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Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

It is one of the beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Save the Dates

Hands On Detroit Day
May 20

Metro Youth Day
July 12



Hands on Detroit Day continues our 15-year tradition of working together for a day of cleanup and fix-up around Detroit and helping Volunteer Impact at the same time. Our annual fundraiser, HODD is important to VI to show our commitment to the City of Detroit and our commitment to the projects that VI has to offer. The minimum pledge remains only \$25 per person and we will have a family rate for the first time this year, a minimum pledge of \$75 for a family of four, and \$10 for each additional person.

Many of our familiar projects will be back this year, as our organizers are getting HODD to take shape. In the works are cleanup and fix-up projects with Preserve Our Parks, Bridging Communities, and the Detroit Ronald McDonald House among other agencies which are represented each year at HODD.

This year we are partnering with the NorthRidge Church in Plymouth and the Salvation Army to begin a neighborhood cleanup and fix-up program in the Grandale Corps and Community Center of the Salvation Army, located near Greenfield and Plymouth in Detroit. We plan to clean up lots near the community center, do some cleaning in the community center itself and, weather permitting, help neighbors fix up their yards and paint the exteriors of their houses. The Salvation Army has even promised a mid-day barbeque at this special event. VI will then follow up with projects at the Grandale location during the remainder of the spring, and if the need is there, into the summer.

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Saturday
May 20, 2006
8:00 AM Kick-Off
Comerica Park

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From the President:

Raise your Hands for Hands On Detroit Day



Nancy Welber Barr

help Volunteer Impact. This annual hands-on fundraiser is an opportunity for groups and families to show support for an organization which provides non-profit agencies with volunteers and volunteers with opportunities to serve the community at no charge on the other 364 days of the year.

We encourage you to come with your friends, your family, your school group, your group from work, or your group from your church. The minimum donation to receive a Hands on Detroit Day T-Shirt is \$25. However, this year we will also have a family rate of \$75 for a family of four and \$10 for each additional person. You may sign up on line. To get your choice of project, we encourage you to sign up early, as some projects may fill up. If you have a large group (20+), we

May 20 marks our 15th annual Volunteer-a-Thon – Hands on Detroit Day. On that Saturday, we will gather in front of Comerica Park to clean up and fix up Detroit and to

help Volunteer Impact.

We encourage you to come with your friends, your family, your school group, your group from work, or your group from your church.

can arrange for you to have a special sign up place on our website for your group. You will notice we have already done that for the NorthRidge Church of Plymouth and the Mitch Albom Time to Help Project. Both groups will go to our newest project, the Grandale Salvation Army community clean-up. We are very excited about that project and we hope it becomes an annual HODD project. You can pay your pledge when you

sign up but we encourage you to wait and pay at the event. Why? The minimum pledge is \$25, but we hope you will consider raising more for Volunteer Impact. Hands on Detroit Day goes a long way toward helping with our monthly expenses. We are bare bones but

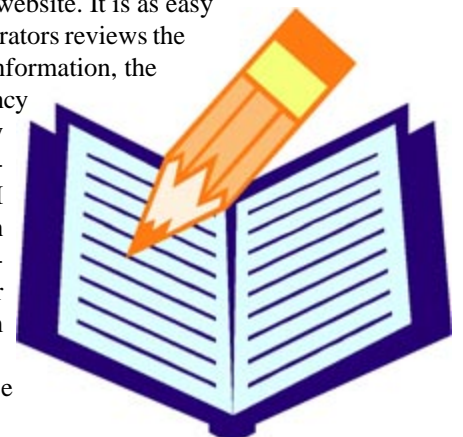
keeping our website up to date and having phone and web access costs money. We can't do it without your help. It's been a tough few years for Detroit. We know that first-hand. Frankly, there have been times in the last year when we were not sure we would be around to have another HODD. We're glad there will be and may there be many more. But, please be generous so Volunteer Impact can continue to *Revitalize Metro Detroit through Volunteering.*

Agency Coordinators - Take Control

Agencies will have an easier time adding projects to our calendar. All it takes is e-mail to Volunteer Impact –one time– and you can add projects as you need them.

