



# ShoreCAN

## Volunteer Center

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### Inspirational Quote

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

~James Matthew Barrie

### Latest Statistics

As of June 15th, the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center has:

161 Volunteers

117 Opportunities

94 Organizations

### Save the Date! Lower Shore Volunteer Fair—09/25/10, 10am—2pm

You asked for it, you got it. ShoreCAN is proud to be partnering with a number of local volunteer organizations for the first annual Lower Shore Volunteer Fair at Wor-Wic Community College on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 10am to 2pm. This will be a tremendous opportunity to highlight the valuable contributions of local nonprofit and community organizations and illustrate the meaningful ways that individuals, families, groups, and businesses can get involved. Don't miss your chance to be part of this regional event! Registration will open soon with information posted on [www.shorecan.org](http://www.shorecan.org). A big thanks to the Partners of this event: Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, RSVP and MAC, Inc., Salisbury University Volunteer Center, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, Worcester County Volunteer Services, and the Community Foundation. We Look forward to seeing you there.

**Volunteer Spotlight: Greg Horsey**

By Ann Reading, Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County Marketing Intern

Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County is extremely proud of its most involved volunteer of 2009, eighteen-year-old Greg Horsey of Salisbury. With 525 hours of service under his belt from August through December 2009, and 674 to date, Greg surpasses the second greatest volunteer by a whopping 87 hours.

Greg says when he heard that he was the top volunteer for the entire Wicomico County Habitat affiliate, he was speechless. He first became involved with Habitat through the Telamon job-training program, which pays its employees to participate in local non-profit organizations while they search for other employment. When the job-training program ended in December, Greg continued contributing great portions of his time working at Habitat’s ReStore in Salisbury without pay.

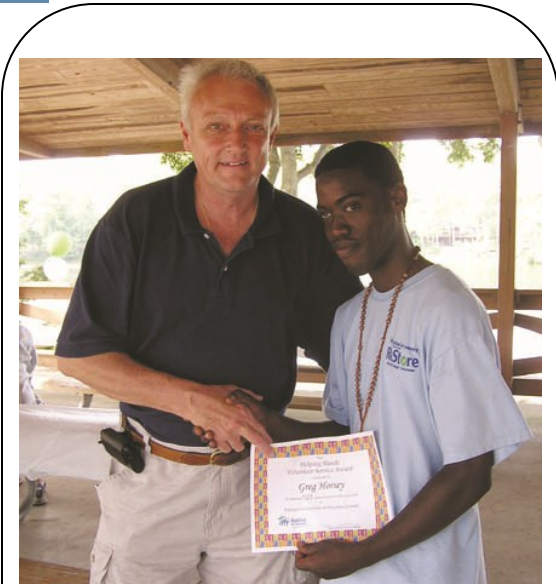
The ReStore sells new and slightly-used building supplies, furniture, and appliances at greatly reduced prices to raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County’s home building program. In the ReStore, Greg works in the warehouse and helps organize donations, but says his favorite part of volunteering lies in the strong spirit of teamwork he’s found among his fellow volunteers and Habitat employees. This bond encourages him to follow through with volunteering, even as he continues to search for a job.

“I just want to show people that you can’t blame things on where you came from. I come from one of the worst neighborhoods in Salisbury, and I’m still out here trying to give back,” Greg said. Habitat is grateful for the part this devoted and positive young man has played in betterment of this community. Because of his devotion to Habitat, Greg was recently hired as part of the ReStore’s staff as a customer service representative.

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Thank you to Ann and Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County for sharing this wonderful story with ShoreCAN. And, a big THANKS to Greg for his commitment and best of luck in his new position. If you would like to highlight an outstanding volunteer, please contact Erica Joseph at [joseph@cfes.org](mailto:joseph@cfes.org).

**ShoreCAN is VISTA Sponsor for 2010/2011!**

The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center and the Community Foundation are pleased to be continuing as an Americorps VISTA sponsor site for 2010/2011 as a partner with [Volunteer Maryland](#). A special thanks to Jon Fitzsimmons who served as our first ShoreCAN coordinator, we wish Jon the best of luck on his future endeavors. Look for the announcement of our new VISTA later this summer. Until then, don’t hesitate to contact Erica Joseph for assistance. As always you can reach us at 410-742-9911 or [shorecan@cfes.org](mailto:shorecan@cfes.org).



Maryland Delegate Jim Mathias congratulates Greg Horsey on his Volunteer Service Award at Habitat’s annual volunteer appreciation picnic.

### Nonprofit Highlight: Art Institute and Gallery

The Art Institute and Gallery, located in Downtown Salisbury's Gallery Building, is a hidden gem for art lovers and students of all ages and skill levels. For nearly 58 years, the AI&G has served as a local, artist-friendly gallery where artists ranging from the most distinguished to the aspiring and growing can exhibit and sell their artworks.



Each year, there are ten or more different judged exhibitions which offer cash prizes to the winners and a wonderful opportunity for visitors to experience a variety of themes and mediums. The largest annual exhibition is February's youth show, highlighting works from children in pre-school through 12th grade. In the past, over 350 pieces have been shown and the gallery welcomes more than 300 guests for this exhibition.

