



## DPI VISTA Monthly

### The Supervisor's Role: a Life Line for VISTAs!

By Ruth Anne Landsverk

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#### Save The Dates

<u>October 31</u> Updated VADs Due	<u>November 18</u> Get to Know Your Site Forms Due (Nov Start VISTAs)
<u>November 9</u> Supervisor Check-In	
<u>November 14</u> Management Webinar	<u>November 23</u> Website Updates Due (Nov Start VISTAs)
<u>November 15-16</u> Poverty Matters Conference in WI Dells	<u>November 30</u> VISTA Networking in Johnson Creek

How can VISTAs work with their supervisors to get the Partnership Action Team up and running? The supervisor plays a vital role in laying the groundwork and establishing a support network for each VISTA to have a productive year of creating and growing school-family-community partnerships. Several Wisconsin VISTA supervisors and veteran VISTAs at a recent training offered the following tips about how to work together effectively to advance partnerships. Supervisors advance VISTAs' success when they:

- Explain how schools and districts function in the world of public education. Many VISTA members don't have education backgrounds and rely on memories of their own K-12 experiences for understanding.
- Advocate for the VISTA among school staff. Introduce the VISTA to staff, schedule a VISTA update on staff meeting agendas, and encourage staff to support family engagement efforts.
- Provide a community connection – especially for VISTAs new to the community -- by making the VISTA aware of organizations and resources that can help. Personally introduce the VISTA to individual family and community members who may be prospective Action Team members.
- Encourage VISTAs to take advantage of professional development opportunities, both those offered locally and at the state level. Note: many DPI conferences offer VISTAs complimentary registration.

- Offer an open door, frequent feedback, and regular (at least weekly) meetings with the VISTA to answer questions and to discuss progress and upcoming events.
- Support the VISTA in every aspect of her/his life, especially when challenges arise. One VISTA rode her supervisor's bike to work when the VISTA's car broke down. Another supervisor allowed the VISTA to accrue comp time hours to accommodate unexpected leave for a serious family illness.
- Help VISTAs explore possibilities for "life after VISTA" and how their experiences will prepare them for the future. One former VISTA who helped organize a three-day, district-wide education summit now works as event coordinator for a local business.

VISTAs make the best use of their supervisor's experience and talents when they:

- Think ahead, ask questions, and anticipate next steps. What needs to be done by whom?
- Know their skills set and how to use it. What are you good at? Offer your supervisor ideas about how you might use your talents to grow partnerships.
- Communicate frequently about how things are going and what they need, welcome feedback, and get out there and meet people!

# Lessons for VISTA and Life

by Betsy Prueter



I have kept an article from The Cleveland Plain Dealer (my hometown paper!) entitled “Life Lessons” for three years now. I read it every now and again to remind myself of some of what it takes to be a successful partnership builder and community organizer! As I read through it again last week, I was struck by how many of these lessons are relevant to VISTA work. I found these seven in particular to be inspiring in their simplicity and their message.

## 1. **When in doubt, just take the next small step.**

Your roles as VISTAs can probably seem overwhelming at times. You may have a lot of questions about what you’re doing, where your projects are heading, or what your end results may be. But it’s important to take things one step at a time (even if it’s small one). We need to keep pushing so that our small steps will turn into big steps.

## 2. **You don’t have to win every argument.**

**Agree to disagree.** VISTAs work with a lot of different people with their own personalities and their own perspectives. Pick your battles and seek out collaboration, even with individuals with whom you disagree. Just because you don’t agree doesn’t mean you can’t work together!

## 3. **Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.**

I might rephrase this to say: “don’t compare your VISTA experiences to other VISTAs.” Share your experiences, yes. Learn from each other’s experiences, absolutely. But know that you are all in unique situations with unique roles. You are all making valuable contributions, but each in a different way!

**4. Don’t audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.** Carpe diem! Seize the day! VISTA is about action. It’s about engagement. It’s about involvement. So take the initiative and make the most of this year. It will be of tremendous value to you in years to come.

