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JUNE 2005

Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

STEP UP TO THE PLATE – LET THE GAME BEGIN

Join Hands On Detroit Day 2005 – Saturday, June 25th!



COMERICA PARK

On Saturday, June 25, join us at Hands On Detroit Day 2005 (HODD) and Help Our City Shine. HODD will demonstrate the power of individuals united in a spirit of cooperation and community service. Volunteers will see first-hand the challenges facing our community and that individuals can make a difference, one person, one day at a time! Volunteers of all ages work in teams on every kind of project – from planting community gardens, painting floats, painting over graffiti, and packing food boxes.

Hands On Detroit Day is Volunteer Impact's major fundraiser – like a walk-a-thon. Volunteers are asked to raise a minimum of \$25.00 in pledges.

This year, HODD is coordinated with the All-Star Game at Comerica Park. Among the days projects will be many that focus on making our public spaces shine for the estimated 250,000 people who will visit Comerica Park, Cobo Hall, and the surrounding area from July 8-12.

Hands On Detroit Day kicks off at Comerica Park. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:00 a.m. for a brief opening ceremony. There will be coffee from Caribou Coffee, bagels from New York bagel, Krispy Kreme donuts, water from Absopure and fruit from Whole Foods and Detroit Produce for your enjoyment. All volunteers are required to check in at Comerica Park. After the kick-off ceremony you will join your team and go to your assigned project site.

HOW CAN YOU GET IN THE GAME AND HELP MAKE AN IMPACT?

- Form a team and work on a project together.

- Mail or fax your registration form to the VI office or call VI at 248-559-4950 to make your commitment and be assigned to a project.
- Get pledges – if you bring in at least \$50, you will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates from area businesses with a minimum value of \$25.

REMEMBER – the first 250 to register and turn in their pledges will receive 2 tickets to a future Tigers home game!!!!

If you cannot participate, please send in a pledge! It's a great way to support VI and our mission of providing volunteers to Southeastern Michigan non-profits.

HANDS ON DETROIT DAY DIRECTIONS:

Arrive at Comerica Park at 8:00 a.m.

Ilitch Holdings, Inc. has generously donated Comerica Park and free parking.

From the South – I-75 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). 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 Northwest 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.

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Minoti Rajput/ Secure Planning Strategies Challenge Grant

Minoti Rajput, a Southfield financial planner and president of Secure Planning Strategies is celebrating 25 years in business by donating \$25,000 to 12 charities throughout Metro Detroit. Volunteer Impact has been chosen to receive a grant of \$2,500. In order to receive this grant, we must raise an additional \$2,500 by August 15, 2005. Please help Volunteer Impact meet our challenge and designate your contributions to the Minoti Rajput/Secure Planning Strategies Challenge Grant fund. This is a one-time only grant. All donations are greatly appreciated.



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YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL!



As an attorney, I am asked to be an advocate for my clients. Today, my client is Volunteer Impact and I am advocating

on behalf of VI. We need your financial support at Hands On Detroit Day and throughout the year so we may continue our good work.

You may ask, "Isn't volunteering supposed to be free?" This is a common misconception. Volunteer Impact is essentially in the "business" of planning events for our volunteers and agencies. We don't charge you to volunteer, except for on Hands On Detroit Day. We don't charge our agencies, either.

What does it take to plan a VI project? We create a project, communicate with the agency, identify a project coordinator, and communicate the information to you, our volunteers, via our newsletter, so that you can sign up and attend the project. We also have to print sign-up sheets, and other materials, such as community service hour forms and project evaluations. Some of these steps are handled by volunteers. But others must be handled by our one paid employee. We also have costs associated with printing or copying any printed material, including our newsletter. Postage adds to our expenses, also. We also have to have a place for you to call so we pay for rent and telephones.

Without your continued support, Volunteer Impact would cease to exist. All of our funds are from private donations. We receive no government assistance nor do we get funding from organizations like the United Way.

What would you lose if VI went out of business? You would no longer have a source for finding convenient, short-duration volunteer projects throughout Metro Detroit, with the personal touch of a project coordinator.

What would our agencies and community lose if VI were no longer operating? Dinners for guests at the Ronald McDonald House, our Youth Advisory Board, hours of tutoring for Detroit school children, the annual Adopt-A-Shelter holiday parties, food deliveries for seniors through Focus Hope, monthly Time to Help Projects for the Mitch Albom Show, to name only a few of the many projects VI plans and sponsors. In short, the Detroit area would lose thousands of valuable volunteer hours every year without Volunteer Impact.

