

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: Making Connections & Building Relationships

MEN WANTED!

Traditionally flush with female volunteers, CARES has enjoyed an influx of committed Dads who have stepped forth with time and talent, attending parent seminars, assisting in fund raising, and mentoring New Canaan youth.

To meet the increasing demand for programs geared to the special needs of Dads, CARES will offer four FATHERS FORUM seminars focusing on areas of current concern. These sessions will be offered in the evening and will run for 60-90 minutes. No prior experience or attendance required. Please join us for one or more of these evening strategy sessions.



All Dads interested in fostering the healthy social and emotional development of children are welcome. Check the website for location and details, and to provide input on future topics. We will begin the year with the popular:

- **NAVIGATING the TEEN PARTY SCENE 7 p.m.**
September 30, 2010 NC Library Plaut Rm

Philanthropy Alive and Well!

When CARES Executive Director, Meg Domino, asked for volunteers to assist in the creation of school kits for Tanzanian students, she was certainly not prepared for the overwhelming response she received from elementary through high school students, faculty and families.



Collectively, New Canaan supplied more than 750 school kits, complete with pencils, pens, chalkboards, rulers, notebooks, erasers, markers... and personal letters describing life in our small New England town. Elementary students adorned the school kits with vibrant handmade bookmarks extending the hand of friendship to peers living in eleven rural East African villages.

Giving & Receiving School Kits

According to Domino, a trainer for this international humanitarian outreach effort, *"Each time we provide students an opportunity to serve others, they surpass our wildest dreams. This time, everyone from elementary students to grandparents joined in on the fun. School kits were the most coveted supplies delivered during this tour which included public health, microfinance, and direct medical assistance. Recipients were so enamored with the personal efforts of New Canaan youth and families they replied with more than 250 letters of Tanzanian thanks"* (see our website for pictures and letters of philanthropy in action).



REGISTER NOW FOR 2010/2011 YOUTH PROGRAMS

Elementary School - Kid POWER: 4-session program for grades 3-4

Middle School - ASSERTIVENESS Training: 4-session program for grades 5-6

Middle/High School - Mentoring Through Drama: Multi-Session after school program, grades 7-12

High School - Leadership Challenge: Semester-long training; Monday nights, Oct 4 – Jan 10

High School - Leadership Coalition and Leadership Club: Student club meets monthly after school

CARES KICKS OFF CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN

CARES provides over 100 skill-based empowerment programs, seminars, and workshops to youth, parents, faculty and community members. Every gift allows CARES to bring well-researched, innovative and meaningful programs to New Canaan. Please DONATE NOW! www.NewCanaanCARES.org