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## An Email Newsletter for SLTP Alumni & Staff

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**What can I do?**

*How can I help?*

*Tell me, what is the way?*

*How can I help, after these horrid days?*

*I'm too young to give blood.*

*I can't be a nurse.*

*I have no special powers,  
and I live too far away.*

*But I must do what I can.*

*So, what can I do?*

*I can share a smile.*

*I can wear the ribbons.*

*I can pray and I can hope.*

*I can raise some money.*

*I can lift the spirit of a child.*

*I can join hands with my neighbors.*

*I can do a lot.*

*Now I know I can help.*

*Now I know the way.*

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### The SLTP Alumni Network

The Administrative Board of SLTP has completed the organizational framework for the SLTP Alumni Network, which will be called **Students Making Differences** or **SMD** for short.

When an educational program states its fundamental credo as "*leaders walk their talk*," that sets an extraordinary standard for any organization created for its alumni. And that is exactly what we have done with SMD. SMD is a proactive service organization - - an organization through which SLTP leaders and others will MAKE a DIFFERENCE together.

SMD will become the year-long action arm of SLTP, and the best part is that this action will be LOCAL and STUDENT directed. Every SLTP graduate and staffer are encouraged to form local SMD Chapters at their school, at their college, or in their community. The applications for Chapter certification will be available on the SMD Website which should be activated by September 25.

SMD has been founded on three basic principles - *Inclusion, Growth* and

*DifferenceMaking.* Each Chapter will create plans to put these principles in action. The SMD structure has been formatted from the ground up. Beginning at the local level, SMD has been organized into Chapters.

### Forming a SMD Chapter

To form SLTP SMD Chapters applicants need annual SLTP certification which is dependent upon:

- > *submission of membership roster - - at least **one** member must be a SLTP graduate or staffer - - the minimum number of student members is **5***
- > *submission of Action Plans for Inclusion, Growth and Differencemaking*
- > *within 30 days of certification submission of constitution/charter/officers and election of Regional Board Representative*

### SMD Membership benefits

SMD Chapters will receive (as benefits of membership):

- > local leadership and differencemaking opportunities
- > a membership packet from SLTP that will include the membership certificate
- > special camperships to SLTP
- > special recognition at all SLTP events
- > differencemaking informational sharing
- > recognition for action plan achievement
- > expanded student leadership opportunities (chapter offices, regional rep office, conferences)
- > access to Connections; the ACTION Project (workshops & special presentations) for their school or event

There are 24 geographically defined regions at this point. Some of the large more involved areas will eventually split - - but for now the regional definitions will stay as they are - - the website will include a full roster of the regions as well as a list of the Regional Directors.

Each region will:

- > have a student oversight board composed of one representative from each Chapter
- > become an information sharing platform for its Chapters
- > strive to recognize the efforts and achievements of the local chapters - - especially related to *Inclusion; Growth and Differencemaking*

For example - - a Chapter might receive a commendation from the Regional Board for *Inclusion* (based upon doubling the membership of the chapter)

or a *DifferenceMaker* Award for volunteering at the local hospital

or a Special *Growth* Citation for being a **Grand Slam Award School** . . .

Let us know what you think about this . . . We're looking forward to seeing the Chapter applications.

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### The ReEnergizer

Our annual ReEnergizer Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 24 - - the registration forms are in your camper manual AND in the packet your parents received at the parent Orientation. The registration fee is only \$15.

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### 2001 Video's

The final date for ordering 2001 Camp Video's is October 15. Video's are \$15 (checks made out to CASA-LEAD). Videos will be distributed at the REE. Send the check with name, address, phone and email address PLUS the SESSION # (1, 2, 3, or 4).

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### Address check

Please check with all of the campers and former staffers with whom you are still in contact to see if they received this issue of our alumni/staff newsletter - - and if they didn't, please ask them to tap us a line with their correct email address, unfortunately there are still a few mistakes on our email lists.

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## The 2002 SLTP Conference Schedule

at

*Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts*

*Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!*

**The ReEnergizer Conference - Saturday, November 24**

*LTC's - - July 9 - 13; July 23 - 27; July 30 - Aug 3; Aug 6 - 10*

*ALC's - - July 10 - 13; July 31 - Aug 3; Aug 7 - 10*

*Collegiate Initiative - - January TBA*

*Officer Training Seminar - - July 1 - 2*

*Adviser Certification - - July 31 - Aug 3*

**[www.differencemakers.com/SLTP/](http://www.differencemakers.com/SLTP/)**