



## 2011-2012 Project Descriptions

### **Building a Better Tomorrow- Friday 3:30-4:30pm at Methodist Home**

In this project, VSU SIFE mentors young women of the Methodist Home for Children and Youth. The goal of this project is to relate, implement, inspire, and motivate these young ladies to a better future. Our mentors develop a friendship and sisterhood with the young ladies of the Methodist Home. There will be a weekly meeting with the girls, as well as daily one-on-one tutoring sessions. To provide the girls with additional real-life experience, VSU SIFE worked with them to launch their own small business-producing and marketing bath salts.

### **LomaXtreme- Friday 1:30-3:30pm at J.L. Lomax Elementary**

These are both 9 month programs teaching 5th grade students how to build their own business from the ground up. The students learn marketing, financial, and entrepreneurship fundamentals of businesses. Once the plan is made the students are then given a loan to start their own business within their school. This project meets one day a week until the stores are open and then it may be more often to get products ready to sell.

### **Money Smarts- Tues. & Thurs. 4:30-5:30pm at L.A.M.P**

VSU SIFE in conjunction with a shelter for men, women, and children educate the needy on basic financial skills. The 10-week session focuses on savings, checking accounts, loans, and other financial situations that people face. At the end of the session participants are given the opportunity to open and checking and savings accounts with one of BAB member's financial institution.

### **Computer Smarts- Mon. & Wed. 4:30-5:30 at L.A.M.P**

This program is designed to educate men and women with basic computer skills needed within the workforce. During this project we focus on teaching three training goals: Microsoft Office suite training, preparing a resume, and the do's & don't during interview process. It is an innovative project with life application skills that will better the work force of tomorrow.

### **Business Bites- EVERY DAY 11-5pm**

Business Bites is a food concession located in LCOBA student lounge. The concession stand provides food such as hotdogs, BBQ sandwiches, and drinks at low prices with friendly customer service and short wait times. Business Bites is solely operated by VSU SIFE students.

### **Hudson Dockett-**

#### **(Tues. & Thurs. 4-6pm) at Hudson Dockett Housing Authority**

This is an after school mentorship program that is open for children between the ages of 4-15. SIFE students will be teaching these children basic computer skills in the computer lab such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and even the basic use of internet. Special projects will also be offered to the children such as Elmo Luvs the Earth, Constructing Economics, etc.

### **SIFE Skills Success Center-(Mon. Tues. & Thurs 4-6pm) at Ora Lee West Housing Authority**

The SIFE Skills Success Center is an after school mentorship program that is open for children between the ages of 5-15. The center has four specifically designed learning areas. Students will work on homework or specific subject matters designated by their teacher in the math/science/reading room. The children will also be offered private music lessons, as well art projects in the art room, or internet research skills in the computer lab. The center is designed that students rotates through each learning room in an afternoon. SIFE Students will serve as mentors to these students.