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Student Engagement promotes Global Youth Services Day

Dear Volunteer Center Staff ,

Would you like to engage your agency in the largest service event in the world? On Saturday, April 24, in more than 100 countries, students, families, businesses, community agencies, and faith based organizations will join forces to make a global impact during Global Youth Service Day (GYSD).

We are asking you to step up to the plate and join this united effort of change. Please consider hosting a 3-5 hour service-learning project for students across North Texas. You decide how many students and the hours, we spread the word to recruit students.

For more information on being a Global Youth Service Day project host organization, please contact Jonathan Wallace at jwallace@vcnt.org.

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Lone Star Salute Collin County

Join us at the Plano Centre as Collin County nonprofits recognize their special volunteers.



Although nominee submission is closed we know your agency staff and volunteers would enjoy celebrating volunteerism in Collin County. Tickets are \$25 and the price of admission includes an extensive hot breakfast buffet plus complimentary parking.

Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano on Thursday April 22, 2010.

1 million volunteers

'Give a Day, Get a Disney Day' closes

Due to the overwhelming response to the 'Give A Day, Get a Disney Day' promotion, the program has reached its goal of one million volunteers, and therefore, has stopped accepting new volunteers or agencies.

Current volunteers and agencies in the system will be allowed to volunteer and claim their vouchers, but new projects and volunteers will not be accepted.

For those agencies that chose to be a part of this promotion, please continue to verify your participants as they still must be verified in order to claim their vouchers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this program and all your hard work to help make it a success.

Training News

Make Plans for 2010 Training

You are cordially invited to attend VCNT Professional Workshops & Trainings!

Thursday April 29 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

The Essentials Elements of Volunteer Management
Collin County Junior League

Tuesday June 29 from 1:30am to 3:30pm

Disaster Awareness & Preparedness
Collin County Junior League

For more information contact Kim Smith, VCNT Training Manager at ksmith@vcnt.org

To register for any training, contact Cathy Hurst at churst@vcnt.org.

Help available for CVA exam

The exam for the Certification in Volunteer Administration will be given on May 26, 2010. If you need a proctor for the exam or a mentor as you go through the certification process, please contact Celeste Sauls Marks, CVA at csauls@vcnt.org.

HandsOn Program

HandsOn presents new initiative to work with agencies

HandsOn North Texas is excited to announce the launch of HandsOn Community which is aimed at increasing volunteer leadership throughout the North Texas area. This new initiative seeks to match our member agencies with Volunteer and Project Leaders to help engage the community in project-based volunteerism!

As part of our new initiative, we have revised our HandsOn web-site to increase ease of use and to more clearly align it with the mission of the Volunteer Center. Be looking for more information about this exciting new program in the weeks and months to come!

Volunteer opportunities posting policy

In order to give you the best turnaround on your projects and opportunity postings we will follow this posting schedule:

- Opportunities, changes or revisions to existing opportunities, submitted by 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday will be posted within two business days.
- Opportunities, changes or revisions to existing opportunities, submitted after 5 p.m. Thursday will be posted by the following Tuesday.
- Exceptions:
 - Holidays: projects will be posted by the third working day after a holiday.
 - System Outages: projects will be posted within 24-hours of system restoration.
 - Disaster: opportunities submitted during a declared time of disaster will be posted as time warrants and in the order in which they are received. Any remaining projects opportunities at the end of the declaration will be posted within two business days.

Submit your volunteer opportunities using the online submission form three weeks prior to the occurrence or need. Click here for the [Promote Your Volunteer Opportunities Form](#). **Reminder:** Opportunities submitted with less than three weeks lead time will not be posted to the calendar. If you have any questions please contact Jess Cline, Manager of HandsOn Programs at jcline@vcnt.org.

Texas VMC

Participants enjoy workshops, amazing face reading specialist



The 19th Annual Texas Volunteer Management Conference March 5 provided great networking opportunities for about 200 volunteer managers from around the country. Workshops included working with faith-based organizations, volunteers in disaster and utilizing social media to augment volunteer programs. Speakers included Ashely Hyder, Mary Beth Harrington, Tisha Dodge and Andre Johnson, to name a few.

