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Activities and events scale up for summer

Dear Volunteer Center Staff,

Our programs and services are expanding and bringing our member agencies new opportunities for volunteer recruitment and awareness. We are excited about each of the following options including:

- North Texas Volunteer Challenge
- New staff member
- New training opportunities

We are especially excited about the potential to offer a Tarrant County Donated Goods Warehouse for the first time!

For more information on each of these programs, click on the links provided throughout the newsletter.

Donated Goods

Tarrant County to open new warehouse

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) is proud to announce that we have leased a warehouse in Fort Worth!

The purpose of the acquisition is to open a Donated Goods facility to increase our support of Tarrant County clients. The exact date of opening is still unknown, but we anticipate a grand opening sometime in late-July.

VCNT Partner Agencies and their employees may shop in Donated Goods without additional fees. Shoppers will find tremendous savings on new furniture, area rugs, home decor, and clothing. Basic Member Agencies and their employees may shop, but will have a \$5 surcharge per customer, per visit.

In June, Donated Goods plans to hire two part-time employees to staff the warehouse. Resumes and inquiries about Donated Goods should be emailed to cbultram@vcnt.org or call 214-826-6767, ext. 241 for more information.

New staff enhances Program Services Department

We are happy to announce the addition of our new staff member Alicia Frye as the Community Projects Manager for the Pride in Your Neighborhood Program. Alicia was formerly with The Children's Shelter in San Antonio and began at VCNT Monday, May 24.

Alicia will be working with seven neighborhood associations in developing their community and school projects. Working with her is Community Projects Intern, D'Marcus Latcher, who is a sophomore at Eastfield College majoring in social work under substance abuse counseling.



2010 North Texas Volunteer Challenge

Deadline extended for agency applications!

Agencies now have until Wednesday, June 30, to apply for the 2010 North Texas Volunteer Challenge. Submit your applications now! This is a great way to introduce your agency to new volunteers, potential donors, community groups, and corporations.

As you know, the NTVC is a four-hour day of service where the entire North Texas region is encouraged to lend a helping hand to nonprofit organizations in Collin, Dallas and Tarrant counties. The event will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2010, nationally recognized as Make a Difference Day.

Visit http://www.vcnt.org/special_events_NTVC.html for more information about the event and to apply to participate.

Summer Schedule Training Dates

Professional development opportunities

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

- Thursday June 3rd - Dallas - Youth Volunteer Corps & Ameri-Corps Team Leader Training
- Wednesday June 9th - Irving - Volunteer Impact for North Texas Presentation
- Tuesday June 22nd - Dallas Agency Disaster Preparedness & Awareness Training
- Tuesday June 29th - Plano - Agency Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Training

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

They won't come if you don't promote!

Submit your opportunities today!

Visit http://www.vcnt.org/nonprofits_submit_opp.html, complete the form and start receiving great people today! In order to receive optimal responses from volunteers, we require opportunities to be submitted three weeks prior to the event date.

Contact Ashley E. Hyder, manager of public relations & communications, via phone at (214) 826-6767, ext. 236 or ahyder@vcnt.org for specific questions related to Partner Member benefits for promoting volunteer opportunities.

Days of Service & Awareness Months

To give you some ideas for promotions in your volunteer programs, we have provided a list of upcoming special days and months:

June

- National Candy Month
- Gay and Lesbian Pride Month
- Potty Training Awareness Month
- National Safety Month

July

- Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- National Hot Dog Month
- Women's Motorcycle Month

OneStar Foundation



Free assessment tool offers strategic insight

The Texas Center for Social Impact is currently offering eligible organizations the opportunity to take the Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT) at no charge. The CCAT is an online survey tool developed by the [TCC Group](#) that measures a nonprofit organization's effectiveness in relation to four core capacities: leadership, adaptability, management, and technical capacities.

This tool allows for a confidential self-assessment of an organization's core capacities based on the input of board leaders, key staff and senior volunteers. It also offers specific activities and strategies to empower organizational growth based on your results. This survey is a \$300 value to an organization.

To get started, click on [Eligibility](#). Once you have completed the eligibility forms, OneStar will contact you about an agreement letter & discuss respondent selection rationale/next steps .

Interpretation Webinars provide insight on CCAT results

Questions about the CCAT report can be addressed during CCAT Report Interpretation Webinars, also sponsored by OneStar. You will hear from OneStar Foundation once the CCAT is complete on how to register for one of these free webinars

OneStar is currently planning to schedule one interpretation webinar every two weeks, beginning with the following dates:

- June 10th
- June 24th
- July 8th
- July 22nd

Calls will be open to all organizations as they complete the CCAT. These webinars will not offer customized conversations based on individual organizations' results but rather will offer assistance in how best to utilize the results and ways to present the results to key stakeholders. VCNT Trainer Kim Smith and Kay Dillard, senior director of program services are trained to provide the interpretive webinar.

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 have any questions about your membership. Partners who fail to renew will no longer be eligible to shop at Donated Goods, use veriFYI or receive free training benefits.

Any agency interested in upgrading from Basic Member to Partner Member may contact Cathy Hurst at churst@vcnt.org.

About the Volunteer Center of North Texas

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit www.vcnt.org.

The mission of the Volunteer Center is to ***make volunteerism a part of everyday life!***

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