



ShoreCAN

Volunteer Center

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Upcoming Events

ShoreCAN Volunteer Center Lunch & Learn **May 12 (11am—1pm)** **Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore**

A unique opportunity for local executive directors/volunteer managers to learn about the Community Foundation's [ShoreCAN Volunteer Center](#). Learn how to post effective volunteer opportunities and to share ideas and opportunities to enhance this resource for the Lower Eastern Shore. **Learn how to utilize volunteers in tough economic times.** This program is available through the support of [The Atlantic Philanthropies](#) and the [Community Experience Partnership](#). Free, [advanced registration is required](#), lunch will be provided.

Grantwriting Tips for Success **May 20th (11am-1pm)** **Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore**

Grantwriting is a skill that has to be developed. There is no magic bullet, but there are tips and tools that can help you to find the right potential sources and effectively approach them. This program will be a great opportunity to hear from a consultant willing to share what they know about what works and what doesn't and how you can increase your chances of success. Brown Bag Event - bring your lunch. CFES will provide drinks. Free, [advanced registration is required](#).

ShoreCAN Volunteer Center Seeks Coordinator

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's ShoreCAN Volunteer Center is seeking a volunteer coordinator to serve the community as a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member beginning **July 1st**.

The ShoreCAN Volunteer Coordinator is a 12 month grant-funded position. A post-service education award or cash stipend upon completion of a year of service is also available. Requirements for the position include an associate's degree, or equivalent experience, excellent communication, organizational and interpersonal skills. Candidates with supervisory, nonprofit or volunteer coordination experience are preferred.

For more information about the Volunteer Coordinator position visit www.shorecan.org.

ShoreCAN Stats

The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center is excited by the progress we are making and the impact we are having in the community!

We currently have:

- 90 Partner Organizations
- 124 Active Volunteer Opportunities
- 136 Volunteers
- 198 Volunteer Connections with Local Organizations
- 18 Events

We look forward to the addition of organizations, opportunities, and volunteers in the coming months.

Follow the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore on Facebook or Twitter!



National Volunteer Week 2010



National Volunteer Week has once again come and gone and the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center is proud to announce that the numerous projects we sponsored through the community were successful. We plan on sharing stories and announcing award winners in the weeks to come. The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center is proud to be your partner in making the spirit of service come alive on the Lower Eastern Shore. We are inspired by all of the volunteers who make our community stronger and are delighted to say THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the users of The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center who recognize and act upon the idea that volunteer service is a key ingredient in making neighborhoods, cities, states, nations, and the world better places for us all. Thank you to each of our nonprofit partners providing local volunteers with so many opportunities to explore their own talents and passions through service.

Thank you to the Eastern Shore Business Leaders Network for helping to lead the Community Cleanup at the Salisbury Zoo. This event helped to spruce up the zoo after a long winter and raised awareness of the potential of people with disabilities.

Thank you to Maryland Coastal Bays, the Ocean City Chapter Surfrider Foundation and the Town of Ocean City for organizing the Ocean City Earth Day Cleanup. This event helped to get Ocean City ready for the busy tourist season.

Thank you to Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experience (DLITE) for organizing Delmarva Birding Weekend. They traveled up and down the Eastern Shore identifying different species of birds to compile a comprehensive bird guide for the Eastern Shore.

Thank you to the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance for constructing a Rain Garden in Vienna. The rain garden will help to filter runoff before it reaches local waterways, helping to protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Thank you to the Town of Berlin and Grow Berlin Green for organizing a Community-Wide Clean Up Event in Berlin. This event was a step in keeping Berlin clean and green for generations to come!

Thank you to the Church Street Neighborhood Safety Team for helping to clean up the Church Street area in Salisbury. Cleaning up in your own neighborhood is a small but crucial example of how you can make a difference.

Thank you to the Salisbury Zoo for hosting the Earth Day celebration and Zoo Stampede. This event helped to raise awareness on Earth Day of how we all should appreciate and keep the Earth as clean as possible.



Thank you to the Eireann Mhor Homeowners Association for replenishing the trees along Dykes Road as well as creating a butterfly garden in the community play area.

Thank you to MAC, Inc for creating a therapeutic garden that will be handicapped accessible and will provide seniors a place of beauty to enjoy and to promote the health and wellness.

Thank you to the Somerset County Arts Council for helping to beautify their community by creating a mural on the "Snowball Stand" on Main Street in Crisfield.

Thank you to Worcester Technical High School for cleaning up the stretch of Rt. 113 directly adjacent to the high school, helping to keep the area beautiful and litter free.

