

PRESS RELEASE

Communities come together for Christmas celebrations

UrbanPromise in Camden will host Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill

Camden, NJ December 15, 2010:

Wednesday, December 15th, will be a day full of Christmas celebrations for the children and teens in the AfterSchool Programs and StreetLeader Program at UrbanPromise. Several local groups are helping UrbanPromise program directors to make the holiday celebrations more festive than ever!

Students from Ms. Jennifer Satterfield's Humanitarian Studies class at Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill will arrive at the UrbanPromise main campus in the early afternoon with snacks, baked treats, a Christmas stocking filled with goodies for each child, and Santa will make a special appearance!

Across town in north Camden, one of our AfterSchool Programs will celebrate the season with a fun party thanks to the efforts of Becky McGuckin and her Bible Study group from Atco Presbyterian Church, along with Becky's colleagues from Gibbsboro School. They are providing snacks, drinks, gifts, and have contributed financially for other supplies.

True North Church of Mullica Hill provides meals for 35 StreetLeaders and staff one Wednesday evening per month. On Wednesday, Dec. 15th True North is extending the invitation to the broader community at UrbanPromise as well as members of their church. They expect over 100 people to attend with one family from the church providing this special meal for everyone. Aside from sharing a festive meal, True North members along with StreetLeaders, staff, and Interns will bake Christmas cookies, make Christmas crafts, and play games.

Anne Gaglianese from True North says, *"What started with a few families with teens last year has grown to a large group from True North being involved in this monthly activity. From church staff, families, teens, college students, and our Men's Reality Group, everyone has been blessed by the experience of coming to UrbanPromise and interacting with the youth. Contagious compassion has compelled so many of us to be involved, especially at this time of year when we reflect on how fortunate we are in our own lives."*

The schedule of events for December 15th is as follows:

3:00 – 5:00: Clearview Regional High School hosts special Christmas party w/ Santa
UrbanPromise Main Campus
3700 Rudderow Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

3:30 – 5:30: Atco Presbyterian Church & Gibbsboro School provides special Christmas party
New Beginnings United Methodist Church

543 State Street
Camden, NJ 08102

6:00 – 8:00: True North Church hosts Christmas dinner & activities
UrbanPromise Main Campus
3700 Rudderow Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

About UrbanPromise

UrbanPromise has one clear mission, to build a city of promise, one child at a time. By equipping Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement and moreover, life management, UrbanPromise has grown from a tiny summer camp program to a multifaceted institution with a reputation of solidarity and success. Among their many programs are private schools for grades k-12, after school programs, summer camps and various other recreational and educational programs. Each targeting different parts of the lives of Camden's youth. Learn more about UrbanPromise at www.urbanpromiseusa.org

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