate social responsibility and ultimately strengthens Inland Empire nonprofit organizational capacity.

This training is offered by Hands On staff in partnership with local experts. Following the training, participants are referred to local nonprofits who can best utilize their skills, talents and expertise in order to create lasting change and increase nonprofit capacity.

TeamConnect

In May, TeamConnect Summer 2008 kicked off the four R's: Revive, Refresh, Restock and Renew! Ten volunteers picked and hoed their way through 650 square feet of weeds, trash and rock to transform a jungle into a recreational space at A Place Along the Way, a homeless shelter for teens. Volunteers planted flowers and assembled a picnic table provided with donations from The Home Depot. Burrtec donated four containers for trash removal.

"It's beautiful to be helping with such a worthy cause," team member Carolyn Villerreal said. "What I really took away from that moment was seeing the smiles on their faces from the transformation, from the small change we were able to make."

In the first month of TeamConnect, volunteers REVIVED the space. During the second month, volunteers will REFRESH a Food Bank in Pomona by painting the interior, cleaning the shelves, and hanging banners and signs. Stay tuned for July's RESTOCK and August's RENEW!



Sign up for the volunteer projects below!

A Flowering Garden at the Castle: The Kimberly Crest Historic House and Garden is a fantasyland of groves, Italian-style gardens, and a beautifully maintained house built in 1896 with a commanding view of the San Bernardino Valley. A flower garden is in need of volunteers to nurture it back to health. **9:30 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, June 28 at Kimberly Crest Historic House and Garden, Redlands, CA** [Click here to sign up](#) - registration is required!

Project Leader Training: You can gain leadership experience while helping Hands On expand the number of projects offered each month - attend a project leader training! You'll then have the opportunity to manage a project and ensure it is fun, meaningful and successful. **6 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9 at Inland Empire United Way, Rancho Cucamonga, CA** [Click here to sign up](#) - registration is required!

Read to Kids! YOU are needed to volunteer to Read to Kids! **9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 12 at Virginia Primrose Elementary School, Fontana, CA** [Sign up to volunteer](#) - Registration is required!

Thank you for supporting Inland Empire United Way!

Volunteer through www.HandsOnInlandEmpire.org

Donate in-kind product or services by contacting [Fran Robertson](#) at (909) 980-2857 ext. 232

[Donate online](#) or [sponsor an initiative](#)

Email Sponsored By: The "Constant Contact Cares4Kids" program supports educational and social non-profit organizations that help children. Learn more about the [Cares4Kids](#) program. More than 150,000 small businesses and organizations trust Constant Contact to connect with their customers and members. [Signup for a free 60-day trial.](#)



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