



# ShoreCAN Volunteer Center

## MISSION OF THE ShoreCAN *Volunteer Center*

*To engage citizens to help meet  
community needs through service  
and volunteerism.*

## ShoreCAN Recognizes Summer STARS at Volunteer Program Reception

The Community Foundation ShoreCAN Volunteer Center hosted a Summer STARS Volunteer Program Reception in October to recognize volunteers who completed at least 30 hours of volunteer service during the summer months.

The STAR Volunteers completed the hours at any of our partnering nonprofit organizations. They also had the opportunity to win a variety of prizes including gift certificates from local stores, restaurants and entertainment venues including the grand prize – a \$100 LORA Dining Gift Certificate.

What are you waiting for? The ShoreCAN volunteer database has over 100 nonprofit volunteer opportunities and we have staff available to help find the best volunteer opportunity for you - no matter what your age. Children

can start volunteering as young as 13.

Please visit [www.shorecan.org](http://www.shorecan.org) for more information. Let us help you make a difference in your community!



*(Left) Coastal Hospice Volunteers receive the Nonprofit Award at the Summer Stars Awards program.*

*(Below) From left to right are: Subba Veerapaneni receiving the Youth Volunteer Award from Heather Towers, Assistant Program Officer, CFES.*



## STORIES OF DEDICATION

The Seton Center, established by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington is a neighborhood community center located in Princess Anne. Seton Center staff work to identify and respond to the needs of local residents, especially the area's migrant farm workers. Working alongside staff are many dedicated volunteers, including Al Nurmi and John Leatherbury. Al and John have been volunteering at the Seton Center for four and ten years, respectively. They consider themselves a team and even more impressive, close friends.

Al and John were introduced to the Seton Center by family members and both men stayed on as permanent volunteers. They take pride in living in Somerset County and have similar tastes outside of their volunteer work - country music, preferring to work behind-the-

### *How two strangers became fast friends while volunteering in their community.*



*Al Nurmi (left) with John Leatherbury*

scenes and tinkering while fixing things around their homes. When asked what they would be doing if they weren't volunteering, both laughed

and responded that they had plenty to do around their homes!

While walking around the food pantry kitchen with Al and John, you get a keen sense of how well they complement each other and the pride they take in both their volunteer work and each other. They are in charge of food donation storage and whether the work takes two days or five days a week, they both tackle the tasks together and in the best interest of the clients of the Seton Center. Organization in the kitchen is as impressive as a five star restaurant's kitchen.

Both Al and John feel that out of all the reasons to volunteer, the most important one is giving back. They both have felt blessed throughout their lives and felt inspired to do for others and give back to their community. What an inspiring example of dedication!

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Community Foundation invites qualified nonprofit organizations to apply for these three grant programs:

- **Community Needs Grants:** Support charitable programs benefiting Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. Deadlines are February 1 and August 1.
- **Education Awards Grants:** Support for classroom-based programs in public/private schools in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. The September deadline is set annually.
- **Small Grants:** Support to address a wide range of needs including pilot projects, emergencies, organizational improvement, capacity building and equipment purchases.

Copies of grant guidelines and application forms are available from the Foundation office or from our website at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).

## 2011 ShoreCAN Advisory Committee

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## ShoreCAN by the Numbers

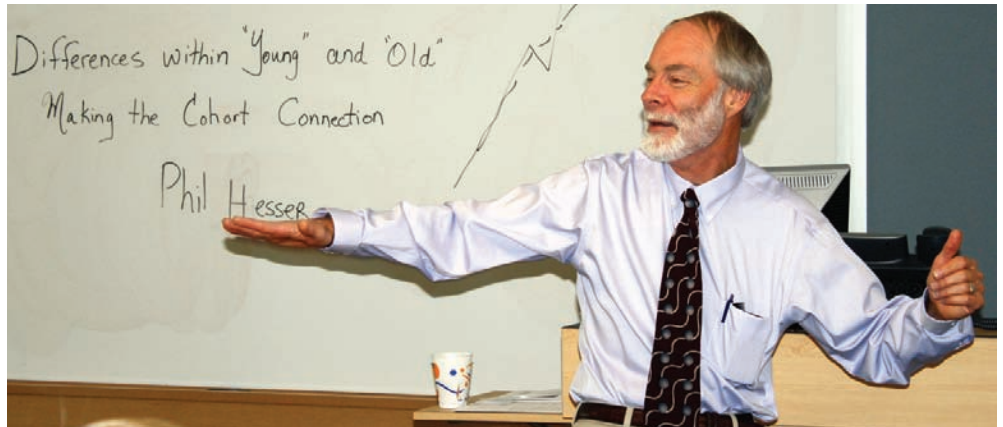
Number of Nonprofit Partners	114
Number of Active Volunteer Opportunities	108
Number of Active Volunteers	404
Number of Volunteer Referrals	416

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# Community Foundation Hosts One-Day Conference for Area Nonprofit Organizations

*Workshops hosted by area professionals highlighted event*



Dr. Phillip Hesser, lead conference facilitator, engages workshop attendees during his presentation, "Differences within 'Young' and 'Old' Making the Cohort Connection" at a day-long conference entitled: "Nonprofit Boot Camp: Engaging Volunteers, Clients and Stakeholders in Your Organization" hosted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and Wor-Wic Community College. Attendees participated in interactive sessions conducted by experienced area professionals. The Conference was sponsored by Avery Hall Insurance. Information regarding additional educational workshop opportunities is available by visiting CFES website at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).

## Technology Trends



From left to right are: Mickey Gomez, Director of the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, and Pam Wood, Benefits Counselors, MAC, Area Agency on Aging at the Community Foundation Eastern Shore Nonprofit Support Center.

## Nonprofit Resource Day

We are excited to announce the 2012 Nonprofit Resource Day scheduled for Wednesday, January 18. This annual event is a great opportunity for nonprofit professionals to participate in informative seminars taught by industry leaders. This year, the event focuses on fundraising and development.

Review concepts and methodologies to raising money and learn how to build the relationships that will make it easier. The program is scheduled for 9 - 3 p.m. and includes lunch for a \$30 registration fee. Space is limited—consider registering early! Visit [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org) for more information and to register!

## Get Mobil-ized!

John Gehrig, President of D3Corp, discussed mobile trends and provided real world mobile marketing tips with Carol Steffy and others at his Get Mobil-ized! Mobile Strategies for Your Business workshop at the Community Foundation Eastern Shore Nonprofit Support Center.