Thank you to the Assateague Coastal Trust for supporting the Berlin Parks Clean Up and Demonstration Rain Garden Project at Stephen Decatur and Henry Parks.

Thank you all for everything you do in our community to make the Lower Eastern Shore such a wonderful place to call home. We look forward to highlighting some of these project in upcoming newsletters!

Volunteer Highlight

One of the most often quoted reasons for not volunteering is "I just can't find the time." Heather Malone, a mother of three with a full time job, thinks differently. "If you don't think you can find the time, you have to make the time," states Malone. She sets quite an example for others to follow and demonstrates that anyone can find time to volunteer.

Heather certainly does keep a busy schedule when she is not volunteering. In addition to being a mother to three children, she is an accountant at Lifetime Masonry. She coaches her daughter's softball team and is a Mary Kay consultant. Heather loves to stay busy. She doesn't just volunteer for one organization, but for three! She has volunteered with the [Salvation Army](#) holiday Kettle Drive for the past two years, and for the past three years, Heather has served as a "[Meals on Wheels](#)" driver, helping to provide food to the elderly and disabled.



As a [Junior Achievement](#) volunteer, Heather provides classroom programs to local students on business and finances; she absolutely adores the children and they love when she comes in to teach. "You never know what the kids are going to say," exclaimed Malone, "it does not take that much time to teach a class and the teachers really appreciate it and they also get to see how much you care about education." Malone stated, "Their education is what I make it."

With such a busy schedule I had to ask her when she had time to relax. "Once again, if you can not find the time, you have to make the time to relax," she replied. Heather enjoys going with her husband to the races in Harrington and Dover, as well as doing yard work and just getting on the tractor and riding around the yard! As I talked to Heather I could not help but ask myself if I would be able to manage my time as well as she does. Heather is an example to mothers and volunteers everywhere. "I definitely recommend everyone trying to teach a class for Junior Achievement. It is about touching the lives of children and seeing smiles on their faces when you walk into the classroom," said Malone. It was a pleasure to get to sit down and talk with Heather and share

2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service

[The National Conference on Volunteering and](#)

[Service](#) is the world's largest gathering of volunteer and service leaders from the nonprofit, government and corporate sectors. This years conference will take place from **June 28th through the 30th.**

The annual event provides attendees with an opportunity to learn, connect and be inspired through exciting and informative plenary sessions, workshops, special events, service projects, exhibits, specialized corporate tracks and more.

If you or your organization deals with volunteers in any capacity, this is an event you do not want to miss!

Nonprofit Highlight: Women Supporting Women



[Women Supporting Women](#) is a "grassroots organization with no affiliation to any national group, so we rely on the local community for continued support" stated Sue Revelle, Executive Director of Women Supporting Women, "All of our funding stays right here on Delmarva." The work this organization does and the services they provide for our community are invaluable. Their mission is to provide awareness, education and support to all those who are affected by breast cancer. Women Supporting Women is an example of an organization who not only fulfills their mission statement but goes above and beyond with the services they provide.

Women Supporting Women was founded in 1993 by three area women: Harriette Fine, Carol Prager and Sue Revelle. They started the group out of their homes after discovering the need to help women through their journey with breast cancer. "We believe in women being their own advocates, so we assist them with that," Revelle remarked, "Control or lack thereof is one of the biggest issues and we teach them to be in control, be their own advocates and make informed decisions."

The services provided by this outstanding organization are exemplary and varied. Monthly support meetings, led by a licensed facilitator, are held throughout the Eastern Shore. Private and confidential mentoring by an individual matched to age and circumstances is also available. Education and awareness programs are provided through such services as guest speakers, the lending library, monthly newsletters, the website and public events. These services are varied to serve all those dealing with breast cancer including the newly diagnosed, those experiencing a recurrence, patients receiving treatment such as chemotherapy or radiation and children/families of breast cancer patients.

There are numerous ways that you can join this organization and help them fulfill their mission. You can participate in one of the many local events that they sponsor and support their efforts as a volunteer. Lisa Twilley, Director of Volunteers stated, "Without volunteers we would not be able to fulfill our mission, they are truly a blessing to our organization." Volunteers for Women Supporting Women can do a number of things including compiling educational tote bags, helping with events and health fairs, replenishing the boutique, straightening up the wig room and lending library, as well as being a guest speaker for those affected by breast cancer.

Women Supporting Women provides a vital service to the Eastern Shore and they need to help to continue making an impact. Donate your time to a worthy cause...inspire those who are affected by breast cancer. Help give hope to those who may feel like they have lost it. Volunteer for Women Supporting Women and make an impact in someone's life today! Visit them on the web at www.womensupportingwomen.org

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