The one can't miss moment of the day, however, was Max Fulfer's presentation on face reading. He talked about how understanding how to read people reduces stereotyping and increases understanding of people. This type of training is important for volunteer managers who are trying to place the right people in the right position but it is also very applicable for anyone, in any industry, who work with people. Several people for whom he did a reading were impressed with how accurate his assessment of them was.

Pictures from the conference will be posted on the website www.texasvmc.org soon, and organizers will be periodically updating the site in preparation for the 20th Annual Texas Volunteer Management Conference March 4, 2011.



2010 North Texas Volunteer Challenge

Engage new volunteers, recruit new donors and establish new relationships

Do you need projects completed at your organization? Are you seeking to recruit more volunteers and new supporters for your cause? If so, this is the perfect event for you!

The North Texas Volunteer Challenge (NTVC) is an annual four-hour day of service to "*lend a helping hand*" to nonprofit organizations throughout North Texas!

Individuals, families, students, community groups, businesses and the faith-based community are all invited to participate by volunteering with various nonprofit organizations throughout North Texas. The 2010 event will be taking place on **Saturday, October 23, 2010!!!**

NONPROFIT FAMILY: If you would like to serve as a project site for this year's NTVC, please complete the agency application and return to the Volunteer Center of North Texas by **Thursday, May 13, 2010**. The application is available at http://www.vcnt.org/special_events_NTVC.html.

For questions about the agency application, please contact Ashley E. Hyder, manager of public relations and communications at (214) 826-6767, ext. 236 or ahyder@vcnt.org

2009 Event Summary

The 2009 North Texas Volunteer Challenge (NTVC) was a huge success with more than 202

individuals participating to give 12 nonprofit organizations new face lifts with coats of paint, trash and brush clean up, landscaping, and volunteers as carnival and senior helpers.

Days of Service & Awareness Months

Just for fun and to give you some ideas for promotions in your volunteer programs, this is a list of upcoming special days and months:

April

- Global and National Youth Service Day April 23-25 To empower young people, highlighting their ongoing contributions to their communities and mobilizing their energy, commitment, and idealism through sustainable service
- National Volunteer Week April 18-24 To recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Humor Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Grange Month

May

- Join Hands Day May 1 A day of volunteering that brings youths and adults together to improve their own communities.
 - Clean Air Month
 - Get Caught Reading Month
 - National Barbecue Month
 - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
 - National Mental Health Month
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OneStar Foundation

Task Force seeks agency input at public hearing



The Task Force for Strengthening Nonprofit Capacity will facilitate public hearings throughout Texas to gather recommendations on strengthening the capacity of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) providing services to Texans in need. These hearings will address what is working well for FBCOs, what challenges exist for them and what suggestions they have to improve their abilities to service the citizens of Texas.

The

Dallas Public Hearing for agencies in North Texas will be Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Center for Community Cooperation, Oak Corner at 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas

Representatives from state agencies, nonprofit organizations, academia, foundations and other

individuals who have expertise in nonprofit capacity building and FBCOs are encouraged to attend these hearings and provide input. The Task Force will apply the information gathered during these hearings to develop recommendations for the 82nd Texas Legislative Session.

For information on how to submit written testimony and other public hearing questions, go to <http://onestarfoundation.org> or contact Anna McElearney at amac@onestarfoundation.org or (512) 287-2026.

Membership

Renew or upgrade Your VCNT Partner Membership

We have begun issuing renewal notices for 2010 memberships. The Partner Member fee will remain at \$150. Please contact Cathy Hurst at churst@vcnt.org if you wish to upgrade your Basic membership to Partner or if you have any questions about your membership. Please fill in the membership application and review the membership information at www.vcnt.org. Partners who fail to renew will no longer be eligible to shop at Donated Goods, use verifiFYI or receive their free training benefits.

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. Basic & Partner Member Agencies are the foundation of VCNT.

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

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