



### **Involving Corona's Youth Through Mass Communications**

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We worked at Today's Youth Organization located at the civic center in Corona, CA. Teaming up with the program's founder, Tina Hunt, a former television producer, we recreated a program that was originally geared towards well-connected children of city officials. Now aimed at opening the doors for all junior high students in the Corona-Norco district we worked towards facilitating self-expression, civic engagement, and youth empowerment in the city's young people. Working with seventh to ninth graders, we taught them the skills involved in television production. Learning things such as interviewing skills, how to appear on camera, and learning lines of a script promoted and encouraged positive attributes such as self-confidence and interpersonal skills. *Community Partner: Today's Youth*

### **Healthcare for the Homeless**

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The community project is designed to help the community by reaching out to the homeless in the Inland Empire. We established contact with the founder of Rest for Your Soul Ministries, Daryl Botts. We provided them with Inland Harvest services, a company that provides leftover food for the needy. We raised medical and health awareness by presenting slide-shows about the harmful effects of substance abuse, mainly drugs, alcohol, and cigarette smoking. We spoke to Dr. Haloviak about making this part of her class service learning option, as an option for community service. We raised awareness of the prejudice against the homeless by involving them in on-campus activities such as Tuesday Tunes. *Community Partner: Rest for Your Souls Ministries*

### **Girl Scouts Badge "Educating Myself"**

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The badge, entitled "Educating Myself," was designed to educate girls, ages 11-17, about the importance of making informed decisions in regards to their health. We felt it was important to implement an effective program that would

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## **Community Involvement Presentations 2009**

The Honors Community Involvement Projects are an attempt to encourage students to engage in their communities to transform and build them with integrity, courage, openness, and compassion; to charge students' imaginations as they recognize their own social responsibilities; to facilitate students as they begin developing their worldviews and value systems that will sustain this engagement; and to develop the potential to reach the highest levels of leadership, becoming the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

teach young girls a set of skills that they can depend on when faced with tough decisions. These courses also provided them with useful information that they could pass on to their friends. Throughout the activities the girls learned about the harmful effects of substance abuse, the importance of daily exercise, and the benefits of proper nutrition. These activities were designed to be fun, educational, and creative. Each activity focused on one aspect of these approaches to good health and aimed to encourage the formation of healthy habits. *Community Partner: Girl Scouts in Redlands*

### **Bridging the Gap**

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Bridging the Gap is a student run program in collaboration with Think Together after school program that aims to bring students to proficiency level in areas of Mathematics, Science and Reading. This was done by implementing holiday enrichment curriculum, direct volunteer work and "Fun Friday" activities/ experiments. In addition, Bridging the Gap has compiled the holiday enrichment curriculum into a book that can be used at different sites of the Think Together program as a method to sustain Bridging the Gap's efforts. *Community Partner: Think Together*

### **RTA U-Pass and LSU: A More Mobile Campus**

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Every community must be responsible to reflect on their contribution to global economic unrest, climate change, or any of a number of other universal issues plaguing our world today. Each community must also actively attempt to stabilize or diminish their contribution to these problems. Our project is based on this idea of community responsibility. By starting the La Sierra Bus Riders Club and providing other bus related resources to students of the campus, we hope to stimulate and increase interest and use of public transportation in Riverside county. *Community Partner: Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)*



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