



VOLUNTEER
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Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

Picnic for Katrina Victims

We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join VI in welcoming to Detroit families from regions afflicted by the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes. The welcome picnic for the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina staying in Detroit area hotels will take place **Saturday, Oct. 8** at Annie Lathrup Park, located at 27400 Southfield Rd. Lathrup Village, between 11 and 12 Mile Roads on the east side of Southfield.

This is a family-friendly event. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to come meet and befriend Michigan's newest residents. This is our opportunity

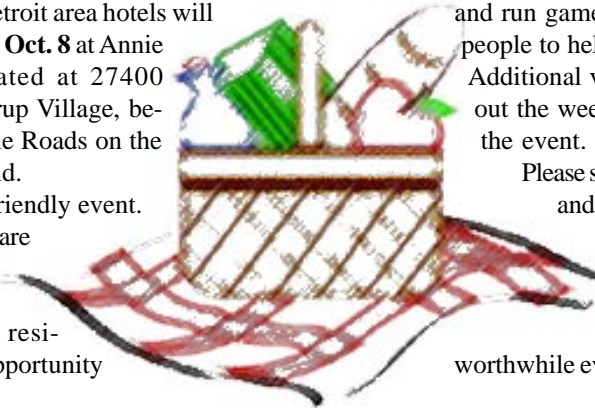
to show them the meaning of "Northern Hospitality."

We need volunteers from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to help set up the picnic, and run games and activities. We also need people to help with the cleanup afterwards. Additional volunteers are needed throughout the week to run errands leading up to the event.

Please sign up by calling (248) 559-4950, and indicating how many people are in your group and the times you are available to help.

Our thanks to volunteer Marci Fitch for organizing this

worthwhile event.



Save the Date

Adopt-a-Shelter,
Dec. 3



The PumpCAN Project

Calling all middle and high school students: **Have a hauntingly helpful Halloween holiday by collecting canned goods instead of candy on Halloween!** This is an excellent church, school or youth project. All it takes is a little organization and planning ahead. You will need to copy the flyer on the back page of this newsletter, indicating what organization you are representing, what time you will be out to collect the cans (we suggest between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.) and where you will be donating your canned goods. Your flyer should be passed out to your neighbors a week to three days before Halloween. Any of the food pantries listed on the **Volunteer Impact** calendar will be glad to accept your donations, or contact the Volunteer Impact Youth Board at volunteer_impact@yahoo.com to help you find a needy organization in your neighborhood.

2005-2006 Youth Board

The Volunteer Impact Youth Board is open to high school students throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. It meets the first Tuesday of every month to develop leadership skills, assist school communities by linking youth-oriented volunteer community service opportunities to schools, and to link high school youth across the Metropolitan Detroit community by volunteering.

Amidst good food and good talk, the board members help plan youth-friendly social action and volunteer opportunities and help to disseminate community service information to area schools, religious organizations and youth groups.

Each school or organization may have two to three representatives who can rotate through the year if necessary.

The **Volunteer Impact**

youth board is a partner with Youth Service America (YSA), a resource center that works with thousands of organizations committed to increasing the quality and quantity of volunteer services for young people in America. Founded in 1986, YSA's mission is to strengthen the effectiveness, sustainability, and scale of the youth service and service-learning fields.

Please contact **Volunteer Impact** if you are interested in serving on the 2005-'06 board.



Former youth board members painting a wall at the Michigan Parade Company

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Wish List for Adopt-A-Shelter Dec. 3, 2005

Infant/Toddler

Bibs
Cotton Balls
Blankets
Books
Booties
Bottles
Diaper Bag
Diapers
Hats/Mittens
Pacifiers
Sleepers
Snowsuits
Socks
Teethers
Wipes

Child (4-12)

Art Kits
Batteries
Board Games
Books
Boots
Coat
Coloring Book
Crayons
Dolls
Hats/Mittens
Overalls
Puzzles
Scarf
Slippers
Socks
Stuffed Animals
Sweatsuit
Toy Trucks/Cars
Underwear

Teenager

Backpack
Batteries
Board Games
Books
CD/MP3 Players
Clothing
Electronic Games
Football, Basketball
Headphones
Jewelry Kits
Pencils/Paper
Skateboards
Scooters
Slippers
Socks
Underwear
Wallets
Winter Clothing
(especially large sizes)

Parent

Alarm Clock
Bathrobes
Batteries
Books
Boots
Coat
Crossword Puzzles
Fanny Packs
Hats/Mittens
Headphones
Scarf
Slippers
Socks
Sweatsuit
Underwear

Household/Misc.

Band-Aids
Bath towels
Batteries
Blankets
Boots
Cleaning Supplies
Coat
Cottonballs
Dishwasher Soap
Drinking Glasses
Facial Soap
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Pots and Pans
Shampoo
Slippers
Socks
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste

Recommended sizes

Infant and 4-12 years: all sizes
Teenage: Large and Extra-large
Parent: Extra large and XXX-large



If you will be volunteering at Adopt a Shelter on Dec. 3, please bring your unwrapped donations with you. Items may also be dropped off at the Volunteer Impact Office, 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 204, West Bloomfield, MI 48322



Volunteer Opportunities for October 2005


Oct. 4, Tues.

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring Helping students with homework. Call: Dr. Donald M. Lutas 313-896-1843

Oct. 5, Wed.


