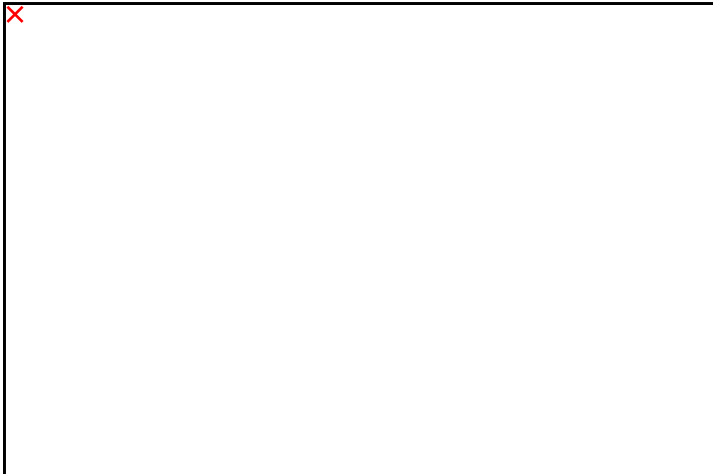


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The Carlisle Barracks County Fair ROCKS booth taken during Class 2010 orientation week.

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Dec. 15, 2009 -- A group of Army War College students is working to make a difference in the Carlisle community.

The local chapter of ROCKS Inc.'s mission is to promote mentorship, education/awareness, networking, leadership, and outreach support to the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks and the community.

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To date, the ROCKS have supported community outreach initiatives including:

- American Legion,
- United Way,
- Carlisle Victory Circle for Youth outreach
- Local high school and middle schools

Currently ROCKS is supporting Project Share through the monthly distribution of food to needy members of Carlisle. Volunteers bag fruit and vegetables, man distribution stations for foodstuffs, and stock shelves in the food bank warehouse. This effort is in collaboration with other volunteer groups, local churches, civic organizations, and consumers.

Other initiatives planned include reading assistance for elementary school children, mentorship to prospective ROTC students from Dickinson College and the awarding of two scholarships to 2010 graduates from local high schools.

Over the next few weeks, ROCKS will support various community outreach programs to include the Carlisle Barracks Senior Holiday Social honoring the elderly from local nursing homes, the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday in January and the February celebration of Black History Month.

Additionally, the chapter will finalize plans to award monetary scholarships to two 2010 local high school graduates prior to the end of the 2010 school year.