What else could your support help us do? We would like to expand our services to provide our volunteers and our agencies with more projects and new projects. We would like to have additional staff to help us plan projects specifically designed for children and teens. There is so much we can do with your support. Please help to make it possible. Join us for Hands On Detroit Day. Give generously and be an advocate for VI so others will support us, also. Through Volunteer Impact, we continue to strive to revitalize Metro Detroit through volunteering.

Nancy Welber Barr
President, Board of Directors



Volunteer Opportunities for June 2005

"The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving who you are."

– *Johnnetta B. Cole*

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 THURSDAYS HADASSAH DOLL MAKING

Make cute and cuddly dolls for children in local hospitals.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: West Bloomfield

Volunteers: 5

Call: Eleanor Smith • 248-626-0762

4 SATURDAY FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE ROUGE RESCUE

River clean-up.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to varies by site

Location: Rouge River watershed

Volunteers: 1 to 1000

Call: Karen Hanna • 313-792-9900

4 SATURDAY VOICES FOR EARTH JUSTICE

Community gardening.

Time: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Roseville

Volunteers: 10

Call: Patty Gillis • 586-779-8015

4 SATURDAY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help build affordable housing. You must be at least 18 years old. 16 and 17 year olds may volunteer with an adult. Please bring a lunch.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

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 are for teens 13-17 years old unless specified.

Singles Projects are designed for single adults.



Seniors – 55 years or older.

4 SATURDAY DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH – CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Help with homework.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 10

Call: Janet Batchelder • 313-833-1492

5 SUNDAY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – ANN ARBOR

Bring a dish for a Sunday potluck for families residing in the house while their child is in the hospital.

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ann Arbor

Volunteers: 8

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

5 SUNDAY COTS

Prepare and service lunch.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 5

Call: Gloria Sarver • 586-293-1914

9, 16 & 23 THURSDAYS LIGHTHOUSE EMERGENCY SERVICE SENIOR SERVICES

Deliver food boxes to the homebound and elderly. You must be 18 years or older, have your own vehicle and able to lift 15-20 pounds.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Pontiac

Volunteers: 5

Call: Janet Logan • 248-920-6100 ext. 2233

9 THURSDAY ST. LEO'S SOUP KITCHEN

Prepare and serve lunch.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 8

Call: Gloria Sarver • 586-293-1914

11 SATURDAY DEARBORN ANIMAL SHELTER

Walk dogs.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Dearborn

Volunteers: 10

Call: Karen Farrell • 313-943-2697

11 SATURDAY CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL RIVER DAY

River Day is an annual celebration of the Clinton River, its watershed and, Lake St. Clair. Volunteers are needed at forty plus events across Oakland and Macomb counties.

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Oakland and Macomb counties

Call: Heather VanDenBerg • 248-601-0606

18 SATURDAY GLEANERS DETROIT

Packing food boxes for distribution.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY GLEANERS TAYLOR

Packing food boxes for distribution.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Taylor

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Packing food boxes.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Melvindale

Volunteers: 10

Call: Kathy Lentz • 313-225-6205

18 SATURDAY FOOD BANK OF OAKLAND COUNTY

Pack food boxes for distribution.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Pontiac

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950



HANDS ON DETROIT DAY 2005

24 FRIDAY HANDS ON DETROIT DAY SET UP

Help set up at Comerica Park for Saturday's HODD event.

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 8

Call Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

ALL HODD PROJECTS TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005

TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY PROJECT CALL: VOLUNTEER IMPACT 248-559-4950

TIME: Volunteers will leave at approximately 9:00 a.m. for their project site after the Comerica Park opening ceremony.

HANDS ON DETROIT – TEAR DOWN

Help pack and straighten up Comerica Park after the opening ceremony!

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 8

ARTS AND SCRAPS

Assemble and sort donated supplies.

Location: Detroit

Volunteer: 25

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES

Outdoor spring cleaning

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 50

CAPUCHIN EARTH GARDEN

Help plant a garden to feed Detroit's hungry.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 20

GLEANERS – DETROIT

Packing and sorting food boxes.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 25



FOCUS: HOPE

Packing and sorting food.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 20

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help build affordable housing.

