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2009 Volunteer Project Hall of Fame Awards

Volunteering is an important part of our area and awards are typically given to specific volunteers or groups to show their hard work. The Volunteer Project Hall of Fame, however, is different. It recognizes specific projects that have made a difference in our neighborhoods, since many of us are unfamiliar with the backgrounds and impact of the projects themselves.



Award winning Midshipmen at the 2008 Hall of Fame Awards.

This November, the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County and the Coordinators of Volunteers of Anne Arundel County will honor specific volunteer projects that have had the most impact on Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis.

At the 2009 Volunteer Project Hall of Fame Awards, winners of awards for volunteer projects with the most impact on the area will be announced. This Induction Luncheon Celebration will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009 at 11:30 in the Loews Annapolis Hotel on West Street. It costs \$30 per person to attend.

All nominators and members of their organization are invited to attend the Celebration. The winners will be announced and it is also a chance to support the projects and their volunteers.

Nominations are invited for volunteer projects sponsored by local nonprofit or faith-based organizations,

local businesses, governmental agencies or other groups. Fundraising and advocacy events are not eligible. This event can not go on without nominations for volunteer projects, so if you know of one that has made a big difference in our area, do us and them a favor and nominate them.

To find out more information about the Hall of Fame awards or to nominate a volunteer project, visit www.volunteerannearundel.org or call us at (410) 897-9207.

The Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County connects people and resources through volunteerism to create a vibrant community of service in Anne Arundel County.

Youth Corner Volunteer Summer Serve 2009 Leadership Challenge Program

Designed to provide a structured environment and serve as a source of leadership, the Volunteer Summer Serve Leadership Challenge (VSSLC) Program was conducted three times in two-week sessions during June and July 2009. The program was put on by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Volunteer Center's Youth Volunteer Corps and was for students entering 8th-10th grades.

While at the program, students were given the opportunity to be in a variety of different settings that provided them with many opportunities for education. Participants worked with individuals with disabilities, cleaned and

conserved parks, and took part in the activities at a variety of other agencies.

The Youth Volunteer Corps is planning activities and service projects for the school year. For more information call the Volunteer Center at 410-897-9207 or contact Maggie Donohue at

Maggie@volunteerannearundel.org or Michele Marshall at Michele@volunteerannearundel.org.



Community Events

National Make a Difference Day October 24, 2009

Make a difference in your community and be considered for various awards.



Visit the Volunteer Center's website for more local information as it becomes available:
www.volunteerannearundel.org

GAIN Festival October 25, 2009

GAIN, Inc.'s (Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network) 3rd annual festival.

St. Phillips AME Church on Bestgate Road

For updates visit GAIN's website:
www.churcheswithoutboundaries.org



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A very special thanks to the following organizations for their continuing support in the day to day operations of the Volunteer Center:

Anne Arundel County Government, City of Annapolis, Governors Office on Service and Volunteerism, TH Media, M&T Bank, Points of Light Institute and Hands On Network, WNAV Radio, Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center, United Way Community Partnership, Anne Arundel Community College, Anne Arundel Office of Emergency Management, the Corporation For National and Community Service, Murray Foundation, Coordinators of Volunteers of Anne Arundel County, COMCAST Foundation, Youth Volunteer Corps of America.

Comings and Goings:

The Volunteer Center would like to welcome our new AmeriCorps *VISTA Janice Hayes-Williams. She will be managing the Mentoring Roundtable and also organizing our Mentoring Celebration & Awards. The Volunteer Center wants to recognize Board Members who just completed their term of service and have been significant supporters: Kris Kohlmann of M&T Bank and Mike Russo of Council, Baradel, Kosmerl, & Nolan. Project Coordinator Peter Plangetis has graduated from Annapolis High School and will be going on to Anne Arundel Community College. Congratulations, Peter!

