Envision

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Skills For Living

Transforming Lives & Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Envision **provides current events and volunteer opportunities at S4L**

Welcome to AmeriCorps Members – **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)** awarded S4L three new AmeriCorps Members to recruit students, volunteers, companies and school districts for our programs to build financially sustainable communities.

Nibal Markus is pursuing a Master's degree in International Development at the University of St Thomas. Last summer, Nibal was a great *Game of Real Life* instructor at Lee High School. Nibal is now a *20-20 Power Workshops* assistant coordinating instructors and accountability coaches as they empower students to achieve their goals.

Fatema Juma is a University of Houston Clear Lake Master's student in Instructional Design. Fatema is designing the instructors guide for the *Game* and is helping Tammy Wilsker expand the *Game* to Houston area schools.

Amy Cowen is a Drake University Master's student in Public Administration. Amy worked with a financial service firm as a 401 (k) workshop presenter and 401(k) counselor. Amy will be using these skills to promote financial literacy as a member of the S4L team.

TEA Approval **-** ***Game of Real Life*** is the first integrated financial, career and college planning course approved by the Texas Education Agency. More than 700 students have enrolled in the *Game* since inception in June 2007. In the summer of 2010, the *Game* will expand to students from Houston area high schools. If you would like to bring this dynamic program to your high school, contact Fatema@Skills4Living.org.

20-20PW Class in SW - Thank you **YES Prep SW** for hosting the September *20-20 Power Workshops on* Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. **Dianne Long** and **Albert Donahue** are volunteer instructors, with **Lesly Van Dame, Mary Ann Smith** and **Zufar Mohammed** as accountability coaches.

New Class - 20-20 PW in near-NW - In November, S4L United Way THRIVE collaborator, **Workfaith Connections** hosts a *20-20 Power Workshops* on Saturdays from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. To register, email Nibal@Skills4Living.org Employers if you want to hire our goal-oriented students or have employees benefit from the financial, career and life skills planning, email Amy@Skills4Living.org

October 24 - UH Fall Game Event - Attention *Game* students from 2007, 2008, and 2009 – The **University of Houston** hosts the Saturday ***Fall Game Event*** with valuable activities for high school students - writing college essays, speed interviews, **Kaplan** practice combo SAT/ACT, lunch mixer, Y4S4L club and career mentors. To register, look for your EVITE! Volunteers, we need career mentors, panelists. speed interviewers, chaperones, please email Cate@Skills4Living.org. Employers, if you want to be a corporate sponsor email Amy@Skills4Living.org.