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Youth Action Project Hosts Meet and Greet for its 2009-2010 Members

(December 18, 2009, San Bernardino CA). On Friday, December 18, Youth Action Project (YAP) held its quarterly meet and greet for its volunteers, staff, and board members. The event took place at the New Hope Family Life Center.

Keith Hosea, a member of YAP's Board of Directors, spoke to the attendees about the benefits and importance of service. He used a humorous anecdote to help members recognize the courage and steadfastness that is required to serve the community effectively. "To know that YAP will push me to higher levels of achievement to build the skills and habits I need to succeed professionally makes it a joy to serve as member," said YAP member Shonda Hutton.

After the words of encouragement, YAP members introduced themselves, and listed recent things they've done to develop themselves physically, mentally, and academically. The night continued with a survival story game designed to engage members in using their critical thinking, time management, teamwork and communication skills. The night concluded with a fun, but intense game of Jeopardy involving YAP members, staff and board alike.

"I was happy to see members enjoy themselves and build relationships with one another.," said Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Williams. "We designed activities that allow our members to develop and enhance their workplace and everyday living skills.

YAP has 40 of the 50 AmeriCorps members currently engaged in service. "We got a chance to officially meet one another in person, I definitely got a chance to know some members better," said YAP member Anthony Moreira. "It was cool to hear from one another individually," said another member, Laura Uribe.

YAP looks forward to begin strong in 2010 and it has committed to conduct 35 community resource workshops that will target high school students and their parents.

Special thanks to Jonathan Buffong and New Hope Family Life Center for access to their facilities.

The Youth Action Project, which administers an AmeriCorps program in San Bernardino, works to help San Bernardino's youth develop the skills and habits needed to experience economic and social success. This is done primarily through tutoring, mentoring and positive youth development for local high school students. For more information: www.youthactionproject.org.