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Now in its fourth year, the Rhodes Summer Service Fellowship offers select students the opportunity to design a project that will address social issues of personal concern in Memphis. Students gain valuable insight into the problems facing an urban environment, and the city of Memphis gains the benefits of the finished projects. Among these projects are partnerships with Leadership Memphis, Casa Maria del Pueblo Vecino, the Memphis Zoological Society, and the Pink Palace Museum.

Fifteen fellows receive housing, structured support from program and community leaders, and a stipend for the 9 week program. Fellows work with a non-profit organization on individual projects for 35 hours a week. They spend 5 hours a week researching the issues they confront at their service sites, dialoguing with one another about challenges, and reflecting on their experiences. At the end of the 9 weeks, fellows present their work to the community.

The Rhodes Summer Service Fellowship, part of Rhodes CARES (Center for Academic Research and Education through Service), is made possible by the generous support of the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Rhodes CARES is pleased to announce the 2007 Summer Service Fellows and their projects:

**Taylor Barnes** (*Class of 2009, History major from St. Louis, MO*) will be working with two organizations this summer: the Memphis Area Women's Council and the Rhodes College Counseling Center. Taylor will spend part of her time at the Memphis Area Women's Council working on their Girls for Change program recruiting additional participants and planning programming for 2007-2008. The remainder of her time will be spent at the Rhodes College Counseling Center revising the College's sexual assault and harassment policy, developing outreach materials for programming and services offered on women's issues, and drafting a renewal proposal for a grant to prevent violence against women.

**Peyton Bell** (*Class of 2009, Political Science major from Augusta, GA*) will be learning about the operation of non-profits through his work with the Metropolitan Interfaith Association (MIFA). At MIFA, Peyton will recruit and coordinate volunteers to assist with MIFA projects including home repairs for the elderly and Meals-on-Wheels deliveries.

**J. Michael Campbell** (*Class of 2008, Psychology major from Muscle Shoals, AL*) will be working with Leadership Memphis to design and implement program orientations, update the alumni database, and design new programming elements.

**Sharde' Chapman** (*Class of 2010, Undeclared major from Orlando, FL*) will be working with the Rhodes Hollywood Springdale Partnership on a transitional housing program for women and a time banking initiative.

**Courtney Eskew** (*Class of 2010, Undeclared major from Huntsville, AL*) will be working with the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health (MCRH). In addition to working at the clinic, Courtney will either develop a reproductive health resource directory or complete a history/archive project on the Center.

**Victor Evans** (*Class of 2008, History major from Martin, TN*) will be working with Casa Maria del Pueblo Vecino where he will teach English as a Second Language courses, assist with youth programs, help develop an after school program for fall 2007, and write grants.

**Ruthanne Harlow** (*Class of 2007, Urban Studies major from Memphis, TN*) will be working with the Rhodes Hollywood Springdale Partnership. Ruthanne will help manage volunteer groups who are rehabilitating an apartment complex that will provide affordable housing for community members. She will also be working with fellow students on field surveys of code violations.

**Alesia Harris** (*Class of 2009, Undeclared major from Marietta, GA*) will be working with the Rhodes Hollywood Springdale Partnership. Alesia will focus her energy on compiling a neighborhood newsletter and assessing the image of the Neighborhood Association among residents. She will also help with the transitional housing program for women and the time banking initiative.

**Heather Houser** (*Class of 2009, Economics & International Studies major from Canyon, TX*) will work on building capacity among residents in the Rhodes Hollywood-Springdale neighborhood by compiling a resident capacity database and a community resource directory. She will also conduct an evaluation of Shasta Central's work in the neighborhood.

**Stephanie Johnson** (*Class of 2009, Political Science major from Brownsville, TN*) will be working with the Rhodes Hollywood Springdale Partnership. Stephanie will help implement a State of Tennessee Transportation grant for traffic safety improvement next to Springdale Elementary School. In addition, she will develop educational material to help teach children about safety.

**Victoria Liao** (*Class of 2009, Psychology major from San Marino, CA*) will be working on the Memphis City Schools' initiative "Our Children-Our Future." Victoria will help develop and implement a volunteer recruitment plan for MCS tutors, research grant opportunities to increase resources available for tutors, and organize summer volunteer projects.

**Emi McFarlen** (*Class of 2009, Art major from Murray, KY*) will be working with the Pink Palace Museum. Emi will plan and present summer camp programs and develop new educational programs for the school year.

**Marianne Olson** (*Class of 2009, Biology major from Hermitage, TN*) will be working with the Memphis Zoological Society. Marianne will expand the Zoo's educational outreach programs to underserved populations. She will examine past curricula, research new programs that would be more effective, explore funding options, and implement programs.

**Daniel Sheppard** (*Class of 2008, Psychology major from Spring, TX*) will be working with Partners for the Homeless. In addition to working weekly at a soup kitchen, Daniel will complete a service documentation and evaluation project for Partners for the Homeless. The results of the survey will be used to determine the needs of the community, so future programs can be developed and implemented to meet those needs.

**Tara Schultz** (*Class of 2008, English major from Germantown, TN*) will be working with the American Red Cross Mid-South Chapter. Tara will work with the Community Disaster Education program to educate the mid-south community about the importance of disaster preparedness. A significant part of her work will be to help create a formal version of the program's mission and purpose statements and procedure manual.