10:00a -12:00p Lighthouse of Oakland County Volunteers needed to package fruits & Veggies when they are delivered to Lighthouse on the first Wednesday of each month. We could use 3 - 4 people between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00. The job involves light lifting but does require some bending at the waist as we currently are packaging the bags on the floor. contact: Ken Fuerst 248-683-9788 - Leave message if you like. kenn1st@comcast.net


Oct. 6, Thurs.

9:00a -12:00p Hadassah Doll-Making Project, West Bloomfield. Make dolls to distribute to children in area hospitals. Contact person: Eleanor Smith 248-626-0762 or Greater Detroit Hadassah Office 248-683-5030 

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Oct. 8, Saturday

10:00a -4:00p Welcome picnic for the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina staying in Detroit area hotels. Annie Lathrup Park located at 27400 Southfield Rd. Lathrup Village, between 11 and 12 Mile Roads on the east side of Southfield. Call 248-559-4950 

10:00a -2:00p Voices for Earth Justice. Community Gardening in Roseville. 10 volunteers needed. Call: Patty Gillis (586)779-8015 

10:30a -12:30p Detroit Public Library Elmwood Branch, Tutoring. Contact Cally Kypros to sign up. 313-877-8015

Oct. 9, Sunday


4:30p -7:30p Ronald McDonald House of 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. 8 volunteers needed

4:30p -7:30p Ronald McDonald House of Detroit Bring a dish to pass for a Sunday potluck for families residing in the house while their child is in the hospital. 3911 Beaubien St. Detroit, MI. 48201 Call-Karen Hanson (313)724-0555. 8 volunteers needed.

Oct. 11, Tues.

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring Helping students with homework. Call: Dr. Donald M. Lutas 313-896-1843

Oct. 13, Thurs.

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Oct. 15, Sat.


9:00 -12:00 Morning Shift
12 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Afternoon Shift
Food Bank of Oakland County
Pack food boxes. Volunteers needed: 15
Contact Project Coordinator: Nancy Knop 248-332-1473 fx:248-335-8160 nknop@gcfb.org, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan Oakland County 120 E. Columbia, Pontiac, MI 48343

9:00a -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry Packing boxes of food. Melvindale. 8-10 volunteers needed. Call Kathy Lentz (313)225-6205

Oct. 18, Tues.

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring Helping students with homework. Call: Dr. Donald M. Lutas 313-896-1843

Oct. 20, Thurs.

9:00a -12:00p Hadassah Doll-Making Project, West Bloomfield. Make dolls to distribute to children in area hospitals. Contact  person: Eleanor Smith 248-626-0762 or Greater Detroit Hadassah Office 248-683-5030

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Oct. 22, Saturday

9:00a -12:00p Gleaner's Detroit Includes a tour of the facility and packing food boxes. 2131 Beaufait, Detroit 48207

9:00a -12:00p Gleaners Community Food Bank


of Taylor, Packing food boxes for distribution. Located in Taylor. Call Gleaners (734)946-6374. 15 Volunteers needed.

10:30a -12:30p Detroit Public Library Elmwood Branch, tutoring. Contact Cally Kypros to sign up 313-877-8015

Oct. 25, Tues.

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring Helping students with homework. Call: Dr. Donald M. Lutas 313-896-1843


Oct. 27, Thurs.

9:00a -12:00p Hadassah Doll-Making Project, West Bloomfield. Make dolls to distribute to children in area hospitals. Contact  person: Eleanor Smith 248-626-0762 or Greater Detroit Hadassah Office 248-683-5030

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Oct. 29, Sat.

2:00p -10:30p Southfield Park and Recreation. "Boo at the Burgh"
Halloween Program at the Historical Burgh site includes a hayride to the pumpkin patch, a pumpkin, trick or treat at each of the buildings on site, petting farm, and storytelling. Call: Chris Redmond (248)796-4616. Southfield Historical Burgh Site. Berg Rd. Corner of Civic Center Dr. and Burg Rd. 15-30 volunteers  needed. Must be at least 15 years old to volunteer.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PROJECT



Kids 12 and younger may attend **Family Friendly** projects as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Youth Friendly Projects welcome teens 13 to 17 years old unless specified.



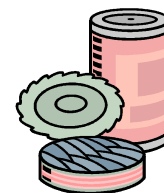
Singles Projects are great for single adults.



Seniors – 55 years or older.



The PumpCAN Project



_____ will be collecting cans in the neighborhood between _____
Name of Organization or School Group
 _____ and _____ p.m. on Halloween night to help the hungry. To contribute to our effort, we ask you to please have some cans ready for collection Halloween Eve.

If you would like to help, but would not like to be disturbed that evening, please leave your canned goods at your front door.

All cans will be donated to: _____
Indicate name of food pantry where cans will be donated

We know that you may have given to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We hope you will continue to remember and help Volunteer Impact with your contributions so that we can assist with the urgent needs in the Detroit area, which now includes helping some of the evacuees. You can contribute on line or by check or credit card and we have tribute cards which we will send to your family and friends to honor special occasions or as a memorial to a special person.

Please support Volunteer Impact by giving back. We need whatever you can give, your time and your resources.

Yes!

I want to support the important work of Volunteer Impact in our community.

I'm sending a gift of: \$500.00 \$250.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 \$ _____

Name _____ Company/Group _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Please make checks payable to Volunteer Impact or charge my tax deductible donation of \$ _____

To my: VISA MASTERCARD Card No. _____

Authorized Signature _____ Expiration Date _____

Thank you for your generous gift! You have made an impact!

Send this card to:

Volunteer Impact, 6960 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 204, West Bloomfield, MI 48322