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Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

GET IN THE GAME - *Join Hands On Detroit Day 2005* SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005



COMERICA PARK

Get In The Game and Help Our City Shine – Join Volunteer Impact on June 25, 2005 at Comerica Park (free parking provided for all Volunteers) for our 14th annual Hands On Detroit Day (HODD). Volunteer Impact has joined the All-Star Super Sweep committee in a series of beautification projects leading up to the major sporting events coming to Detroit including “The Major League Baseball 2005 All-Star Game”. The spotlight will be on the Motor City. Join Volunteer Impact in projects that will help create a positive image of our city . . . from planting community gardens, to cleaning and greening projects, to packing food.

As you know, Volunteer Impact provides volunteer opportunities all year and produces a newsletter, Connections which lists our monthly projects. There are no fees to either the agencies we serve or our volunteers. HODD is Volunteer Impact’s major fundraiser so gather your families, friends, and co-workers to collect pledge dollars. Volunteers are asked to raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges. Everyone raising over \$50 is entered into a drawing for gift certificates for restaurants, goods or services. All certificates are valued at a minimum of \$25. This year there will also be a drawing at the kick-off rally for Grand Prizes. **THE FIRST 250 TO REGISTER AND TURN IN THEIR PLEDGES WILL RECEIVE 2 TICKETS TO A FUTURE TIGERS GAME!!!**

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE THIS THE BEST HODD EVER!!

1. Recruit/sponsor a team of volunteers. Minimum pledge is \$25 per person.
 - Recruit a team from your work, school, or friends.
 - Have your business, church or synagogue, organize and/or sponsor a team.
 - Ask your employer to let you post information.
 - Ask your company to let you send a company-wide e-mail about HODD.
2. Talk about HODD. Distribute pledge forms (available from VI office).
3. Register as soon as you receive the pledge form. (inserted in the newsletter). Remember those Tiger tickets to the first 250 to register.
4. SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT VOLUNTEER IMPACT’S HANDS ON DETROIT DAY.

Thank you to PricewaterhouseCoopers and Blue Cross Blue Shield as the first two corporations to step up to the plate as sponsors. Krispy Kreme, New York Bagel, Absopure Water, and Detroit Wholesale Produce have joined the team of in-kind sponsors providing food and beverages for the morning. Hagopian World of Rugs has donated a \$500 gift certificate as one of our grand prizes. Don’t be left out, join the HODD team as a corporate sponsor, or in-kind sponsor.

Call Volunteer Impact at 248-559-4950 and tell us you want to be a part of HODD.

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Volunteer Opportunities for May 2005

"The purpose of life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others."

– Albert Schweitzer

1 SUNDAY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – ANN ARBOR

Bring a dish for a Sunday potluck for families residing in the house while their children are in the hospital.

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

Location: Ann Arbor

Volunteers: 8

Call: Dolores Oakley • 734-844-7649

2, 9, 16 & 23 MONDAYS YMCA OF WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Assist with homework.

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Westland

Volunteers: 4

Call: Karla Williams • 313-561-4110 ext. 820

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 TUESDAYS DEEPER LIFE OUTREACH AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING & ENRICHMENT

Help with homework.

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 6

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

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 TUESDAYS DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY – CHASE BRANCH

Help students with homework.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Call: Dortha Pitts • 313-578-8002

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 TUESDAYS DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY – MARK TWAIN BRANCH

Help students with homework.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Call: Karen Bell Abbott • 313-924-9272

5, 12, 19 & 26 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

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PROJECT



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



Seniors – 55 years or older.

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Help with homework.

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 6

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

7 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

7 SATURDAY GLEANERS – TAYLOR

Sort and pack food boxes.

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

Location: Taylor

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

12, 19 & 26 THURSDAYS LIGHTHOUSE EMERGENCY SERVICES 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

14 SATURDAY LIGHTHOUSE EMERGENCY SERVICES SENIOR SERVICES SPRING CLEAN UP

Help seniors with raking leaves and cleaning flower beds.