E-mail us at volunteer_impact@yahoo.com and give us the information for your agency's volunteer coordinator. You will receive the status of "agency coordinator" and you will be able to enter projects on the Volunteer Impact website. It is as easy as filling out a form. Once our website administrators reviews the project to be sure we have all of the relevant information, the project will be entered on our calendar. If the agency coordinator or someone else from your agency will act as the project coordinator (PC), the person who will interact with the VI volunteers, VI will identify that person as a PC. The PC can print out the website for the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the volunteers for your project. The list even prints out in the form of a sign-in sheet for the date of the project.

Get your volunteer needs posted faster. Use our new Web-based sign up system.



Hands on Detroit Day

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Recruiting Your Team

Putting together your Hands on Detroit Day team is easy! Here are some suggestions on how to recruit team volunteers:

Recruit Co-Leaders: Ask several key people to be co-leaders with you. By having co-leaders help organize and recruit volunteers, you can reach more people and build a bigger team. Select people like yourself who can motivate others to join in this fun and worthwhile event. At work, you might ask your personnel manager, a colleague from each department or floor, senior officers of the organization, etc., or you can work with friends to recruit a large group.

Recruit Volunteers: Start by asking your closest friends to volunteer. Then ask them to recruit their friends and families as volunteers or financial sponsors. Put up posters with your name and phone number.

Getting The Pledges: The most effective way to recruit a team of volunteers is to ask people face to face. When you approach people about becoming part of Hands on

Detroit Day, give them a HODD brochure.

This explains the event and the fundraising component. Tell them to think about it like a walk-a-thon—they can sponsor you for \$8 an hour or \$40 for the whole day of community service. For the frugal people you know, tell their pledge is tax deductible (it is!).

Follow-Up: The best way to get volunteers to participate is by following up; it's a great way to remind your team members about the date of Hands on Detroit Day and ensure a great turnout!

Call Volunteer Impact at (248) 932-2580 and tell us you want to help. We'll plug you into the process. You get great music, free food, and can become eligible for prizes. On top of that you get to help others. It's a great day for everyone!

Visit www.volunteerimpact.org to sign up. The pledge sheet (page 7) and required waiver form (page 8) can be printed out from this newsletter.

everybody and can be signed at the event or downloaded under RESOURCES. Anyone under 18 must have a waiver signed by a guardian.

3. Pick Your Program – Descriptions for activities at each site are listed on our events calendar. Click on the site for a description of the activities at each site. Volunteer activities include such things as Packaging or Delivering Food, Painting, Housing Rehab and Outdoor Beautification. See the list at left and pick an event where you think you would best like to offer your abilities.

4. Gather Pledges – Print out the attached pledged sheet on Page 2 and start collecting pledges.

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Comerica Park**

There's Still Time to Sign Up!

1. Sign Up – To sign up for an event, please call our office, or sign up online by visiting www.volunteerimpact.org and clicking on the "FORMS" tab at the top of the page.

2. Sign the Waiver – The waiver is required for

Projects:

- Focus: HOPE
- Bridging Communities
- Greening of Detroit
- Habitat for Humanity
- Northwest Detroit Neighborhood
- Preserve Our Parks
- Ronald McDonald House
- Southwest Detroit Graffiti-Free Parade Co.
- Grandale Salvation Army
- and NorthRidge Church (Time to Help)
- See Page 6 for a complete list.

How to Get There



HODD is sponsored by Olympia Entertainment, a division of Ilitch holdings. Olympia Entertainment has also generously donated free parking in the Fox structure or Comerica Park Lot No. 3, on Woodward Ave. across from the Fox Theater.

From the South – I-75 N. to exit 50 (Grand River Ave.) Stay straight on the I-75 Service drive. Turn right on Woodward. Comerica Park is on the left.

From the West – Take I-94 E. to I-96 E. to I-75 N. to exit 50 (Grand River Ave.). Stay straight on the I-75 service drive. Turn right onto Woodward. Comerica Park is on the left.

