

Book Reading, Orchard Planting, and Victory Park Clean Up on May 5th!



CONNECTING
FOR CHANGE

May 5th at Victory Park from 10 am –
1pm!

Connecting for Change: A Bioneers by the Bay Conference (CFC), a program of the Marion Institute, is excited to invite you to get your hands dirty and help us plant an orchard with the orchard donation recipients, the New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches, on **Sunday, May 5th from 10am-1pm**. This **free** event will take place at Victory Park, located at 244 Brock Ave. in the South End of New Bedford, MA.

In 2012, CFC donated two orchards, sponsored by RainforestMaker. The donation recipients would receive fruit trees, plus a consultation with orchardist and Chelsea Green Publishing author, Michael Phillips, to ensure the longevity of the trees for the community. Jeffrey Glassman of Rainforestmaker remarked that his group was “honored to

sponsor the donation of two orchards during the Connecting for Change Conference and now we are very excited to plant those trees. We love these opportunities and enjoy quality time together with our dedicated volunteers who have fun getting their hands dirty! We hope that others will embrace this moment and come out on Sunday to experience the joy for themselves."

We are proud to announce that one orchard recipient is the New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches! We invite you to be a part of this celebration by participating in the tree planting and listen to a reading of the children's book, *The Giving Tree*, by JoAnn Tschaen of Trips for Kids. During this event, participants will learn how to plant fruit trees, as well as, discover more about the park and garden's history, and connect with several community groups. The fruit tree planting will be held from 10:00am-12:00pm and the book reading will shortly follow the planting at 12:15pm. Please email Brooke Syvertsen at brooke@marioninstitute.org or call 508.748.0816 for more information about the planting. For more detailed information, please visit our website www.connectingforchange.org.



VICTORY PARK
CINCO DE MAYO
SUNDAY - MAY 5, 2013
FREE EVENT

HELP US PLANT FRUIT TREES AT VICTORY PARK FOR THE COMMUNITY, LEARN ABOUT THE PARKS AND GARDEN, AND ENJOY A READING OF THE CHILDREN'S BOOK, *THE GIVING TREE*.

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- 10:00am-12pm
Come get your hands dirty from 10:00am-12pm and help plant some fruit trees!
- 12:15pm-1:00pm
Listen to the reading of the children's book, *The Giving Tree*, walk the grounds of the park and learn about its rich history

WHERE:
Victory Park
244 Brock Ave.
(Near Softball Fields – South End)
New Bedford, MA
For More Info Call 508-748-0816

   

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beautify New Bedford and
learn something! (Click
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“This is a perfect partnership and opportunity for the Marion Institute to further our mission, supporting root cause solutions, by planting trees with deep roots and baring fruit for generations to come,” says Desa Van Laarhoven, Executive Director of the Marion Institute.

About Connecting for Change: A Bioneers by the Bay Conference (CFC)

CFC is a solutions-based annual conference with a focus on social justice and the environment. CFC brings a diverse array of people to discuss food and farming, health and healing, green business, indigenous knowledge, environmental justice, women and youth empowerment to catalyze a movement to heal our world. The 9th annual conference will be held October 25-27th in beautiful downtown New Bedford, MA.

About The Marion Institute

The Marion Institute is dedicated to identifying, promoting and incubating programs and serendipity projects that seek to find a solution for the root cause of an issue, both on local and global levels. We believe that when individuals are offered practical and visionary solutions, they become inspired, realize their potential and will act to restore a healthier balance.