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Making volunteerism a part of everyday life

May/June 2009

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Volunteer Challenge
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Saturday, July 11, 2009
8 am to Noon
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership level names have changed: Volunteer Source Plus is now **Partner** Member and Volunteer Source is now **Basic** Member.

At the Partner Member level of \$150 is your volunteer jobs are publicized in the *Collin*

Dear Volunteer Center Staff,

How will you access your fair share?

With the passage and signing of the Serve America Act, Congress has allocated \$5.7 billion over five years to encourage volunteerism in the U.S. by tripling the size of the AmeriCorps program. Included in the act are new opportunities for on-the-ground capacity building and nurturing social innovation. In order to help our membership learn more about this exciting opportunity, we are co-sponsoring the **Serve America Panel Discussion May 21**. Our co-sponsors are the Center for Nonprofit Management and Dallas Social Venture Partners.

Participating in the panel discussion will be Rosa Moreno-Mahoney, Associate Director of Service & Volunteerism- OneStar Foundation. OneStar works with the Corporation for National & Community Service, the federal agency through which most, if not all of the Serve America money will flow.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Are you Prepared? Join us for Calming the Storm.

Don't miss out on this exciting and informative event! This information could change your life and revamp the way your organization does business during disasters.

County Business Press and other VCNT media sources.

Another benefit includes opportunities like the **North Texas Volunteer Challenge**. Click the image to take the Challenge!

Also included in your membership is one free Essentials of Volunteer Management Training and 60% discount on all other trainings, as well as access our popular Donated Goods Center.

Download application [Membership](#).

If you have not already registered for the May 21 informational session on the role of the faith community in disaster response, please e-mail me at churst@vcnt.org.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Spring Creek Campus, Collin County Community College Conference Center. Complimentary breakfast is provided and there is no cost for the training.

VCNT Launches a new website May 27!

The Volunteer Center's new website will serve as an exciting tool to enhance your volunteer recruitment experience. Visit www.vcnt.org.

The creative images, concise new content and upgraded features will knock your socks off!

Please visit our new site May 27, access resources and share the site with friends who want to make a difference.

Sincerely,

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Hot Topic Training

Topic: Turn Those Ho-Hum Volunteers into CAN DO Volunteers
Where: American Cancer Society, 3301 W. Freeway, Ft. Worth, TX 76107
When: Thursday, June 18
Fee: \$10 for Partner Members; \$20 for Non-Partners

This interactive 2-hour training is designed to help you understand what motivates volunteers and how to maintain a happy, engaged volunteer corps. If you have a high turnover rate or too many complaints about volunteer jobs, this could be the session for you. See below for registration information.

Essentials of Volunteer Management

Topic: Essentials of Volunteer Management
Where: Volunteer Center of North Texas offices, 2800 Live Oak, Dallas, TX 75204
When: June 25; 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fee: \$50/person. Partner Members receive one free registration; \$20 for each additional staff member.

This action-packed 6-hour training is a must for new volunteer managers and a good refresher for

experienced managers. The Essentials of Volunteer Management workshop covers all aspects of a successful volunteer program including volunteer recruitment, retention, and recognition, plus establishing volunteer program policies and procedures. Not only is this a great way to learn about the basics of a strong volunteer program but also a great networking opportunity! Participation certificates are awarded to participants. Lunch is on your own. See below for registration information.

Training Registration

To register for these training sessions, please download and complete the Training Registration form. You have three options for returning your form:

Fax: 214-821-8716

Email: reservations@vcnt.org

Mail: Volunteer Center of North Texas, Attn: Training Registration,
2800 Live Oak; Dallas, TX 75204

Registration and payment must be received at least one week prior to training date. If you have any questions regarding the training schedule, topics or registration process, please contact Cathy Hurst at

churst@vcnt.org or 214-826-6767, ext. 238.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community Champions Nominations - June 30 deadline

Sprint is now accepting nominations for 2009 Community Champions Program which recognizes one adult and one high-school student who have made positive impacts on the people and organizations in the Dallas/Fort Worth community. Sprint will donate \$5,000 in the adult's name and \$2,500 in the high school student's name to qualified nonprofit organizations of their choice. For more information, go to www.sprint.com/localgiving. Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Vote Hands On Today

Vote May 10 - 25 for **Hands On** at www.facebook.com/target and help revitalize schools across North Texas and America!

Target is giving away \$3 million and letting Facebook users decide who out of the ten nonprofits listed will receive the money. The nonprofit with the most votes will receive the biggest share of the prize. To increase their chances for success, we're calling on you to vote for **Hands On** as soon possible. If you have a Facebook account then click on the link above and vote today, if not, visit www.facebook.com and sign up now. Once a member, vote and be sure to become a friend of VCNT.

Hands on North Texas is a proud affiliate of VCNT and we support and commend their efforts.

Target Offers Nonprofits Grants - May 31 deadline

Our Corporate Partner, Target Corporation, is eager to share information and grant funds to our nonprofit members. All Target stores give grants to nonprofits whose missions are education, arts and culture, and social services ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 through their local giving campaign. The deadline to apply for funding is May 31, 2009. [Click here](#) to apply.

Other Sources for Training Opportunities

Center for Nonprofit Management: [Workshops & Seminars](#)
Texas Association of Nonprofits: <http://www.tano.org/>

VCNT UPDATES

2009 *Lone Star Salute!* Celebrating Volunteerism in Collin County

The Volunteer Center of North Texas honored Collin County volunteers at the annual *Lone Star Salute!* breakfast, Tuesday, April 21 at the Plano Centre.

More than fifty (50) individuals and groups from agencies and the organizations from Collin County were honored at this year's event.

Jamie Schell was the recipient of the André Davidson "2009 Spirit of Volunteerism" Award. The André Davidson award is presented to a Collin County resident who exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding community volunteer leader.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 has tentatively been set for the next *Lone Star Salute!* in Collin County. Join us next year for another great event!

A special thanks to our event co-chairs, Maggie Cole and Mimi Conner.

Online Volunteer Opportunities Form

You may now use the online volunteer opportunities submission form and have more control over your postings. Click here for [Promote Your Volunteer Opportunities Form](#).

Remember that your ongoing opportunities remain posted for 12 months and are then automatically deleted.

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) offers programs and services to more than 1,655 nonprofit agencies across North Texas. In addition, we provide customized services to nonprofit and government agencies and schools throughout Collin, Dallas, and Tarrant counties. Member & Partner agencies are the foundation of VCNT.

The Volunteer Center will continue to help *make volunteerism a part of everyday life.*

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