Volunteers must be 18 years old. 16 or 17 if accompanied by an adult.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 30

NEW DIRECTIONS

Cleaning projects.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 20

NORTHWEST DETROIT NEIGHBORHOOD

Clean litter from lots and playgrounds.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 100

PRESERVE OUR PARKS

Help clean Veterans Memorial Park.

Location: Hamtramck

Volunteers: 100

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DETROIT

Help spruce up the house inside and out.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

SOUTHWEST DETROIT GRAFFITI-FREE COLLABORATIVE

Help beautify a community by painting over graffiti. (Over 12 years old please).

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 30

THE PARADE COMPANY

Painting, etc. on floats and heads for the Thanksgiving Parade.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 30

WOODWARD AVENUE CLEAN

Removing of debris and planting and weeding of flower beds along Woodward Avenue.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 125

19 SUNDAY ARDEN COURT OF BINGHAM FARMS ALZHEIMER'S ASSISTED LIVING

Assist residents with simple art and craft projects.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bingham Farms

Volunteers: 5

Call: Janet Evans • 248-644-8100 ext. 210

20 MONDAY YWCA OF WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY EXPLORER SUMMER CAMP

Camp starts June 20th and runs until August 19th. Volunteers will work with children ages 6-15 years old. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Inkster and Westland

Call: Karla Williams • 313-561-4110 ext. 20

20 MONDAY DEEPER LIFE OUTREACH SUMMER DAY CAMP

Camp starts June 20th and runs until August 19th.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Call: Dr. Donald M. Lutas • 313-896-1843

23 THURSDAY NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Distribution of food boxes.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Melvindale

Volunteers: 8

Call: Kathy Lentz • 313-225-6205

26 SATURDAY VOICES FOR EARTH JUSTICE

Community gardening

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Roseville

Volunteers: 10

Call: Patty Gillis • 586-779-8015

30 THURSDAY NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Distribution of food boxes.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Melvindale

Volunteers: 8

Call: Kathy Lentz • 313-225-6205

ADOPT-A-MOM WAS A SUCCESS!

The Adopt-A-Mom project on April 30 was a fantastic success! The project was meant to encourage homeless women at Genesis II in their efforts to improve their lives and the lives of their children.



Val Johnson's Community Service Class

The students of Val Johnson's Community Services Class at Allen Park Community School did a wonderful job planning the craft

projects, fundraising, and assembling the gift bags from the extraordinary number of donations.

Some of the best news of all . . . we received such an outpouring of support, we were able to Adopt Moms at Lighthouse Emergency Services and Genesis I. Thank you to Ms. Johnson and her students for dedicating themselves to this project, and thank you to the individuals and businesses who donated and collected personal hygiene and beauty supplies – we couldn't have done this without you. The ladies were overwhelmed by your generosity!

A special thanks to Julie Kroflich and Kelly Masters for making this project a reality.

JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

The Richardson Senior Center in Commerce Township is looking for a responsible individual to call bingo numbers every Monday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. for our senior bingo group. This individual should be energetic, with a good personality and have patience. If you are interested please contact Niki at 248-926-0063.

Metro Detroit Youth Day XXIII, July 13, 2005 needs volunteers. If interested please call 586-393-8800.

WELCOME APRIL'S NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Shelley Belinc, Mary Birks, Avis Carey, Bonnie Dupre, Carrie Fisher, Erin Frisch, Natalie Gajewski, Allison Garabedian, Rosalind Harris, Soheli Helal, Bob Jacobs, Layna Johnson, Asim Kazi, Imran Khan, Nichole Lee, Pat Leigh, Mary Liggins, Renee Lynch, Deanna Naugles, Russell Porter, Susan Powers, Sarah Preisser, Michele Robinson, Jasvin Sidhu, Brian Taylor, Francita Trent, Connlius and Natash Wesley, and Steve Young.

EXPENSES-EXPENSES-EXPENSES – As a VI volunteer and supporter you can help us cut the cost of our major expense the newsletter by receiving it electronically. Starting in September if you chose to have your newsletter sent via the post office there will be a fee of \$12.00 annually to help cover our costs of printing and mailing. Register now at www.volunteerimpact.org to start receiving your newsletter via email.*

Sign up at HODD and save \$2.00 on the annual fee.

**Volunteer Impact does not sell or share our email addresses.*

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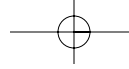
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There is no fee to volunteer, but you can show your support by sending your tax-deductible gift to help VI's mission to improve our community through hands-on volunteerism.

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 \$ _____

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

