VISTA HIGHLIGHT

Houston Furniture Bank's Art Gallery Opening

VISTA member Lilianna Bauerlein has coordinated all logistics for Houston Furniture Bank’s Art Gallery which opens in March. The Art Gallery will feature work from local Houston artists who have donated their art to HFB for families served in the Furniture Distribution Center. All paintings will have labels detailing the artist’s name, the dimensions of the piece, the materials that were used, and the retail value of the art. The HFB hopes their clients will feel a sense of pride when they are able to select a piece of original art for their home.

LAST FRIDAY: MID YEAR RETREAT

Last Friday, February 28, 2020 the AmeriCorps Cohort celebrated its Mid-Year Retreat by participating in an Escape Room and grabbing lunch at Bella Greene!
Sister Theresa has been instrumental in establishing a successful model for Eastside University’s HSE preparation services and developing hybrid instruction through mobile learning. Sister Theresa is a strong proponent of computer-based learning. She has helped establish online learning and preparation through Google Classroom in addition to becoming trained as a basic computer instructor. Through mobile learning students who are unable to come to class no longer have to “miss class.” As a result of Sister Theresa’s efforts, along with her team at Eastside, ESU has seen a significant increase in exam completion and retention.

VISTA OF THE MONTH

By Claire Jarvis, VISTA Supervisor and Business Development and Communications Manager

It is with great pleasure that I nominate our VISTA Volunteer Coordinator, Lili Baurlein. Lili is a pleasure to work with! On her second day at Houston Furniture Bank, she was integral to pulling off our No Kids on the Floor Fundraiser, helping us to raise $45,000. She has led numerous volunteer groups in days of service at Houston Furniture Bank and most recently she was able to pull off a large-scale operation with a group from Twitter which helped us kick off our new furniture building program that she is working to build out. We are so happy to have her!

STATE & NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The current State & National member for The Alliance’s Financial Opportunity Center has been serving as a Job Readiness Coach. This new model of Adult Instruction has assisted in filling in the gaps for FOC’s Bridge to Career Opportunities program. This program assists with adult students, who are currently enrolled in one of The Alliance’s vocational classes. These classes include vocations such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), EKG Technician, Phlebotomy, CDL certification, Basic Electrician, and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). As a job coach the AmeriCorps member assists with job searching and resume writing with students who have completed these courses.
Get Out There!

Things To Do In Houston

The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond - Undoing Racism Workshops
3/9 Monday 6:00 PM

Launch Your Podcast Masterclass w/Podcast Expert, Ozeal
3/10 Tuesday 6:00-8:00 PM

First Saturday Arts Market
3/7 Saturday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Restorative Justice Collaborative of Houston March Community Meeting
3/8 Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Free CPR Class with American Heart Association Certification
3/20 Friday 6:00-7:00 PM

Yoga, Prana (Breath) and Dhyana (Meditation)
Mondays 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Trivia Night - Celebrating Women's History Month
3/9 Monday 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Sand Volleyball Sunday's
Sunday, 3/8 and 3/22 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Literacy Through Photography Exhibition Tours
Schedule any day Tuesday-Friday between 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WeMeet Houston Networking & Social Mixer
3/12 Thursday 6:00- 8:00 PM

The Vegan Social | Social Beer Garden
Saturdays 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Live Music @ We Olive
Fridays 6:30- 9:30 PM

SPEEDBALL: Comedy Open Mic
3/7 Saturday 11:30 PM

New Leaf: Herbal Tea 101 - Memorial City
3/11 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM

OMG Food Fest!! The World’s First Hip-Hop Food Festival
$7 Admission 3/14 Saturday 2:00– 10:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Dialogues: Racism in K-12 Education
3/18 Wednesday 11:45-1:15 PM

2020 Rodeo Houston
3/3-22 prices for rodeo events may vary