



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **COLLIN COUNTY VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE IMPACTS LOCAL NONPROFITS** *More than 100 Volunteers Will Participate in Day of Service Throughout Collin County*

**WHAT:** The Collin County Volunteer Challenge

The Collin County Volunteer Challenge is a one-day volunteer celebration that will bring together more than 100 volunteers to benefit nonprofit agencies that daily impact the lives of those in need in Collin County. Volunteers will be tasked with painting murals, assisting with landscaping and outdoor beautification and performing hands on projects with teens and the elderly.

The Volunteer Center of North Texas, the parent organization of Hands On North Texas, knows that potential volunteers appreciate a way to volunteer without making a long-term commitment. Hands On enables them to register online and show up ready to go.

This annual day of service will enable community members to help six Collin County organizations that serve persons with developmental disabilities, teens, the environment, the elderly and more. The Volunteer Center of North Texas invites the public to register for the Collin County Volunteer Challenge by going to [www.handsonnorthtexas.org](http://www.handsonnorthtexas.org).

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 12, 2008  
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**WHERE:** The following Collin County sites will have **interview opportunities and strong visuals:**

**City House Teen Shelter** Preparing meals for the shelter and participating in an gardening project.  
902 E.16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Plano 75074

**City of Plano Sustainability & Environmental Services** Painting a mural for the City of Plano’s Community Garden.  
1520 Avenue K  
Plano 75074

**Dayspring Assisted Living** Assisting with decorations, set-up, serving and clean-up of a Dayspring community party.  
6400 Cheyenne Tr.  
Plano 75023

**Equest Horsemanship Center** Painting, decorating, designing and landscaping at the facility.  
3800 Troy Rd.  
Wylie 75098

**In-Sync Exotics** Renovating cat enclosures by painting and updating design.  
3430 Skyview Dr.  
Wylie 75098

**The Heard Museum** Assisting with an outdoor beautification project.  
1 Nature Place  
McKinney 75069

**WHO:** Hands On North Texas project leader, Volunteer Center representative and agency staff will be at locations for quotes and more information about The Collin County Volunteer Challenge.

**WHY:** The first annual Collin County Volunteer Challenge is a one-day volunteer event celebrating community service through volunteerism. Community members participate in one-day, hands-on projects that benefit local nonprofit agencies and their underprivileged clients.

**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.