



We're Looking for Bright, Young* Minds to Help Feed the World!

DID YOU KNOW? The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is the largest, not-for-profit, independent plant science Center **in the world!** Join the Center (located at the corner of Warson and Olive in Creve Coeur) as we commemorate World Food Day (October 14-15, 2011), a day created by the United Nations to raise awareness of global hunger.

Every day the Center's 200+ scientists and staff (who come from 24 nations!) endeavor to help our planet...and its people.

We're building a **Junior Board** to plan a major community initiative to create and ship over **500,000** meals to impoverished people in sub-Saharan Africa. Africa is an amazing but challenged place – **14 of the world's 15 poorest countries lie within it** – and the people most capable of changing its fate are dying by the millions from malnutrition and related causes. **Every six seconds**, a child dies from starvation and related conditions.

Be Part of a Global Solution on October 14-15!



We're going to roll up our sleeves – **and need over 3000 volunteers to do so as well!** – to create meal packages which will immediately help fight starvation and disease. And, **following the session**, the volunteers you have helped engage will tour the Center's labs and greenhouses, meet the members of the international team, and begin to understand the long-term health and hunger solutions on which the Center works.

Though our mission at the Center is long-term (we look at the science behind hunger and malnutrition), this community outreach program will be a 48-hour hands-on program in which **kids as young as 7 can participate. That's where you come in!** Along with helping to plan the day, our **Junior Board** will help us identify kids, teens, adults – even people your grandparents' age! – to help us get the word out in a grass-roots manner.

So What Do Junior Board Members Do?



- Take on leadership roles before, during, and after our October 14-15 packaging event after helping to plan it from start to finish
- Talk up World Food Day in their schools and, potentially, visit other local schools, churches, synagogues – you name it! – to raise awareness for the day
- Volunteer at the Danforth Center (for a minimum of 15 hours) stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, reviewing applications for support
- Volunteer at a St. Louis Cardinals game which will be devoted to raising awareness and recruiting volunteers for the day
- And, then – the actual food packaging day on **October 14-15!**

What Are the Benefits?

- * Improve public speaking and teaching skills
- * Enhance college and job applications
- * Meet students from other schools
- * Learn about health and nutrition
- * Earn service hours (required by some schools)
- * **HELP FEED 500,000 PEOPLE!**



'Nuff said!

** Students must be in high school as of Fall 2011.*

How Do I Start?

First, apply to join the **Junior Board** by completing the following application and faxing (or mailing/emailing) it back. Applications are due by **Friday, April 1, 2011**. Following an orientation meeting, we will have a **Junior Board** meeting at least once a month starting at the end of May (through August) and then every two weeks until World Food Day. In-office volunteer hours can be fulfilled (by mutual agreement) during several weeks over the summer.

- Danforth Center 2011 Junior Board Application -

Your Name (and nickname): _____

Address: _____

City: State: Zip Code: _____ t

Home Phone: (_____) Cell Phone: (_____))

Email: _____ Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Date of Birth: _____ Adult Shirt Size: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL

High School Name: _____ Class of 20 _____

Does your high school require service hours for graduation? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, how many hours? ___

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

If your **middle** school was in St. Louis, please list it here: _____

If your **grade** school was in St. Louis, please list it here: _____

Tell Us About You (attach a separate sheet, please)

1. List past experiences in which you had to interact with the public, speak publicly, or teach others. What was your most positive experience?
2. Describe your interests, hobbies and talents.
3. Explain why you are interested in the Danforth Center "World Food Day" Program and what you hope to gain from the experience.

Any References You Can Provide?

If you can, please list a favorite teacher (or two) we may contact as a reference.

Name: _____ Subject: _____

School Address: _____

Work Phone: (_____) Email: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand that my participation in the Danforth Center "World Food Day" Program requires that I:

- Attend a **Junior Board** orientation session (date TBD).
- Volunteer at least 15 hours from May through October 2011.
- Act in a professional and respectful manner at all times during my volunteer service.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read/understand the above requirements and acknowledge the commitment that _____ has made to the Danforth Center "World Food Day" Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fax your completed application by **Friday, April 1, 2010** to 314-587-1172

Or you can mail it to: World Food Day Junior Board, Office of Development, Danforth Center, 975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132 Questions? Call 314-587-1072 or email: development@danforthcenter.org

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