

"Growing Together" Service-Learning Network 2017 Annual Kick-Off Workshop and Critical Issues Summit

Tuesday, October 17th at Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City 43123

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS KID-FRIENDLY EVENT!

What: Our annual Network Kick-Off Workshop also serves as our annual Critical Issues Summit. This important "double duty" event will bring together **teams of teachers and students** from each of our "Growing Together" schools and partner agencies/organizations to **continue exploring complex community issues in central Ohio**. Based on our shared insights and commitment, we will again **identify specific service-learning ideas and actions to help address these challenges more effectively this school year**.

Why: It's extremely beneficial for our Network members to **learn, plan, and collaborate strategically as each new school year begins**. As part of this process, it will be important—and hopefully, impactful—to **continue our collective focus on critical local and global needs, including poverty, hunger, homelessness and health concerns**.

So let's put our hearts and minds together again to **explore how our students, teachers, and schools can make a more significant difference, and how high quality service-learning can help**. Think of the impact we can have if we put our collective knowledge, gifts, and passions together across our "Growing Together" Network!

How: We'll continue to make this happen on **October 17th** through a series of interactive and thought-provoking opportunities:

- **We invite you to bring students (grades 3-12) to our October 17th event.**
- We'll experience **new awareness and outreach/action activities** that you can use or adapt in your work with colleagues and/or students. This will include a special **hands-on activity and accompanying resource/implementation guide**.
- We'll gain **new knowledge via our agency partners** and engage them in a "call to action" re: their most critical needs.
- We'll **brainstorm and prioritize next steps** re: service-learning for maximum impact. **Time will be provided for Network schools**

Where: Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH, 43123

When: October 17, 2017

- **Participants must be available for the full time, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- Refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m.
- Event will begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp and end at 2:00 p.m.
- Lunch will be provided on site.

Who: We can accommodate **teams of 2-6 people** from each "Growing Together" school and partner agency/organization. **Service-learning Lead Teachers, other teachers involved (or wanting to become involved) in service-learning projects, building administrators, and students will have priority if they are available for the full program.**

Teams of students and teachers will engage in team-building and collaboration activities with peers from other Network schools, as well as agency representatives.

How (to register): Please register each person on your team by going to our website, <http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org/2017-kick-off-and-critical-issues-summit.html>, **no later than Friday, October 6th.**

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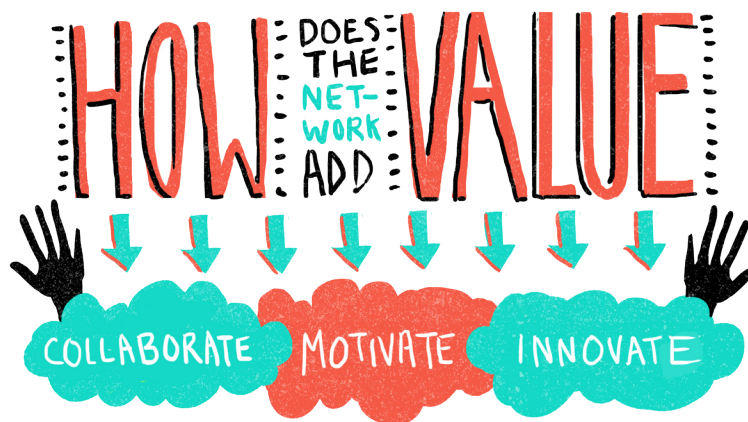
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Imagine a world where there is no poverty, hunger, homelessness or health concerns . . . Imagine a world where other local and global needs receive the attention they deserve and the solutions they demand . . . Imagine a world where young people are educated and empowered to be part of these solutions . . .

What are you willing to do to make this vision come true? Please join us on October 17th, as we again convene a "Dream Team" of experienced and creative educators, students, and community agency representatives to "kick off" the 2017-2018 school year and continue to tackle some of these problems through purposeful action. Think of the impact we can have if we put our collective knowledge, gifts, and passions together through high quality service-learning initiatives across our "Growing Together" Network!

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