From the North – I-75 S., exit on Madison. Stay straight on Madison turn right on to Grand Circus/Witherell St.

From Central Northwestern Detroit – M-10 S. to Grand River exit. Turn left onto Grand River, heading south. Then turn left onto the I-75 service drive, heading east. Stay straight on the service drive. Turn right onto Woodward. Comerica Park is on the left.

From Windsor, Canada/Detroit Tunnel – Turn right on to Jefferson heading East. Get in the far left hand lane and do a loop around so you are headed West on Jefferson. Take Jefferson to Woodward Ave. and turn right, heading North. Comerica Park is about 10 blocks ahead on the right.



Volunteer Opportunities for May 2006

ONGOING EVENTS

Arts and Scraps

Recycling for learning and fun. Located at 16135 Harper in Detroit, volunteers are needed on ongoing basis.

Warehouse volunteers usually come in groups and perform duties such as sorting materials and putting together project kits. When we go to events, projects are preassembled and volunteers can help assist there too...groups and individuals welcome! Requirements for volunteers...enjoy working with children and availability to volunteer a 3 or 4 hour shift. We welcome mature young people and/or those accompanied by an adult. We also like to engage seniors, retirees. Volunteers can visit our website...www.artsandscraps.org to learn more and view events where volunteers are requested. They may contact me at artsandscraps@hotmail.com to sign up.

The Children's Center, 79 W. Alexandrine, Detroit

Tutoring clients in a variety of subjects. Training and screening. Also need a tutor-liaison for M, T, W, TH, 4-6p.m. Contact: Amy Devone 313 262-1220 if interested. People needed: 3 or more per day. Ages: 18-50+

Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

After-school homework help Contact Dr. Donald M. Lutas at (313) 896-1843.

Volunteer Impact Office Assistance, 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 240, West Bloomfield

Volunteers are needed any M,T,W,Th or F to help staff the Volunteer Impact Office to answer phone, monitor VI calendar, help register volunteers and activities and general office assistance. Volunteer an hour or few days...whatever you can do to help would be great! Contact VI at volunteer_impact@yahoo.com or (248) 932-2580.

Hadassah Doll-Making Project

Hadassah and community volunteers of all ages are creating very cuddly rag dolls used in "medical play" for sick and/or injured children needing either in-patient or out-patient care. Volunteers trace, cut, pin, sew, stuff, dress and distribute dolls for the children to decorate and keep. Most project tasks do not require specialized sewing skills or training and are held at Hadassah House every Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Contact Greater Detroit Hadassah Office (248) 683-5030 or Eleanor Smith at (248) 626-0762 or elephil@comcast.net

New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale

Need 10 volunteers to pack food boxes for distribution Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.,

Last two Thursdays of the month 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., and the Saturdays which precede the last two Thursday of the month 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Noon Call Nancy at (313) 383-6577

May 1 - Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 2 - Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps

1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 3 - Wed

10:00a -12:00p Lighthouse of Oakland County-Packaging fruits and vegetables
Volunteers needed to package fruits & Veggies when they are delivered to Lighthouse on the first Wednesday of each month. Needed: 3 - 4 people. Involves light lifting and requires some bending at the waist as we currently are packaging the bags on

the floor.

Contact: Ken Fuerst (248) 683-9788 or kenn1st@comcast.net

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 4 - Thu

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 6 - Sat

9:00a -12:00p Spring Cleaning at Angel's Place

Volunteers needed for spring cleaning, raking, and weeding.

People needed: 10-15 This is a great opportunity for church groups, teens, adults and corporate volunteer service.

Contact Debbie Stevenson (248) 350-

2203 or dstevenson@angelsplace.com
Raindate: May 13th

9:00a -1:00p Greening of Detroit, Tree Planting, Meet at Hart Plaza to plant 50 trees.

11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps

9:00p -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry

May 7 - Sun

4:30p -7:30p Ronald McDonald House, Ann Arbor

Bring a dish to serve at a Sunday potluck for families residing in the house while their child is in the hospital. 1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI. 48104. Call Volunteer Impact (248) 559-4950, leave message for Dolores Oakley. 8 volunteers needed.

