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YOUTH CAMP NOT BOOT CAMP



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THE FACTS

Since 2003, the ongoing invasion and occupation of Iraq has cost Onondaga County taxpayers \$603 million. -www.nationalpriorities.org

In FY05, federal funding for the After School Program at Westcott Community Center was cut by 40%, or \$6000. -*Steve Susman, Director Westcott Community Center*

(The Bush Administration spends \$6000 on military recruitment in less than 1 minute)

From FY03-06, federal funding for the Youth Self Development Program at the Center For Community Alternative's (CCA) was cut by almost 70%, or \$17,000. -*Chris Abaté, Assoc. Dir., CCA*

(The Bush Administration spends \$17,000 on military recruitment in less than 2 minutes)

In FY06, NYS failed to renew a \$100,000 grant to the Dunbar Association's Advantage After School Program.

(The Bush Administration spends \$100,000 on military recruitment in just over 13 minutes)

!! YOU CAN DO SOMETHING !!

Support local Youth Programs:

- Visit the Westcott Community Center Car Washes this summer **call 478-8634 for more info**
- Volunteer at the Center for Community Alternatives www.communityalternatives.org
- Volunteer at the Dunbar Association www.dunbarfamilyfindococ.org

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MORE FACTS

31% of families in Syracuse with children under the age of 18 live below the poverty level - almost double the national average.

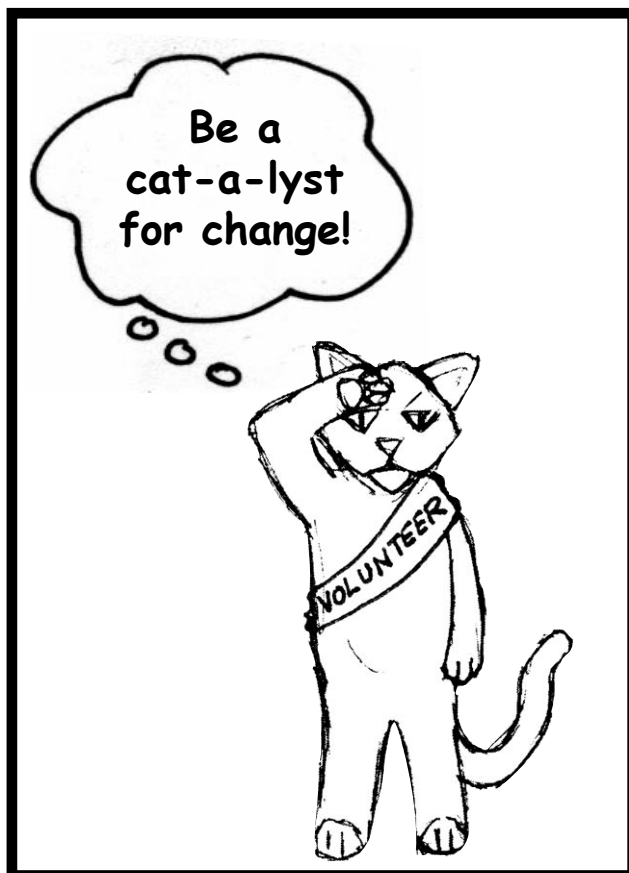
- 2000 Census

The proposed 2007-2012 federal budgets would cut spending on social welfare programs by \$13.6 billion. Direct federal funding of nonprofits would fall by \$14.3 billion.

- www.ipsnews.net, 6/10/06

The proposed FY07 federal budget will cut Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs by 22%. These grants pay for neighborhood improvements and services such as Youth Programming in low-income communities. Since FY03 (the start of the war on Iraq), CDBG funding has decreased:

- 40% (3 million) locally -www.syracuse.ny.us
- 32% (1.4 billion) nationally -www.hud.gov



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While youth programs struggle to find funding, **the 2004 overall US military recruiting budget spent \$52,000 per new recruit.** - www.recruitmenteducation.org

While youth programs struggle to find funding, in 2003, the Department of Defense spent **\$592 million in advertising alone to lure young people into the military.** - www.gao.gov

MORE THINGS TO DO

- **Call Sen. Chuck Schumer (202) 224-6542, Sen. Hillary Clinton (202) 224-4451, Rep. James Walsh (202) 225-3701 - demand they stop funding the war and increase funding for youth programs and services.**
- Join the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) Local Cost of the War Committee, **315-472-5478.**
 - Talk to your neighbors. Help distribute **THE SHARED TIMES.**
(Call SPC for copies or download from: www.peacecouncil.net/sharedtimes)
- Write to the *Post-Standard*: The Reader's Page, Box 4915, Syr, NY 13221, letters@syracuse.com

The ongoing US occupation of Iraq has many costs to the residents of Onondaga County. By funding the war and occupation, we are contributing to the deaths and injuries of thousands of US soldiers, the suffering of their families and the death and suffering of countless Iraqi civilians. Our community is further affected by the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars that finance the war instead of desperately needed services.

Please join us in working to: end the occupation and air war in Iraq; bring the troops home; guarantee the reconstruction of Iraq, funded by the US but accomplished by Iraqis.

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