**5. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.** Some mornings it’s extra hard to get out of bed. It seems like a perfect day to hit snooze....again. You’re tired. You’re frustrated. You’ve got a million other things to do. But we made a commitment. To our sites, to our supervisors, to our communities, and really, to ourselves.

**6. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.** If our frustrations look like they might get the best of us, step back. If you’re being pulled in too many directions, take a moment to close your eyes and breathe. If an event you planned didn’t go as planned. If an Action Team meeting seemed unproductive. Take a deep breath. We’re all going to face our fair share of challenges and obstacles. But let’s learn from these obstacles, regroup, recharge, and get right back to work!

## 7. **If you don’t ask, you don’t get.**

As VISTAs, you should be pushing boundaries. Asking hard questions. And if there’s something that doesn’t make sense to you, you need to ask why. If you think you have a solution or a suggestion, you need to express it. Because if you don’t, the moment will pass.



## Congrats to our November VISTAs

**The DPI VISTA Project congratulates its November VISTAs for finishing their terms on November 18th and wishes them all the best of luck in the future. Thank you for your service!**

**Bix Firer**, who served with the MPS Metro Region in Milwaukee, is finishing up his year of service after helping to build capacity for family involvement in Milwaukee high schools. Bix has strengthened communication systems between schools and families and helped to design a training curriculum for school principals on school governance councils and the role parents have in school decision making. As for life after VISTA? Bix is currently job searching for full time employment. He hopes to end up with a position working with youth and primarily working outside. He plans on moving closer to the mountains and to a city with better access to the out of doors.

**Jon Peters**, who served with the Racine Unified School District, was the first VISTA to serve at the district level in Racine. Jon organized the district's most successful Summer Activities Fair which brought together summer activities providers to meet with and talk to families in the district. At the start of the 11-12 school year, Jon has helped open a Parent Resource Center at an elementary school in the district as well as training principals and school staff in the ATP model.



## Welcome New and Returning VISTAs

**The DPI VISTA Project is happy to report that beginning November 4th, two new VISTAs will be joining our corps and Juanita Peck will be serving another year. Welcome Kiralyn and Laura and welcome back Juanita.**

**Laura Weaver** comes to us with a great deal of experience in parent involvement, having been the president of the West Allis PTA and involved in PTA at the state level. She has a background in early childhood education and is passionate, in particular, about supporting parents with special needs children.

**Kiralyn Bradford**, a recent graduate of Beloit College with degrees in Anthropology and French, has an excellent background in education and community outreach. She was an active volunteer tutor while in college and taught English while studying abroad in France for five months.

**Juanita Peck**, who served with the Altoona School District, has helped to revive its partnership efforts over this past year. She has done extensive surveying of staff, families and community members to determine what perceptions are and how to move forward to building meaningful relationships. She has also worked with the School Board on a new strategic plan initiative that is focusing on improving communication. We are thrilled that Juanita has renewed her term and will be serving a second year of VISTA in Altoona with the DPI VISTA Project!

## Nancy's Interview:



**Tim:** If you were shuttled to a distant galaxy, and aside from your essentials (food, drink, and proper attire), what five items would you take with you?

**Nancy:** I am wondering if this trip is a forever kind of thing? I also would want to know if this is voluntary in nature on my part. I really would not opt to shuttle to a distant galaxy, unless it was an emergency evacuation. I am claustrophobic, and in fact I am not sure how I will manage an MRI if I ever need one. If I must go and it is forever, I would want my family but would not jeopardize their future. But, if they choose to join me, great! (I am hoping they would count as only one essential item). I would definitely want internet access (really love Google) but realize this may not be possible. I would want lots of reading materials/resources to keep my mind active and a big supply of movies. I would also like one luxury item...maybe chocolate??



**Tim:** What animal, in your opinion, sums you up or best describes you and why?

**Nancy:** I always feel I look a bit like a crazy bird. In fact my daughter Kate likens me to a Macaroni Penguin. I used to be tall and slender and thought I was sort of Gazelle like. Those days are gone.

**Tim:** Who is your favorite artist(s) or band(s), if none,

what is your favorite genre to listen to?

