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our world

The Our World Newsletter brings students across the globe together to learn what others are doing to make a difference in the world and to spread *Peace through Understanding*. | February 2010



Global Youth Service Day

PTPI is more excited than ever for GYSD 2010--the largest service event in the world! Staff member

Kristine Knutter recently represented PTPI at a special Youth Service America-sponsored GYSD

International Partner Planning meeting in Washington, D.C. PTPI

is committed to providing you with the tools needed to lead a successful GYSD project. Get

started today at [www.](http://www.ptpigysd.org)

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The Latest

Don't miss these important announcements.

» [PTPI Blog](#)

Read about PTPI programs and initiatives around the world!

» [PTPI Action Packs](#)

Do you ever feel like it would be helpful to have a step-by-step plan to tackle a project? Download the following Action Packs to learn about Operation International Children, Global Youth Service Day and Public Relations.

» [Inspiring Stories](#)

Read how one U.S. chapter hosted Afghan students and introduced them to Thanksgiving.

» [Calendar](#)

Ever feel overwhelmed? Check out PTPI's Student Chapter calendar to get organized!

» [Facebook](#)

Be sure to check the Student Chapter Network Facebook group for weekly posts about chapters' inspiring activities. Search for "PTPI Student Chapter Network" within groups to join.



GRANT AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Get Ur Good On Grants | Deadline: February 22

Miley Cyrus & Youth Service America are offering Global "Get Ur Good On" Grants for Young Volunteers. These grants are available for youth-led service initiatives on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. One hundred grants of \$500 USD will be awarded to support projects addressing critical community needs. Learn more [here](#).



PTPI's Alamosa, Colorado Student Chapter president Kate Taylor carries clothing the chapter collected for a local homeless shelter.

PTPI Chapter Grants | Deadline March 15

Perfect for your GYSD efforts!

- Chapter Grant of \$250 USD
- Chapter Matching Grant -- PTPI will match chapter funds up to \$1000 USD.

Download the application [here](#).

PTPI Chapter and Leader Awards

Did you or your chapter do something amazing in 2009? PTPI is now accepting nominations for PTPI Chapter and Leader Awards. [Nominate today!](#)

Mary Jean Eisenhower Partner in Peace Award

This award is presented to two Global Youth Forum (GYF) alumni. The middle school award recipient will receive a full-tuition scholarship to the 2010 GYF. The high school award recipient will receive a week-long internship at PTPI World Headquarters during the summer. Learn more and apply for the award [here](#).

Share these opportunities:  

NEW STUDENT CHAPTERS

Welcome to the newest members of our international family!

- Spokane, Washington
- Lilongwe, Malawi
- Norfolk, Virginia (Hampton Roads)
- Palos Verdes, California
- Hanoi, Vietnam
- Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- Kansas City, Kansas
- Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia
- Greenville, North Carolina
- Gurnee, Illinois
- Konotop, Ukraine
- Poznan, Poland

[Find out](#) whether there is a PTPI Student Chapter in your area.

SISTER CHAPTER PROGRAM

Chapters from eight countries are participating in the Sister Chapter Program! They are actively finding ways to connect with each other through letter campaigns, Skype conference calls, shared blogs and Facebook groups. [Learn more](#).

During their holiday break in December, PTPI's St. Louis, MO Student Chapter members drove to Kansas City and volunteered at PTPI's Operation International Children Warehouse. What a great way to spend the holidays--giving back!



PTPI INTERNS

We welcome our two new interns, Zach Abromovitz and Mallory Miller, who will serve in PTPI's Student Department through the spring. They will help primarily with Global Youth Service Day and Student Chapter support and development. Learn more about Zach and Mallory on the [PTPI Blog](#).

We would like to thank Caitlin Belt for her contributions to PTPI's Student Department initiatives during fall 2009. Caitlin will continue her volunteer work with the Center for Practical Bioethics, and this fall she will attend graduate school to study International Communications.

PTPI spring interns Zach Abromovitz and Mallory Miller.



TEAM PEACE CHALLENGE RESULTS

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Team Peace Challenge awardees! More than 25 chapters earned Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards by engaging in PTPI activities throughout the year.

PTPI would like to extend special congratulations to the top three point-earning chapters:

- Atlanta, Georgia - 1,345 points!
- Secaucus, New Jersey - 1,185 points!
- Varna, Bulgaria - 975 points!

Check out the [Team Peace Challenge Newsletter](#) for the full list of chapters that earned awards and to download the newest Team Peace Challenge Quarterly Report.

PTPI's Vaslui, Romania (Mihail Kogalniceanu) Student Chapter members perform a play for children with special needs.



HAITI RELIEF EFFORT

An estimated three million people have been affected by the worst earthquake to strike Haiti in more than 200 years. We encourage our People to People International family to take action. Currently, the most crucial need is financial donations. Find out on the [PTPI Blog](#) what you can do to help PTPI give assistance to Haiti.



Please [tell us](#) how you have decided to help so we can share this information with others. Thank you, PTPI student members around the world, for providing help and hope to the people of Haiti.

PTPI's Princeton, New Jersey Student Chapter enthusiastically holds a fundraiser for Operation International Children.

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