



Make a Difference Monthly Alert

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Happy New Year

We hope that you enjoyed a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Happy Kwanzaa. As 2009 draws to a close, Generations United is very grateful for your hard work this year to ensure that as many children as possible could attend quality pre-k. In the midst of the worst financial crisis in decades, you took the time to send emails, make phone calls, visit with your legislators, speak with media, and attend awareness raising events. We appreciate the difference that you made and look forward to raising awareness about older adult support for pre-k at a number of Seniors4Kids events in 2010. We wish you a happy and healthy new year. Don't forget to mark your new calendars with our upcoming activities in 2010.

Calling all Kentucky Captains4Kids: Come to Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol is YOUR opportunity to show legislators that Kentucky cares about early education. During advocacy day, Kentucky Seniors4Kids will rally for children at the Capitol Rotunda and gather information on policies affecting Kentucky's youth in the coming legislative session. You can meet people from across the Commonwealth who share your commitment to pre-k. After the rally, Seniors4Kids will also host an event for Captains4Kids in the Capitol Annex. Make sure to schedule an appointment with your legislators now. We will provide training and materials for your visit. Stay tuned for further details from your Lead Captains. To register for the rally, visit [here](#).

New York Captains4Kids: Save the Date for Seniors4Kids

Mark your calendars New York Captains4Kids. Seniors4Kids will host its next awareness raising event on **March 5, 2010** between 10:30am and 12:00pm at the

Rainbow Chimes Early Education and Child Care Center. At the event, we will invite New York State legislators and the media to learn about the diversity of older adults from around New York who support investments in pre-k from our new profile publication. Captains4Kids will have the opportunity to engage in intergenerational activities with a pre-k classroom. Come show your support for quality pre-k. State Coordinator Paul Arfin will provide additional details shortly.

Association for Children of New Jersey Gives Eight Reasons to Maintain Support for Pre-k

The Association for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ), our New Jersey Seniors4Kids state partner, identifies eight reasons for why the state should maintain its investment and support for pre-k. It's a great resource for our New Jersey Captains4Kids as we begin to gather steam around the state. New Jersey Captains4Kids should make sure to keep this handy one-pager as a reference for emails, letters, phone calls, and faxes to their state legislators. You can access it [here](#).

Pennsylvania Seniors4Kids featured in *Together*

Generations United asked Pennsylvania State Coordinator Yvonne Thompson-Friend to reflect on her experience at GU's 15th International Conference in our latest issue of *Together*. Yvonne discusses lessons learned and relearned as she helps to mobilize older adults as advocates for pre-k and against childhood obesity. We recommend that you check out Captain4Kids Lois Uditsky's inspirational quote on page nine. You can read the full article [here](#).

Seniors4Kids Special Advisor Tom Taylor's Corner Goes Online

Looking for Tom's feature this month? Seniors4Kids Special Advisor Tom Taylor kept finding too much good information from our state and national partners to share with you in just one tiny article each month. As a result, we have expanded Tom's Corner Online. Each month, you will find pre-k news that you can use to become a better Captains4Kids. Tom summarizes timely articles on early education and comments on them from older adult and intergenerational perspectives. You can read this month's column [here](#).