**Nancy:** My taste has of course changed over time. ....Beatles, Janice Joplin, Yes, Joni Mitchell, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Simon and Garfunkel, Billy Joel, Jackson Brown, James Taylor, Carol King etc. This goes back to college and there we also found bluegrass music. I had the Union Hill Boys play their fiddles at my wedding reception in 1976.

**Tim:** If you could be in a different location for each season, when and where would you be: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall?

**Nancy:** Fall is my favorite season and far too short. I think the Midwest is beautiful for this, as is New England. I generally enjoy winter, except the darkness zaps my energy and I do not like subzero weather. Spring break is when I really need to get away. Sanibel Island was a perfect spring break destination a few years ago and Ireland a few years before that. I used to have frequent visits to New England to see my family and miss getting there for summer and winter vacations. My all-time favorite place, where I think I would go any season is Provence. The beauty of southern France is breathtaking!

**Tim:** What embarrassing or awkward moment have you encountered (that you feel comfortable sharing) related to your work with the Wausau School District?

**Nancy:** A few years ago my daughter was house-sitting for the superintendent. Unfortunately she forgot to take out his garbage on the designated day.

## VISTA to Supervisor with Tim Rogers and Nancy Cedar

I was in the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant who lived across the street from my office. Shortly after offering her the job, I noted that although we had missed the Thursday garbage day in the superintendent's neighborhood, it was garbage day in this neighborhood. I asked if she minded me bringing the superintendent's garbage over to her house for pick up and she kindly consented without asking too many questions. That is how we began our work together and it always brings a laugh. We never did however tell the superintendent.

### Tim's Interview



**Nancy:** If you had \$1,000,000 to give away how would you do it?

**Tim:** I'd give it to the bank, because a dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow. Just kidding, especially with the way this economy is. Honestly, I would give it to those near and dear to me, to those that have positively impacted my life. So, I would cite some family members, a few friends, and perhaps the schools or teachers that have shaped me.

**Nancy:** What cause are you willing to fight for?

**Tim:** Love. I think I am a sucker for love. Love of family, friends, and the environment all come to mind as causes I would be willing to fight for. To use the line 'I'm a lover not a fighter' may create some sort of



paradox in context to this question and answer.

**Nancy:** If you could see 24 hours into future what would you do with this information?

**Tim:** Would this be a one-time deal or do I have the ability to look 24 hours in advance all the time, anytime? The latter of which I do not think I would like at all, it would take away the mysteries and uncertainties in life. I am interested seeing the future many years down the line, however for just 24 hours in advance I would probably save it for a time I had something I was apprehensive about.

**Nancy:** What would you consider to be the "perfect" day or what snapshot is in your mind as to one of your "perfect" days?



**Tim:** I have coined a mental "happy place" of mine to be from the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. It was an absolutely blissful day off the trail, "splish-splashing" around at a location known as Ramsay Cascades. Another "perfect" day setting or snapshot belongs to my times on the beach. The beach, with its tranquility and vast space, is a great place for me to put things in perspective, and see life "in the scheme of things."

**Nancy:** What is your first thought when your feet hit the floor in the morning?

**Tim:** Great question! Although I rarely recall my day's opening thoughts and doubt I have that same thought every morning... mostly physiological needs are considered, like what am I going to have for breakfast and how is this morning BM going to go.

## VISTA to VISTA with Katelyn Zilles and Juanita Peck



### Katelyn's Interview:

**Juanita:** If you had to pick one place in your town to bring a tourist, where would you go?

**Katelyn:** I would take a visitor down to the Rock River that flows through Beloit. There are fantastic restored paths called the River Walk that are used by joggers, cyclists, roller-bladers, and pedestrians. It is a really safe, cool environment to take tourists to enjoy the river and participate in outdoor activities. There are places to fish and rent paddle boats, or just sit and people watch. Also on the River Walk, is the renovated Beloit Ironworks building that now serves the community as a vibrant city gathering spot and features pieces created by local artists.

**Juanita:** What is your favorite thing to eat?

**Katelyn:** I love Indian food. My favorite Indian dishes are the spicy curries. My favorite Indian restaurant is Flavor of India on the Capitol Square on Madison. I could eat there every day of my life!