Organization in the Spotlight: 1000 Women Can Change the World

This relatively new organization, based in Annapolis, has a mission to inspire, enlighten and empower women across the world by teaching them information and skills that they can use and pass on to others. This is an entirely volunteer organization that focuses on improving the lives of women that are survivors of domestic violence and abuse.

This organization takes steps to help women on international, national and local levels. Nationally, 1000 Women Can Change the World channels at risk women in the United States, specifically survivors of domestic violence and abuse. On a more local level, they work with the Anne Arundel Medical Center to help women in similar situations.

Among other things, volunteers at 1000 Women Can Change the World are being sought to be virtual assistants. These people

would help with databases and administration from their home computers on a schedule that works for them. They could also update the blogs and websites if they have the knowledge to do so.

The organization also records and uploads audio modules- a 30-40 minute interview/presentation in which one would share information and knowledge. These audio modules would be posted to the website for women all over the world to log on and listen to. Volunteers are needed record these modules or help upload them to the website.



Paula Constantino,
President and Founder

For more information about this organization, contact 443-482-9046 or info@1000WomenCanChangetheWorld.org or visit web sites at www.1000WomenCanChangetheWorld.org.

One-Time Volunteer Opportunities

Friends of Hancock's Resolution (North County)

The Friends volunteer group operates and preserves this historic farmstead in Pasadena. Volunteers, 18 and older, are needed to give tours of the house and gardens to visitors from 1 to 4 pm on Sundays from April through October. Training is provided. Other volunteer projects include assisting with historical research, archeology, public education and fund-raising. Contact Barbara Ballengee at 410-255-6991 or volunteers@historichancocksresolution.org. See website:

www.historichancocksresolution.org Events that may need extra volunteers: **10 am–4 pm, Sat.–Sun., Aug. 22–23, 2009, Reenactment Weekend:** This is the Fifth Annual Hancock's Resolution War of 1812 reenactment.

Movable Feast (Baltimore City and surrounding counties)

This nonprofit provides home delivered meals for clients who are home-bound with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers, as young as 16 (15 & under w/adult) are needed to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 am and 3 pm and 5 pm–8 pm. Meal delivery takes about 1 hr and drivers have flexibility in setting their schedules. Volunteers are asked to deliver once a

week or once a month. Contact Tom Patrick at 410-327-3420, Xtn 31 or tpatrick@mfeast.org. See www.mfeast.org.

Sat., Aug. 29, 2009 Farm to Feast Day: Volunteers are needed at First Fruits Farm to harvest fresh fruit & vegetables for Moveable Feast clients. If you would like additional information or to volunteer on August 29, please contact Jinee at jburdg@mfeast.org.

Save the Coconuts (Annapolis and throughout county)

Originally formed as a walking team to raise funding through participation in the Susan G. Komen and Avon Walks for Breast Cancer in Washington, DC, "Save The Coconuts" is now a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds to fight breast cancer in the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County areas. Volunteers are being sought for a variety of tasks associated with local fundraising, please call or email Marie Dall'Acqua at 410-353-1552, Kelly Lange at 410-491-5760, or email coconuts@savethecoconuts.org.

Noon–4:00 pm, Sun., Sept. 6, and Oct. 4, 2009, First Sunday Festival: A volunteer organizer is needed along with volunteers for each First Festival held on West St., in Annapolis. Contact Marie Dall'Acqua at 410-353-1552 or email coconuts@savethecoconuts.org

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Alzheimer's Association (Annapolis/Throughout County)

The Alzheimer's Association is a nonprofit organization which seeks to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through advancement of research, to enhance care and support for individuals, their families and caregivers, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Training and materials are provided. For more information contact Volunteer Coordinator Sally Drumm at 410-561-9099, e-mail: sally.drumm@alz.org, and visit web site: www.alz.org/maryland.

