

# Appleseed This Week

## Appleseed Projects Need Your Support

**July 24, 2008** - On July 1, Appleseed embarked upon a new fiscal year amid considerable economic uncertainty. Thus Appleseed's social justice work is needed now more than ever. People across the United States and in Mexico are facing greater hardships due to the worsening economy. We hope that our most loyal donors will realize that Appleseed is on the ground, responding to the challenges besetting communities, challenges that impede access to education, economic opportunity and justice.

IMMEDIATE SUPPORT  
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We would appreciate your help on these projects. Amounts ranging from \$25 would be most helpful:

**Bolstering parent involvement in education.** Appleseed and six of our Centers are on the front lines in ensuring that parents are fully informed about what's going on at school, and that parents are full partners in maximizing their student's achievement and opportunities. Can you help fund this project in 2008-2009? **Goal: \$25,000.**

**Promoting financial opportunities.** Help us promote transparency and improve remittance products that don't have hidden costs and fees. Appleseed enables low-income and immigrant communities to build assets within this country's financial mainstream and reap the benefits of economic inclusion -- key to a united and productive society. **Goal: \$100,000.**

**Solving heir property problems.** When someone passes away without a will and the family doesn't go through probate, years later, the descendants living in the house can be forced out if any one of them falls behind on their debts, and the family can also be denied credit and insurance based on the lack of clear title. Help Appleseed and our Centers clear title and achieve structural reforms to solve these problems. **Louisiana Appleseed**, as part of a state commission, is charged with submitting proposed legislation in January 2009 to address this problem. **Goal: \$75,000.**

**Appleseed's New York office** -- a leader in teacher recruitment -- is now focused on securing affordable housing for teachers, a project that, if successful, may be replicated in other cities. Support innovative, structural changes to make more apartments available without security deposits, credit checks or high broker fees. **Goal: \$25,000.**

**Development of a pro bono culture in Mexico.** Our **Mexico Center**, with the help of the Appleseed field team and dedicated board members, has the commitment of 100 firms in Mexico ready, willing and able to do pro bono work. Help national Appleseed and Mexico Appleseed secure more structural reforms for justice by providing a legal fellow and contributing to travel and conference costs. **Goal: \$70,000.**

These are just a few Appleseed projects that need your support. [Click here](#) for more.

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