



April 2012 Newsletter

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**Starkville Bridges (SBOP) is an official non-profit organization;
 Starkville Bridges Out of Poverty, INC!**

The application for the 501 (c) (3) is being processed.

Board of Directors

Lynn Phillips-Gaines ----- President
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 Meggan Franks----- Secretary, Co-chair of Children’s Committee
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 Taylor Adams----- Fundraiser/Future Story Project

Committee Chairs

John Harkness and Barbara Tucker ----- Food
 George Evans Light ----- Finance
 Meggan Franks and Lisa Long ----- Children
 Daniel Smith ----- Evaluation

Grant Opportunities & Awards

SBOP received a \$1,000 grant from the CREATE Foundation, and we are applying for a State Farm grant. The MSU Maroon Volunteer Center is including SBOP in grants for which they apply. Thanks!

Fundraising Event

We are having a wine tasting fundraiser on June 14 at the Bryan Building. Much thanks to Rhonda Keenum, the MSU President’s office and Taylor Adams for coordinating the event.

Getting Ahead Class

The second *GA Class* will begin Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 pm at the Emerson Family Center. The class will meet weekly. **Twenty-eight participants have signed-up!**

Facilitators are:

1. Tequilla Manning,
 2. Barbara Setaro, and
 3. Daniel Smith.
- Shirly Ross, a *GA* graduate, is considering co-facilitating.

The orientation will be Thursday, May 17 at 5:30 pm at the Emerson Family Center. The facilitators are participating in their training and will be completed soon!



GA Master’s Program

From much discussion with Bonnie Bazata, who has a successful program in Indiana, our Master’s Program will consist of:

1. Monthly Networking Meetings (MNM)- examine the eleven principles from the *GA* class and work closely with allies.
2. Financial Management Class
Dr. Bobbie Shaffett will help in the class development.
3. Future Story Project (FSP)
The private sector will become involved to help graduates develop their own future story.

Kids Committee Meeting



Kids Committee – Building Bridges 4 Kids

The Kids Committee has been working diligently on creating a structured workbook for the children by developing a logic model, needs assessment, topical modules and activities for the kids. Meggan Franks, Kathleen Olivieri, Lisa Long, Yolanda Boyd, and Daniel Smith meet biweekly on Tuesdays at 2 pm. Join them if you are interested!

Speakers Bureau

Help us get on agendas for speaking to civic groups and church groups! Tequilla Manning spoke at the advisory board meeting on March 29 at Emerson Family Center. Lynn Phillips-Gaines will speak at St Joseph’s Catholic Church on May 2.

Training for Bridges Programs

Tequilla attended the national *Bridges Out of Poverty* trainer seminar in Salt Lake City, UT on April 2-4. Huge thanks to Daniel Smith for arranging her hotel accommodations at half the cost! Please visit the following website for additional information www.bridgesoutofpoverty.com/Training_Dates/

Check out our website to find articles from the *Starkville Daily News* and *The Reflector* about SBOP!