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No time for "dog days of summer"



Dear Volunteer Center Staff,

Plans are moving forward for the opening of the Tarrant County Donated Goods Warehouse and while we have hit a few delays, the opening is anticipated by the end of the summer.

Plans are also coming along well for the 2nd annual North Texas Volunteer Challenge which will be held Oct. 23.

We just want to remind you, as you begin to gear up for the fall, go to http://www.vcnt.org/nonprofits_submit_opp.html to post your volunteer opportunities and special events on the opportunities form.

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

Sincerely,

Kay Dillard
Senior Director of Program Services

P.S. The Points of Light Foundation has announced National Volunteer Week will be changed to April 10-16, 2011 in order to avoid conflicts with religious holidays.

Donated Goods



American Airlines employee volunteers help prepare new Tarrant County office for opening!

New Office Includes Donated Goods Program!

The Volunteer Center of North Texas is extremely excited to announce an increase of services and agency support with the opening of our new Tarrant County Office.

Located a little less than a mile from our current Tarrant County office is our new location with expanded office space along with more than 7,500 square feet of warehouse space for a second Donated Goods Center.

This move will allow us to reach a greater number of nonprofit organizations in the Tarrant County area while also adding the convenience of a shorter trip to experience the Donated Goods Center

We look forward to seeing you at our new Tarrant County home in the coming months!

Exclusive shopping opportunity for Donated Goods in Tarrant County coming soon ... Stay tuned!

Deadline approaches

Time to submit your honoree for Tarrant County recognition event!

Volunteer coordinators who turn in their submissions prior to the deadline of August 20 will have their names included in a special drawing to win two American Airline tickets to travel anywhere in the continental United States.



Event Details:

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Doors will open at 7:45 am

8 - 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast

8:30 - 10 am Program and Recognition

The Stampede Room (located in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards)

140 East Exchange Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76164

\$25/person (One honoree per agency is free)

Free parking

Be sure to bring your camera to take pictures with "Big Jake," the famous **Lone Star Salute!** longhorn steer.

Formal invitations will be mailed the week of August 16th.

To learn more about the event and how to designate an honoree contact Judy Paris at 817-927-7172, ext. 105 or e-mail: lss@vcnt.org

[2010 North Texas Volunteer Challenge Presented by American Airlines](#)

Members and Partners encourage North Texas to Take the Challenge!

More than 30 VCNT nonprofit members and partners throughout Collin, Dallas and Tarrant County will serve as project sites for the 2nd Annual North Texas Volunteer Challenge, taking place from 8 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, October 23, 2010. The date is a national day of service otherwise known as Make A Difference Day. This annual event benefitting the Volunteer Center of North Texas encourages the entire North Texas region to lend a helping hand to nonprofit organizations.

American Airlines has officially come on board as the presenting sponsor for the 2010 event! Ten American Airlines teams of volunteers have decided to not only give financially, but also give of their time and talent to nonprofit participating project sites!

We are excited about the nonprofit organizations participating this year, and we encourage each of you to consider applying for the 2011 NTVC if you missed the 2010 deadline. More than 700 business leaders, community volunteers, civic organizations, schools and youth groups will have an opportunity to get involved with this year's North Texas Volunteer Challenge.



“Lend A Helping Hand To Make A Difference!”

[Want to VOLUNTEER for the event this year?](#)

[More information coming soon!](#)

[Training Dates](#)

Service-Learning is in our Future! Do not get left behind!

10 a.m. to Noon, Tuesday August 17
American Cancer Society, 3301 West Frwy, Ft Worth, 76107

Please contact Kim Smith to register and for details ksmith@vcnt.org

DOVIA holds annual conference at Women's Center

It's that time of year again - time for a day of networking and professional development for those in the volunteer management industry! The DOVIA Professional Development Workshop will take place from 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Thursday,

August 19, Women's Center of Tarrant County.

Keynote speaker will be Jaime G. Gonzalez, Vice Chair of Corporate Relations, United Healthcare.

Fee for the workshop is \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members (includes your DOVIA dues for the balance of the year) or \$35 at the door. Lunch is included. Deadline to receive payment for registration is August 12.

A new feature this year - you can pre-register online at

www.surveymonkey.com. Payment must be mailed to DOVIA, P.O. Box 471175, Fort Worth, TX 76147 following pre-registration.

For more information or to receive a copy of the brochure, contact Carolyn Ayres at 817.831.2111 or carolyn@campfirefw.org.

TC4NPD provides more training opportunities

Whether you need help with funding, board development, finding or managing volunteers, leadership skills, personal burnout or technology, TC4NPD aims to provide one spot where you can find the training, tools and resources you need:

- To find and participate in great training workshops, check out our calendar.
- To add your training opportunities to our calendar, simply e-mail one of our organizers for permission to post.
- Find, or post, additional tools and resources on our message board.
- To suggest a topic for future training, post your thoughts on our ideas page. Let's continue to help one another grow, as we pursue our passion to serve others.

To access the calendar and other services, click here for [TC4NPD](#).

DARS to sponsor seminar for visually impaired

What: LIVING WELL & INDEPENDENTLY WITH VISION LOSS

When: August 28, 2010 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Medical Education & Training Bldg (MET) at UNT Health Science Center
1000 Montgomery St. Fort Worth, TX 76107 (free parking next to building)

Who: Social service and community organizations and medical professionals

To register: go to www.afb.org/CVL/seminar or call 817.759.3500 or email k.heinecke@dars.state.tx.us. Registration is required

TCU to host annual volunteer fair

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2010

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Service-Learning workshop

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Volunteer Fair

To register, go to www.involved.tcu.edu (beginning July 26, 2010)

Student Engagement

First Summer Serve-A-Thon generates more than 200 hours

Nearly 100 students were engaged through Youth Volunteer Corps during the first ever 2010 Summer Serve-a-thon. The community-wide service event found youth volunteers giving more than 250 hours of service to nearly a dozen different nonprofit agencies across Tarrant County.

Youth volunteers, both middle school and high school, completed tasks such as garden maintenance, painting, landscaping, cleaning, and several beautification projects. In addition to hands on opportunities, Youth Volunteer Corps educated Fort Worth ISD summer students on the importance of volunteerism and service.



YVC participants make a difference and gain new experience gardening

Projects Needed for the Fall

Youth Volunteer Corps is currently planning 2-3 service projects a month for the upcoming fall semester. If your organization has an opportunity to engage a group of youth volunteers this fall, please let us know. Call Jonathan Wallace at 1-866-797.VCNT, ext. 248 or e-mail jwallace@vcnt.org.

Meet our AmeriCorps team: Jennifer Marquess of Arlington, a recent UT graduate who will be moving to Washington D. C. this fall to study Museum Studies at American University; and Mark Bay of Southlake, a current McGill University student in Montreal, Canada. Jennifer and Mark are serving alongside 3 young adults through AmeriCorps, spending their summer leading youth in service-learning opportunities across North Texas.

Days of Service & Awareness Months

To help celebrate volunteerism and promote your programs, we have provided a list of upcoming special days and months:

August:

- Black Business Month
- National Inventors' Month
- Happiness Happens Month
- National Toddler Month

September:

- September 11 - National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Library Card Sign-Up Month
- National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- National Biscuit Month

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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