**Juanita:** What sport do you think you are the best at?

**Katelyn:** Tennis. I played varsity tennis in high school, and was captain for a year.



At UW-Madison, I played intramural tennis too. And now, in Beloit, there are plenty of opportunities to play tennis.

**Juanita:** What is your favorite season? Why?

**Katelyn:** I love fall because in my opinion, the weather is just perfect: clear cool, crisp, and breezy. Of course, it doesn't hurt that my birthday is Wednesday, October 19. I



love fall sports. It is almost as if all my favorite sports collide into the season: especially WI Badger football, Packer football, Brewers baseball, HS sports-football, boy's soccer, girl's tennis and golf, cross country. Oh and definitely Badger football. Did I mention Badger football?



### Juanita's Interview:

**Katelyn:** Who was your favorite celebrity as a child?

**Juanita:** My favorite celebrity was Lucille Ball followed closely by Carol Burnett, because they were strong, funny women who had things happen to them, but always came out on top. My family life was very serious, so this was a great counterpoint to reality.

**Katelyn:** What is most memorable about your high school years?

**Juanita:** I was Secretary for Samuel J. Tilden High School Graduating Class of 1974. (Honestly, that is the only thing I remember about HS.)

**Katelyn:** What is your greatest accomplishment?

**Juanita:** My greatest accomplishment is a work in progress.

As a VISTA I am able to put my beliefs into action every day. As a second year, I know that the key to partnership is maintaining a laser focus on student achievement. The challenge is to help others get education on their radar screen.

**Katelyn:** If you were invisible, where would you go?

**Juanita:** I would go to Governor Walkers office and whisper in his ear all day to get him to set our State Budget up in a thoughtful and equitable manner. I would also make sure that education will be funded fairly and generously statewide forever.



## Books Around The Corner

### The Tipping Point

By Malcolm Gladwell

It's a book about change. In particular, it's a book that presents a new way of understanding why change so often happens as quickly and as unexpectedly as it does.

Recommended by Katherine Foster



### Freakonomics

By Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

Have you ever wondered how legalized abortion helped reduced crime? Do you often ponder the effects of parenting on a child's success in school? Freakonomics applies economic theories to subjects not traditionally explored by economists.

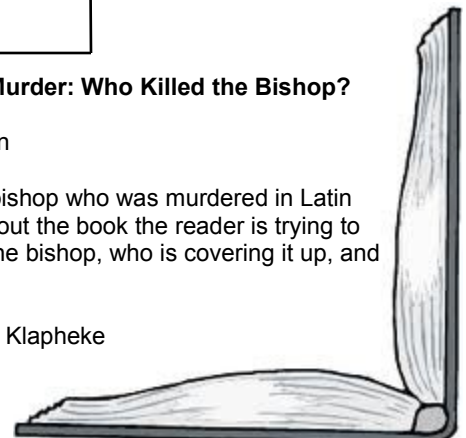
Recommended by Sarah Abbey

### The Art of Political Murder: Who Killed the Bishop?

By Francisco Goldman

This book is about a bishop who was murdered in Latin America, and throughout the book the reader is trying to figure out who killed the bishop, who is covering it up, and why.

Recommended by Liz Klapheke



# Fun (fall) 'tivities

by Amanda Scherer



Adjusting your life to a VISTA budget can be difficult. With the meager allowance we are given it's hard to go out and just have fun. So every month, I will highlight some Fun-Tivities that can be done with a VISTA budget. So, if you are looking for something to do this weekend, I highly suggest going to a Corn Maze. I went to Skelly's Farm Market this past weekend in Janesville and it was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday. I had no idea

what I was getting into, as I thought I was just going to pick pumpkins. I would recommend trying a Corn Maze at night; I think that would be even more ridiculous, especially in a large group. I'm thinking of doing Theinen's Farm Corn Maze at night – it's shaped to look like Icarus from Greek mythology. Skelly's Farm Market also had a pumpkin patch and typically, most corn mazes have a pumpkin patch where you can pick your own pumpkin. While it was \$6 for two Corn Mazes, the pumpkins themselves are relatively cheap, and some places take Food Share too, as payment for the pumpkins and any other fall foods.