7 am–12 noon, Sat., Oct. 17, 2009, Memory Walk 2009: Volunteers, Age 13 & up (with adult supervision) are needed for a variety of tasks including, set-up, registration, route guides, memory garden, and more; much of the work requires substantial physical effort. The event will start at the Severn School in Severna Park. For more information and to register contact Sally Drumm at sally.drumm@alz.org or 410-561-9099 and www.alz.org/maryland.

Friends of Quiet Waters Park (Annapolis and Central County)

The non-profit organization supports the operation of the park and the events that take place there. Volunteers, age 15 and up, are needed throughout the year for a variety of tasks to support events such as Earth Day in April, Summer Concert Series from Jun.–Sept., Howl-O-Ween Bark 'n Bash in late Oct., and the Arts Festival held in the fall each year. For more information about volunteer opportunities call 410-222-1777, E-mail: friends@friendsofquietwaterspark.org, or visit the website: www.friendsofquietwaterspark.org.

10am to 6pm, Sat. & Sun., Sept. 26–27, 2009, The Arts and Music Festival at Quiet Waters Park: The 19th Annual Festival features art work and functional wares of some seventy-nine exhibitors, the musical talents of performers on the Garden Stage, the imaginative spirit of the roving performers, and the inventiveness of children's crafts. Volunteers are needed for a variety of functions on both days of the event. To volunteer, contact the "Friends" as above.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind–Puppy training classes Thurs. evenings (Annapolis, AA & Adjacent Counties)

This nonprofit organization serves the Bay Region by raising puppies as potential future guide dogs. Volunteer puppy raisers are needed to provide the love, support and direction these puppies need to prepare them for formal training. Volunteer raisers (as young as 13 with parental supervision) take puppies into their homes for fourteen to eighteen months and teach them manners and social skills. In addition to daily work and play with their dogs, raisers attend local classes and puppy evaluations. Contact Gretchen Pierce at gpierce@guidingeyes.org or (410) 960-7427, web site www.volunteer.guidingeyes.org. Puppy classes are **7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Thursday nights** at St. Matthew's Church in Bowie. Check the website for directions.

*One is not
born into
the world to
do
everything,
but to do
something.
-Henry
David
Thoreau*

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues

This group of twenty-one citizen volunteers promotes positive change for county citizens with disabilities. Members include citizens with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities, citizens with an interest in assisting individuals with disabilities, a member of the Anne Arundel County Council and representatives of agencies providing services to individuals with disabilities. The commissioners assess needs; investigate opportunities for improvements in quality of life; support community participation; and advise the County Executive on disability issues. Meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month- from 1 to 3 pm. Volunteers are also needed to serve on committees and participate in ongoing activities. Contact Pam Jordan, ADA Coordinator, at 410-222-4383 or E-mail EXJORD00@aacounty.org for information.

Anne Arundel County Literacy Council (Throughout County)

The Literacy Council is the local affiliate of Laubach Literacy Action, recently reorganized as ProLiteracy Worldwide. Literacy tutors are needed for combating adult illiteracy; after completing training, you make your own

schedule and locations with your assigned student or you can tutor at local detention centers, in small groups, and ESL tutoring. For information call the office at 410-269-4419. Immediate Need: Volunteers are needed for grant writing and more. Hours are flexible and most work can be done at home. Call 410-269-4419 or e-mail: info@aaccl.org. Web site: www.icanread.org.

Hearts & Homes for Youth (Mary's Mount Manor) (South County)

This organization helps troubled children and youth who are abused, neglected or runaways, become independent, productive adults by providing a broad spectrum of educational, residential, independent living and mental health programs throughout Maryland. In Harwood, the Mary's Mount Manor is a therapeutic group home for emotionally disturbed young women who have suffered abuse, neglect or abandonment. Volunteers over 18 are needed for tutoring, mentoring, internships, renovation projects, recreation sponsors, office assistance, and beautification projects. Contact Loretta Eustachio at 301-589-8444ext.212. ldustachio@hh4y.org Website: www.hh4y.org

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your room here on earth"

—Anonymous

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