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## Report to the Board

### **Overview of the AmeriCorps VISTA Project plan**

- Identification of outreach opportunities
- Assistance in development of summary reports
- Data training programs
- Presentations to community groups
- Neighborhood collaboratives
- Attendance at community meetings
- Assistance in membership development and recruitment

### **11 Months Past...**

I am extremely grateful to Derek, who has not seen this report, and the board for the tremendous amount of support and leadership that they have exemplified. Since I began with CamConnect on November 21, 2005 I have learned about the tumult the most Camden organization experience. Dysfunction is not limited to politicians. Fortunately, CamConnect has been able to float above the confusion and float in the lonely, yet righteous echelon of community service and development. I am glad that I could be a part of that.

My major accomplishments will be fully highlighted in my exit and sustainability report that I am required to write. That will be completed and sent no later than November 17, 2006. As a preview, to my accomplishments, consider Camden Numbers & Data (which will soon be updated with public assistance data), over 15 additional members and relationships garnered, dozens of public documents acquired and posted, and making a CamConnect MySpace page ([www.myspace.com/camconnect](http://www.myspace.com/camconnect)).

### **The last few months...**

- Dr. Leonard Fitts has agreed to send the Superintendent's Report via e-mail to CamConnect after every board meeting. This is a widely sought report by teachers and administrators. Historically, if you did not go to the meeting, you could not get a report.

- In an effort to add diversity to the board, businesses and organizations that represent the needs of special populations have been identified, targeted, and solicited for membership.
- Canvassed Haddon Ave., Broadway, Mt. Ephraim Ave., and shopping centers with Camden Numbers & Data
- The website has consistently had over 2,700 visits during the last three months

### **Organizations that I met with**

- Camden City Library
- Camden City Council Legislative Research Office
- Camden Redevelopment Agency
- Genesis school of Business
- Housing Authority
- Mayor's Youth Council
- New Jersey Citizen Action
- Nighttime Curfew Project
- South Jersey Environmental Justice

### **...and one to go**

- The New Jersey Department of Education will send summaries of the **CAPA reports** for the 2005-2006 school year. These are assessments and recommendations for the middle schools.
- **Camden Numbers & Data** will be updated
- **Melvin R. "Randy" Primas and the Department of Community Affairs** correspondence, memoranda, and resignation will be obtained
- **Large organizations and stakeholders** will be encouraged to join
- The business corridors of Camden will continue to be **canvassed**, using Camden Numbers & Data as a tool to engage residents with data
- **Links** will be added to the website where appropriate
- **Posters** will be displayed at offices and schools, encouraging people to log in or join.
- **Ambassador Program**
  - Members will be updated on CamConnect services and products
  - Members will be asked what type of data they need personally or for the organization that they represent.
- The **Camden Library** will begin to partner with CamConnect and refer as a resource and reference for City of Camden data.