May 8 - Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 9 - Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps

Volunteer Opportunities for May 2006



May 9 – Tue

1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 10 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 11 – Thu

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 13 – Sat

9:00a -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry
9:00a -1:00p Greening of Detroit, 4-H Community Center & Gratiot Woods Planting 25 street trees. Need 50 volunteers. Meet at 5710 McClellan, Detroit 48213.
11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps

May 15 – Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 16 – Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 17 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
Greening of Detroit, Skinner Park: Planting 30 trees to help reforest and beautify this park. Needed: 80 volunteers. Meet at the corner of Duchess and Britain, 12100 Duchess, Detroit, 48224, behind Denby High School. Contact Greening of Detroit for times. Phone: (313) 237-8733, Fax: (313) 237-8737 E-mail: info@greeningofdetroit.com

Greening of Detroit, Lumley/Priest: Planting 40 street trees around neighborhood and new school.. Meet at Priest Elementary located at 7840 Wagner, Detroit 48210 (corner of Lumley and Wagner). Contact Greening of Detroit for times: Phone: (313) 237-8733 Fax: (313) 237-8737. E-mail: info@greeningofdetroit.com

May 18 – Thu

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project
10:00a -2:00p New Hope Food Pantry
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 20 – Sat

8:00a-1:00 p.m.

HANDS ON DETROIT DAY

Help lift up an entire city with your bare hands! This is Volunteer Impact's 15 annual Spring fundraiser. All volunteers meet at Comerica Park at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, registration, and Sign up with your friends and co-workers, bring your whole team. Gather pledges from your friends to support your volunteer work throughout the city.

See column on Page 3 for choice of projects.

May 21 – Sun

1:30p -3:00p Arden Courts. Assist Alzheimer's patients with simple crafts. Persons needed: 5-8 Contact: Janet Evans (248) 644-8100

May 22 – Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 23 – Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 24 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 25 – Thu

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project
9:00a -3:00p Greening of Detroit Park Maintenance Day

Help spruce up The Greening of Detroit Park in Honor of Founder Elizabeth Gordon Sachs for the summer. Needed: 20 individuals to help weed, mulch, plant and cleanup. Volunteers should meet at 1463 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 48207.

10:00a -2:00p New Hope Food Pantry
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 27 – Sat

11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps

May 28 – Sun

4:30p -7:00p Ronald McDonald House Potluck Dinner for Residents

Bring a dish to serve to families living at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are hospitalized. It takes 5-7 people to make and serve dinner. Kitchen has several stoves and ovens for prep work. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Suggested 4:30[pm set-up, food prep, and tour of the facility. Try to avoid lasagna and Mexican. Meatloaf, chicken and turkey are great hits.

Note: If you have a group that would like to serve the whole meal, please email Volunteer Impact so that we can remove the event from the open calendar. Otherwise, Julie Kroflich will be the project coordinator. Please contact her at juliekroflich@yahoo.com or (248) 478-5168 to coordinate menu contributions.

May 29 – Mon

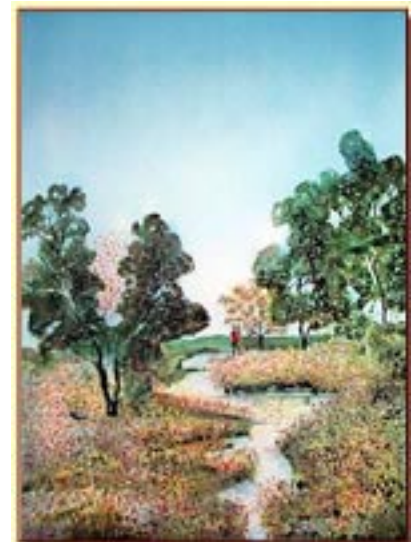
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

May 30 – Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

May 31 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center



HODD Projects

Focus: HOPE

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to Focus:HOPE at 1820 Mt. Elliot Detroit. Volunteers will be delivering food parcels. Number of persons needed: 10

Greening of Detroit

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers, will caravan to the Greening of Detroit Project site along the Rouge South Neighborhood to add 200 trees along the streets. Number of persons needed: 100

Habitat for Humanity

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteer will carpool or caravan to project site. Number of persons needed: 10 Project coordinator: Kim Haranczak

Northwest Detroit Neighborhood

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteer will carpool or caravan to project site. Number of persons needed: 100

Preserve Our Parks

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will carpool or caravan to project site. Number of persons needed: 50

Motor City Makeover

This project is awaiting approval.

