

SIFE PROJECTS:

Central Texas College, SIFE is actively involved in various projects throughout the school year. Following are some of our exciting activities:

2009-2010 New & Continuing Projects



Business Ethics Workshop: Teaching 5th-12th grade and college students and local communities about the human nature theories of ethics, code of ethics, and examples of surveys.



Chickenomics: Teaching 4th-6th grade students about the five basic principles of a market economy using a video "Chickenomics".



Free Enterprise: Teaching 5th-12th grade & college students the four elements of free enterprise and the five factors of production.

Mystery Shopper: SIFE members go to participating businesses as requested by the owner/manager and shop and evaluate the business.



Resume Workshop: Teaching 10th-12th grade students and adults how to identify an employer’s need for their service, how to market themselves to potential employers, and the basics of networking.



Kid Capitalists: Formally known as “Cookie Factory,” teaches 6th-12th grade students the establishment of a corporation to purchase and sell products



Global Snacker: Teaching 6th-12th grade students the importance of free trade in the global economy.



Ethical Eddie: Teaching 2nd to 5th grade students problem-solving decision-making skills, and good citizenship while working independently with others.



Mutual Funds: Teaching 10-12th grade students the value of an early start on an investment program and the value of mutual funds.



Credit Management: Teaching 8th-12th grade students about credit issues, the wise use of debit and credit cards, credit reports, and wise money management skills.



Interview Workshop: Designed to help individuals improve their interviewing skills. Topics may include types of questions, instructs them on how to dress during an interview, what to bring, and what to look for in a potential employer.



Banking Workshop: Teaching 11th-12th grade students and adults how to find a banking institution, how to manage cash, types of financial institutions, electronic banking, automated teller machines, plastic payments, savings plans, and payment methods.

Budgeting Workshop: Teaching 11th -12th grade students and adults how to plan their finances in everyday life.

Business Plan Bootcamp: Teaching adults using 5 different workshops: "Business Plan Basics", "Techniques for Promoting Your Business", "Business Plan Writing", "Understanding Financial Reports", and "Franchise Opportunities".

Global Outreach Projects: Exported Micro loan to Iraqi citizen in Bagdad, Iraq



Fund-Raising: Candy business for 12 years and Halloween Haunted House for 3 years.

Globalization – is a new project that we started this year that targets grades 3 thru 6. This program includes a PowerPoint presentation that explains how countries interact. Participants will learn the changes happening in modern business, global trade, and nation's cultural and economic differences. After the lesson, students will get to play "SIFE Bingo" that uses vocabulary words from the presentation.

Wise Up – Professors offer in lecture classes and to other online. It's a eight lesson online program that teaches money basics, credit, insurance, savings, and investments. Our SIFE Team also offers this program to college students and adults at evenings hours. This is offered by some professors as extra credit for their students.

Be your Own Boss – Is for entrepreneurs that would like to start their own business. This is a two-hour workshop conducted by Marcus Carr who is one of our very active Business Advisory Board members. Marcus describes the fundamentals of owning your own business and how to prepare for self employment.