

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THIRD ANNUAL EARL JAM

8:00 pm – 12:00 am  
Thursday, January 29th  
Lerner Party Space

This spring, CI will be collaborating with CURecords and the Office of the University Chaplain to host our Third Annual Earl Jam. There will be an open-mic showcase, featuring CURecords' own Reni Laine and Supraliminal, and free food, including Feel Good's grilled cheese sandwiches. CI welcomes all volunteers as well as all Columbia and Barnard students to join us and experience the spirit of CI!

*To sign up to perform please email [ciexecs@columbia.edu](mailto:ciexecs@columbia.edu) and [ac2500@columbia.edu](mailto:ac2500@columbia.edu)*

### HARLEM RESTORATION PROJECT TEAMS UP WITH THE ATHLETES

The Harlem Restoration Project volunteer group will be attending Columbia University Athletics Department's celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day on February 28th. This event recognizes the growth of female participation in all levels of athletics. The volunteers will listen to speeches made by various Columbia coaches on college athletics, aid the children in sports clinics, and cheer on the Columbia Women's Basketball team in their evening game to show Community Impact's support for Columbia Athletics.



**CI Open House**  
January 28, 2009  
Earl Hall Auditorium  
6:00 - 9:00

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**Volunteer and work-study positions available Newsletter by: Community Impact Leadership Program (CILP). CILP is a leadership program geared towards a select group of freshmen who are given the opportunity to gain insight and work closely with the student executives and staff to plan events for the CI as a whole.**

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

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[www.columbia.edu/cu/ci](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ci)

## ASIAN YOUTH PROGRAM

This semester I joined Asian Youth Program (AYP), where I spend my Sundays mentoring a child who is exposed to domestic violence. These children are probably the most lovable and sweet kids you could ever meet, especially my mentee. Although my relationship with my mentee did not start off as smoothly as I would have hoped—she spent the first few weeks playing video games with her older brother, disregarding my attempts at forming a relationship—she has slowly grown to accept me. Throughout the semester we have done so much together from baking cookies to carving pumpkins. However, what I will remember the most are the small, simple actions—like slipping the last piece of chocolate into my hand or her big goodbye hugs where she would refuse to let go. That is what warms my heart and makes waking up every Sunday morning worthwhile.

~Jennifer Ong, CC 2012

## AFTERHOURS TUTORING

Afterhours Tutoring pairs Columbia volunteers with children from Regent House, a nearby family shelter, who need extra homework help. The program also aims to develop personal relationships between the kids and the volunteers, which go beyond the usual student-tutor dynamic. In the past, volunteers have established and maintained significant relationships with the children because the children often crave the individual help and attention provided by Columbia volunteers. Volunteers put in a minimum of one hour, once a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays. Afterhours Tutoring is a great way to give back to the community, as well as a rewarding and eye-opening experience for volunteers.

~Esther Nivasch, CC 2011

“By volunteering, I provide students with a little more support and attention; I help them learn and become more confident.”

~Kathryn Appleton, CC 2010



## CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

These are some of the stories from our 25 programs.

### ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING

I began to volunteer with the One-to-One Tutoring program this semester, and it has been the most rewarding volunteer experience of my life. I work in-depth with the same student each week, and I am thus able to develop a close personal relationship with my student. I am able to most efficiently help my student, as I have her strengths and weaknesses in our meetings over the past months. I also am able to see how much progress she has made in such a short period of time, which is such a rewarding feeling. Most importantly, I feel as if I have become more than her tutor; I have become her friend. From the Halloween candy she brought me one week to the discussions of topics as varied as circuses or crepes after our tutoring sessions, I feel that I am truly connected to someone who I have also been able to help.

~ Marie Kummerlowe, CC 2012

