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Volunteer Center

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Inspirational Quote

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

-- Ghandi

Latest Statistics

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

157 Active Opportunities
95 Active Organizations
180 Active Volunteers
263 Referrals

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

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 - 2pm.

There will be fun for kids and families and door prizes for everyone. For more information go to:

www.volunteerfair.org



ShoreCAN Introduces Heather Towers

The ShoreCAN Volunteer Center would like to welcome Heather Towers who began her year of VISTA service on August 2nd. Heather will be serving as the ShoreCAN Coordinator and would love to hear from you!

She is a Salisbury University student majoring in International Studies and has worked locally as a volunteer with many of our ShoreCAN partners. We are thrilled to be partnering again with Volunteer Maryland VISTA Program and on behalf of everyone at CFES and ShoreCAN - welcome Heather!



Heather Towers

2010 AmeriCorps Vista Member

Volunteer Spotlight: Arlene Page

Arlene Page is one of "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" and in 2006 she won that award in appreciation of her service work in Worcester County. Arlene is a retired National Security Agency housing officer who speaks fondly of her years with the NSA. She was able to travel and lived in London for three years while she worked at the American Embassy. After her retirement from the NSA, Arlene served as the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in Worcester County. She has committed the years since her retirement to volunteering and chooses to make a difference by donating her time and energy across ten different organizations performing such jobs as director, board member, coordinator, and educator. She is especially interested in patriotism and affordable housing initiatives. Arlene's many hours of dedication have benefitted organizations such as the Democratic Party, The Veterans Memorial Board, The Community Church of Ocean Pines, Habitat for Humanity, and the Worcester County Affordable Housing Task Force.



Arlene Page

2006 Maryland Most Beautiful People

Arlene's husband Ted supports her volunteerism by occasionally serving on committees with her or jumping in wherever needed. Currently, both are assisting potential public office candidates in Worcester County. Ted is also retired and is an accomplished photographer. A few fond volunteer memories for Arlene are the times she organized one hundred volunteers to frame a house in one day for Habitat for Humanity and the day her flag etiquette class was complicated by high winds (thankfully Ted was on hand that day).

Volunteer Spotlight Continued: Arlene Page

Arlene's list of achievements is impressive but even more so is her lasting ambition to help and educate others. She feels that every person should have a home to be proud of and should have a sense of pride in themselves and their communities. Arlene will tell you that sometimes those things come from the successful results of a volunteering project and sometimes they come from basic human compassion, fellowship, and connection with the people we meet through volunteer projects. Arlene also feels that the younger you start volunteering the longer you will do it and the easier and more natural it becomes.

Join us in thanking Arlene Page for all of her hard work, dedication, and selfless service to her community. Thank you Arlene, for just being YOU!

Nonprofit Highlight: United Way

The United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore has been making a difference in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties since 1944. This year alone, United Way is providing over \$1.3 million to fund 57 different local non-profit programs focused on education and helping children succeed, financial stability for families in crisis, and health for the aging and vulnerable. This support touches the lives of over 100,000 of the less fortunate each year. Such community impact is made possible through over 15,000 donors, local businesses giving employees a chance to give through payroll deduction, corporate contributions, and hundreds of volunteers who sacrifice so much because they know all dollars stay right here on the Lower Shore helping local people.

The local United Way provides efficiency and stewardship for the Lower Shore's four counties with a total staff of just 5 employees. United Way support saves the non-profit community thousands of hours in fundraising efforts and dollars which allows agencies to concentrate on helping people in need instead of fundraising all year long. Additionally, staff and trained volunteers spend over 600 hours every year to ensure every contribution is directed to programs that are efficient and able to demonstrate measurable results.

Volunteers are a key to the local United Way's success. Volunteers provide support such as marketing and outreach efforts, assisting with the management of office functions, special projects at agencies, promoting employee campaigns and local business involvement, and serving on the Board and various committees. One of the most impressive aspects of the United Way's volunteer program is not only the way it engages community members in the organization's mission, but the extent to which all volunteers are recognized for their contributions.

Nonprofit Highlight Continued: United Way

The recent Live United theme has provided a unified direction among the United Way, its agencies, donors, volunteers, and the community as a whole. Whether you hear it from a staff member or volunteer, or see it on a t-shirt or billboard - the United Way encourages everyone to Live United to help the less fortunate in our community. At United Way, they don't just wear the shirt...they live it!

If you would like to learn more about how to Live United - how to Give, Advocate, or Volunteer - contact Aaron Reid at the United Way at www.unitedway4us.org or 410-742-5143.

Henson and Morris Awards

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is accepting nominations for the [Award of Excellence honoring Richard A. Henson](#) and the [Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award](#) until September 24th.

The award recipients will be announced at the annual meeting and luncheon of the Community Foundation which will be held on Friday, November 5, at The Fountains Conference Center in Salisbury. Both awards are considered among the most prestigious honoring philanthropic service in this region.

Recipients are selected by a committee of community residents from nominations submitted by the public. Application forms for the awards are attached or available at our website www.cfes.org. For more information contact B.J. Summers at summers@cfes.org or 410-742-9911.

Volunteer Snapshot

- As a nation enjoying a thirty year high in volunteering, we are more engaged in public service than ever. Below are some very interesting facts about volunteers.
Most volunteers are between the ages of 35-55
- Volunteers are twice more likely to donate to a charitable cause than non volunteers
- An average volunteer's hour of time is worth \$20.25
- Volunteers live longer and have better mental health than non volunteers
- Volunteers that have graduated college are five times likelier to serve

Source: Pepsi Refresh Project <http://www.refresheverything.com/index>



Back to School

Junior Achievement teaches age appropriate programs, through fun activities, to kids K-12 about the world around them! Chose a school and grade preference, visit a class everyday for a week, lead the class with fun activities to teach them life skills, financial literacy, and work readiness skills. Each class is 45 minutes and all materials are provided! At this time volunteers are needed at Chipman Elementary, Delmar Elementary 2nd grade classes. Administrative volunteer positions are also available.

Contact JA at 410-742-8112 or click here: [Shorecan Database](#) to sign up.

Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are brief details of several new opportunities entered into the ShoreCAN database in August. Please visit www.shorecan.org for more details.

Opportunity: [Office Assistant](#)
Organization: [Joseph House](#)
Contact: Sister Jennifer Fletcher
Phone: 410-749-4239

Opportunity: [Volunteer Solicitor](#)
Organization: [Salisbury Zoological Park](#)
Contact: Stacy Weisner
Phone: 443-880-8627

Opportunity: [Cat Trapper/Transporter](#)
Organization: [Towncats, Inc.](#)
Contact: Susan Coleman
Phone: 443-909-8047

Upcoming Events

August 29th Governor's Volunteer Appreciate Day at the Maryland State Fair - contact the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism at <http://www.gosv.state.md.us/> for discounted entrance and ride tickets and more information!

September 11th - National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 18th - Pocomoke Fall Festival - come visit our booth!

September 25th - Lower Shore Volunteer Fair