Ronald MacDonald House, Detroit

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan or carpool to project site. Number of volunteers needed: 15 Project Coordinator: Karen Hanson

Southwest Detroit Graffiti-Free

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to project site. Number of persons needed: 25 Project Coordinator: Jim Gercak

Parade Company

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to project site. Address: 9500 Mt. Eliot, Detroit. Cleaning up outside building, possibly working on building floats. Number of persons needed: 25

Grandale, Salvation Army (Time to Help Project)

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to project site. Number of persons needed: 25-30 (more will be accepted) Project coordinator: Nancy Welber Barr

NorthRidge Church – Grandale, Salvation Army

After meeting at Comerica Park for the kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to project site. Number of persons needed: 100 (more will be accepted) Project coordinator: Lim Wijaya

Arts and Scraps

This project is waiting approval.

Check out our Improved Website

Volunteer Impact just updated its website to make volunteering and donating easier. When you go to our home page, you'll immediately see the list of volunteer events and announcements on the right side of the page. In addition, if you have an account, when you log on, you will receive announcements which merit your attention.

Your profile will now include your cell and home phone numbers so that we can contact you with last minute information. It makes it a lot easier for our project coordinator to reach you if the project is canceled due to a snowstorm, or for some other important reason. This information will not be used for anything other than contacting you with information about the project.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, agencies can now log on and enter projects at their convenience. And project coordinators can print list of volunteers for their projects anytime.

Tributes are easier now and you can make tributes in honor of or in memory of someone on line. Simply provide the information in the on-line form, pay with your credit card and VI will send out a tribute card.

Many of the changes are visible only to those of us who administer the website each day. We hope these upgrades will make your volunteer experience easier and more enjoyable.



Many useful options accompany VI's lovely new online digs.

Thank you for listing your volunteer projects with Volunteer Impact! We want to update the information we have for your projects, so please complete this form and return to the Volunteer Impact office as soon as possible. You can return this form by faxing to 248-932-2534, or by mailing or emailing it to the address listed at the bottom of the form. If you have any questions please call Karen Hanson at 248-559-4950 or email volunteer_impact@yahoo.com

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Contact person: _____

Email: _____

Who should our volunteers contact to sign up for the project?

_____ email or phone if different from above: _____
 Name Prefer both email and phone number

We need a project coordinator from VI

Brief Description of Project: _____

Time of project: _____

Number of volunteers needed: _____

Location of project (City): _____

Any restrictions for volunteers (age, requirements, etc) _____

Date of Projects: Indicate if this is a regularly scheduled project (ie every second Saturday)

Please write any additional dates on the back

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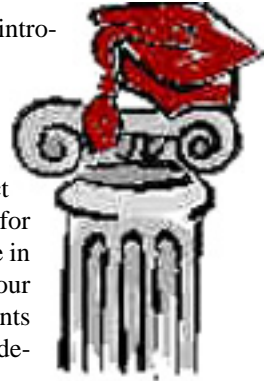
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Tributes

A Perfect Graduation Gift

What better gift to the graduate than a tribute card that introduces them to Volunteer Impact?

Tribute cards are available for a minimum contribution of \$10 each. You may purchase packets of 10 cards each, or we can mail the cards for you. VI Gift tribute cards are a wonderful way to honor the memory of someone, as well as the perfect answer for what to give co-workers, friends, teachers, and for those who already have everything. Your recipients will share in the knowledge that they have helped make an 'impact' on our community with your gift. Call VI to order your cards. Payments can be made by credit card or check. All donations are tax-deductible.



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