In addition to the juried shows, the AI&G also provides a wide range of education classes for ages 4 and up. Day classes, workshops, and youth summer camps provide an opportunity for artists (or budding artists) to experience everything from watercolor to fiber arts to jewelry making and even pottery! The Art Institute and Gallery is the only gallery in the area with an on-site pottery studio. Through the efforts of Education Director Kate Cashman and the requests of students, new instructors and classes are constantly being developed.

If you enjoy appreciating art more than making it, don't forget to explore the AI&G's Martha Gue' Gift Show—named for Martha Gue' who was the volunteer manager of the shop for more than 25 years. It is the perfect spot to find original artworks in all mediums along with unique hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, photographs, watercolors, glassware, and even free trade items right here on the Eastern Shore.

Like most local nonprofits, the Art Institute and Gallery views their volunteers as the "life-blood" of the organization. While many organizations focus on providing valuable human services needs, the Art Institute and Gallery is serving a critical mission of our community as well. One simply has to "imagine a world without art," in the words of AI&G Office Manager Andrea Hamilton, to understand the passion that she and her colleagues have for fostering appreciation for the arts and local artists.

Summer is a busy time of the year for the Art Institute so now is the perfect time to get involved. Volunteer support is always appreciated, but is specifically needed in the Gallery (to help with the rotating shows), the Gift Shop (volunteers can sign up for 2-hour shifts), Fundraising and with other activities including publicity, education, special events, volunteer development, and Board of Director membership. Additionally, the AI&G is a membership organization with student, senior, individual, and family membership levels. Critical funds from membership support the mission of the organization.

Thanks to the Art Institute and Gallery for all they do to support local artists and to encourage an appreciation of the arts in our community. If you would like to learn more about the AI&G, visit [www.artinstituteandgallery.com](http://www.artinstituteandgallery.com).

## Gulf Coast Recovery: Tips for Donors and Volunteers

Excerpt from [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

In the wake of any disaster, many reach for their checkbooks and donate money to aid and rescue organizations. The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance cautions, however, that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is unlike previous disasters and offers specific advice to potential donors and volunteers. “Although tens of thousands of individuals are already involved in the response to the oil spill, many others wonder how they can pitch in and help, whether it means writing a check or volunteering their time,” said Art Taylor, President and CEO of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance. “Businesses, communities, and wildlife across several states have been seriously impacted by the spill and the need for assistance is great. However, the constraints in the clean up effort limit what charities can do with your money or how you can volunteer”

The BBB recommends caution when donating funds by researching organizations and avoiding third-party referrals. A list of organizations meeting the BBB Wise Giving Alliance standards can be viewed here: <http://www.bbb.org/us/article/charities-assisting-gulf-coast-oil-spill-clean-up-20061>. Also be sure to keep checking because needs will be ongoing and new resources may be needed over time.

ShoreCAN Addendum:

There are key volunteer mobilization groups in the region including:

Volunteer Louisiana ([www.volunteerlouisiana.gov](http://www.volunteerlouisiana.gov))

Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service ([www.mcv.org](http://www.mcv.org))

Volunteer Florida ([www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org))

211 Connects Alabama ([www.211connectsalabama.org](http://www.211connectsalabama.org))

Additionally, many community foundations in the Gulf Coast Region have mobilized to support recovery efforts and can be an excellent source of information on where and how to give locally.

## Americans Volunteer 100 Million MORE Hours in 2009!

Volunteering is at its highest levels since 2003. The Corporation for National and Community Service indicates that more than 63.4 million people volunteered in 2009. Women and African-Americans represent the bulk of the increase in volunteers. A total of 8.1 billion hours were given with the average volunteer contributing 52 hours of service. And, according to CNCS, this only reflects those serving through formal volunteer activities and organizations—not capturing those giving their time in “neighbor helping neighbor” activities. The director of the CNCS, Patrick Covington states that this is an indication that during challenging times, people are “turning toward problems... they want to be part of the solution... they want to make a difference.” For more information, visit [www.volunteeringinamerica.gov](http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov).

**THANK YOU to the Daily Times!**

The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center would like to thank the Daily Times for its commitment to promoting volunteer opportunities on the Lower Eastern Shore. Since February, the Daily Times has committed space each week to highlight volunteer opportunities from the ShoreCAN online database. From the feedback we have received, people are seeing those listings and visiting the website! A special thanks to Cindy Robinson for her assistance. Be sure to get your opportunities posted so they can be included in our Daily Times listing!

**Upcoming Events**

**Holly Community and the Special Olympics Seeking Volunteers**

Wednesday, July 28th—Volunteers needed to assist with events. Contact Rose for more information at 443-260-0822.

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**The Anne Arundel and Howard County Volunteer Centers Need Your Help!**

Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 10:30am—2:30pm  
Disaster Volunteer Mobilization Center EXERCISE  
Savage Library, 9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723

Experience and test the Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) process used by Howard and Ann Arundel County Volunteer Centers. Registering spontaneous volunteer is more than paperwork. This exercise will help the VMC test its capacity to respond in a disaster. Learn how to be of service in an emergency or be on hand to help others learn how to handle an influx of “unexpected” volunteers. For more information, contact the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County at 410-897-9207 or [info@volunteerannearundel.org](mailto:info@volunteerannearundel.org)