Another possible fall 'tivity, is making homemade applesauce. Nothing is more satisfying on a cool fall day than homemade applesauce. Yum! You'll notice that I often think about food. Another idea for post Corn Maze shenanigans is baking your own pumpkin pie and using home-baked pumpkin in lieu of the canned version. Although it takes a little more effort, it is worth the time. Eat lots of pie – but don't forget to take a nice long walk.



## Recipe of the Month

Frosted Pumpkin Cake –  
Recommended by Juanita Peck

### Cake:

2 ¼ cups all purpose flour  
2 ½ teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
¼ cup butter, softened  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 large eggs  
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin puree  
Cooking Spray



### Frost:

2 tablespoons butter, softened  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 (8 ounce) package 1/3 less fat cream cheese  
2 cups sifted powdered sugar

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

To prepare cake, weigh or lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt in a small bowl, stirring with a whisk.

Combine brown sugar, ¼ cup butter, and 1 teaspoon vanilla in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until well combined. Add eggs, 1 at a time, to sugar mixture; beat well after each addition. Add pumpkin; mix well. Fold in flour mixture. Spread batter into a 13 x 9 inch baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

To prepare the frosting, combine 2 tablespoons butter, ½ teaspoon vanilla, and cream cheese in a medium bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until combined. Gradually add the powdered sugar, beating until well combined. Spread frosting evenly over top of cake.  
Yield: 24 servings.



## Questions for Katelyn???

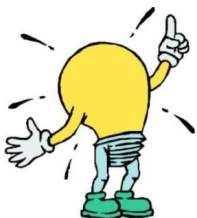
By Katelyn Zilles

We all probably have a lot of questions since starting our year of service as VISTAs. So, I will try my best to help you find a solution.

**Question:** I feel very disconnected from my school. I go to my office, get my work done and go home – what do you suggest to feel more a part of the school community?

**Answer:** From the VISTAs that I've connected with thus far, this is a very common concern. It is always difficult to be "the new girl/guy" to the group and it's tricky to overcome the obstacles of being welcomed and included in everything. I am still getting to know teachers and helping them to understand my role as a VISTA. My main advice is to put out what you want back. This means keeping all the teachers/staff at your school updated with emails or a handwritten note with what is going on, consistently offering help and asking for their input. If you received a huge donation let everyone know about it! If you see someone rearranging their classroom lend a hand! This reciprocal relationship is a great foundation for a working partnership. Small contributions go a long way as well. I respond in a more positive way when teachers say "good morning Katelyn" rather than a passing smile. Put in that effort to know names and it will make a great impression. For some the thought of breaking barriers and attempting to enter a new, tight knit work place environment is extremely daunting and I have to agree. However, teacher/staff buy-in is essential for our year of service and working relationships are critical. Nothing will happen overnight so continually put that effort forth, step out of your comfort zone and enjoy the people you meet along the journey.

**Have a question for Katelyn???** Email her at [k8lynzilles@gmail.com](mailto:k8lynzilles@gmail.com)!



## Hey, That's A Good Idea!

**Melissa Stephenson** has been working on putting together a community service project to remove invasive species and plant native species on the Cannonball bike path, a newly constructed path that connects to the Leopold Elementary School playground.

**Margot Geisthardt** will be collaborating with Journey House, a non-profit organization whose mission is to work towards neighborhood revitalization, education and community infrastructure, for the health and wellness fair being held at Alexander Mitchell Integrated School for the Arts.

**Kristin Armstrong** is assessing the Emerson Elementary School's website and working to make it more family friendly. She is getting trained in the management software and ensuring that the site is an effective communication tool for the school's families.

**Elizabeth Klapheke** is researching grants and requesting donations from community members to assist with school transportation costs for students at Parker High School.

# Art Alley

by Melissa Stephenson

## The Rose That Grew From Concrete

By Tupac Shakur

Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete?

Proving nature's law is wrong it learned to walk without feet.

Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams, it learned to breathe fresh air.

Long live the rose that grew from concrete when no one else ever cared.



## Roses

By George Eliot

You love the roses - so do I. I wish  
The sky would rain down roses, as they rain  
From off the shaken bush. Why will it not?  
Then all the valley would be pink and white  
And soft to tread on. They would fall as light  
As feathers, smelling sweet; and it would be  
Like sleeping and like waking, all at once!

## Grant Opportunities

### State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants

**Deadline: November 9**

State Farm is proud to team up with YSA to offer grants of up to \$1,000 for service-learning projects in K-12 public schools in all fifty US states and the District of Columbia, and in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick. The State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants encourage semester-long projects. Up to 125 grants will be awarded; at least 10-15 grants will support projects addressing teen driver safety issues. Learn more at [www.YSA.org/goodneighbor](http://www.YSA.org/goodneighbor)



**State Farm**

**State Farm/NYLC:**

**Project Ignition**

**Deadline:**

**November 15, 2011**

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State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council are sponsoring Project Ignition, which funds programs that give high school students and their teachers the chance to work together to address the issue of teen driver safety. Maximum award: \$2,000. Eligibility: students grades 9-12.

<http://www.sfprojectignition.com/>

### Home Depot Celebration of Service "Serving Those Who Served" Grants

**Deadline: November 11**

Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Beginning August 15, 2011 through Veterans Day (November 11), Home Depot will only accept grant proposals that specifically identify service projects that benefit veterans. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/elis5T>

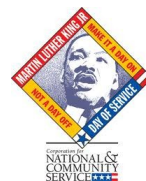
### MLK Day Lead Organizer Grants - \$4,000

**Deadline: November 18, 2011**

YSA (Youth Service America) and CNCS (the Corporation for National and Community Service) are proud to support up to 16 MLK Day Lead Organizers to coordinate Martin Luther King Day of Service (January 16, 2012) activities.

The goal of the MLK Day Lead Organizers program is to engage youth and adult volunteers on Martin Luther King Day of Service by encouraging families to serve together. Together, youth ages 5-25 and their families will focus on some of the nation's most pressing issues, such as education, health, environment, economic opportunity, and disaster relief. MLK Day may also provide a starting point for a Semester of Service and/or involvement in national days of service and other volunteer activities throughout 2012.

<http://www.ysa.org/grants/MLKDay>



# Grant Opportunities



## NGA/Home Depot: Youth Garden Grants

### Deadline:

**November 28, 2011**

National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants provide support to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Maximum award: a \$500 gift card to The Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA. Eligibility: schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States.

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-youth-garden-grants-1>

## Starbucks Youth Action Grants

### Deadline:

**December 1, 2011**



The Starbucks Youth Action Grant inspires young people to take action to create positive solutions to real local needs they see in their neighborhoods. If your organization provides training for young people you could qualify for the Starbucks Youth Action Grant.

<http://www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-BBF9A860BE884D22>

## Whole Kids Foundation & FoodCorps School Garden Grants

### Deadline: December 31

The Whole Kids Foundation and partner FoodCorps offer \$2,000 grants, along with curriculum, resources and mentorship, to 1,000 schools. FoodCorps' expertise in gardening, and its ongoing support will help schools build and sustain their gardens to ensure long-term success. All schools and garden-related nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants to support the launch or expansion of school gardens that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development; planning, construction or operation. <http://bit.ly/rrUU7K>

## Important Resources

Families-Schools: Resources for Families and Schools to Strengthen Communities

[www.families-schools.org](http://www.families-schools.org)

Institute for Research on Poverty

[www.irp.wisc.edu](http://www.irp.wisc.edu)

Public Education Network

[www.publiceducation.org](http://www.publiceducation.org)



Youth Service America

[www.ysa.org](http://www.ysa.org)

Volunteer Center Association of Wisconsin

[www.volunteerwisconsin.org](http://www.volunteerwisconsin.org)

Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools

<http://www.excellentschools.org/>



Wisconsin Education Association of Student Support Programs

<http://www.weassp.org/>

