

FCC NEWSLETTER

Fontbonne Community Connection – A Women's Giving Circle

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GRANT RECIPIENT UPDATES:

Continuing our 2010-2011 Grant Recipients' Reports

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS:

October Campus Celebration/Presentation of Grant Awards

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

*Highlighting the activities of the **Bylaws Committee***

NEWS NOTES:

*"Happenings"- past, present and future -- & **Did You Know???***

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Thoughts from our FCC Chairwoman

Grant Recipient Updates

This month's issue features the second group of grant recipient updates from our 2010-2011 funding cycle.



With an eye on student retention and funded with a grant from the FCC, the Fontbonne Financial Aid office was able to send its IT Coordinator, Darrell Barber and Director of Financial Aid, Nicole Moore, to the **JENZABAR ANNUAL MEETING (JAM)**, held in Nashville TN late last month. Jenzabar provides its innovative software to over 700 college and university campuses worldwide and invites its "client community" to attend an annual networking and information-gathering event, which this year featured almost 350 "best practices" sessions attended by a record 1700 Jenzabar software users. For Darrell and Nicole, their focus was on maximizing the potential of two specific Jenzabar products, *Auto-packaging* and *Auto-budget*.

Thanks to FCC funding, these programs will provide two key components needed to award students' financial aid by automating many of the more time-consuming processes. This speed-up will allow financial aid counselors more available time to be with students and a quicker start-to-finish completion time for awarding financial aid. Both of these factors will ensure that every student visiting the FAO will have a more positive, stress-free experience. The information gathered and the networking opportunities developed will be of ongoing value.



The FCC provided funding for over 40 FBU students and faculty to participate in **WORLD FOOD DAY**, held at the Danforth Center on October 15-16, 2010. The event engaged nearly 2,000 volunteers of all ages and walks of life who were supported by generous sponsors and other donors who shared the costs and labor involved. Ultimately, more than 355,000 rice/soy protein meals were packaged for children and families facing critical food shortages in Tanga, Tanzania. Participants felt their experience gave them a keen awareness and understanding of the challenges of global malnutrition, while motivating them to become more informed and take year-round action to alleviate hunger through scientific and humanitarian efforts. Student, Lauren Zak, a *Religious Studies* major, commented: We were surprised that it took so little food to satisfy the needs of others."