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

Location: Pontiac

Volunteers: 30

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

14 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



14 SATURDAY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MACOMB

Help build affordable housing.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Eastpointe

Volunteers: 15

Call: Mark Surmont • 586-772-4892 ext. 2#

14 SATURDAY KIWANIS NUMBER 1 CLUB

Sort books for the Detroit Public Schools.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 20

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

14 SATURDAY NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Pack food boxes for distribution.

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

Location: Melvindale

Volunteers: 10

Call: Kathy Lentz • 313-225-6205



14 SATURDAY GLEANERS – DETROIT

Packing food boxes for distribution.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 20

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

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

Assist with simple arts and crafts.

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

Location: Bingham Farms

Volunteers: 5

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

15 SUNDAY COTS

Prepare and serve Sunday lunch.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 5

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

15 SUNDAY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – DETROIT

Bring a dish to pass at a Sunday potluck for residents of the house while their child is in the hospital.

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 5

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

19 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

19 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



21 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

21 SATURDAY VOICES FOR EARTH JUSTICE

Community gardening.

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

Location: Roseville

Volunteers: 10

Call: Patty Gillis • 586-779-8015



**21 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

**21 SATURDAY
FOOD BANK OF OAKLAND COUNTY**

Pack food for distribution.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Pontiac
Volunteers: 15
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

**24 TUESDAY
FOCUS HOPE**

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

**26 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



**29 SUNDAY
COTS**

Prepare and serve lunch.
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 5
Call: Gloria Sarver • 586-293-1914

VOLUNTEER IMPACT WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Theresa Carik, Maryanne Cristof, Mark Gennety, Joe Gromala, Chala' La'Nay Hannon, Jerry Wesley Jackson, Keith Jones, Brandon Lee, Donna Mesyn, Steven Craig Phillips and Jim Roucone

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There used to be an ad campaign that said, "Say nice things about Detroit!" Here at Volunteer Impact, we don't just say them, we do nice things. In Detroit and for Detroit.

Case in point: Our annual Hands On Detroit Day on Saturday, June 25. This year, we team up with the All-Star Super Sweep to concentrate on cleaning up downtown Detroit in advance of the Major League Baseball All-Star Game to be held in early July. Check the brochure in this issue to sign up. This is the only time of the year that we ask you to "pay to play." We ask for a \$25 minimum pledge, but we'll take more, gladly. Remember, we do not charge our volunteers or our agencies for any of our services. Help us to keep up that tradition by giving generously at Hands On Detroit Day and recruiting teams to participate.

Even our teens do nice things for Detroit. Volunteer Impact's Youth Advisory Board meets monthly to plan great projects for high school students and their school community service clubs. If you are a high school student, or you know a high school student who is interested in volunteerism, give VI a call and we'll add them to our chat room. We have students from schools around the Detroit area and we are always looking for more. Remember that starting with the class of 2006, all high school students must complete 40 hours of community service in order to qualify for the Michigan Merit Award. VI is just the place to get started.

You can help us do more nice things for Detroit and its environs by telling us about your favorite non-profit organization that seems like a perfect fit for a VI project. Call

us with the name of the organization and a contact person and phone number. VI will work with your favorite non-profit to develop a new VI project. If you already have a project in mind, call us. We can often get it on the calendar as soon as the following month.

Do you have special talents that you can share with VI? You can be a project coordinator, you can work in our office, help with our website, write articles for the newsletter, help plan our fall fundraiser. The possibilities are endless. We have a place for you, too. Just give us a call at (248) 559-4950. Or e-mail us at volunteerimpact@ameritech.net.

We have one other way for you to help VI that requires very little effort. You can help us save a bundle and a lot of trees by getting your monthly newsletter by email. The cost of printing and mailing this monthly newsletter and calendar is one of the biggest expenses VI faces each month. In fact, starting in September we will have to charge you \$10 per year for printed newsletters in order to cover our costs. So help us save by going electronic now. Register at www.volunteerimpact.org to start receiving your newsletter by email.

If you haven't volunteered for a while, we hope to see you soon. If you are a regular, we're so glad you are with us and we hope you'll spread the word about VI to your friends and family throughout Metro Detroit. Together we can revitalize Metro Detroit through volunteering.

Nancy Welber Barr
*President, Volunteer Impact
Board of Directors*

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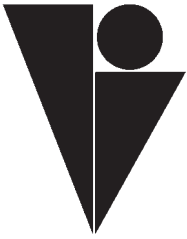
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In Memory Of: Rhea Gordon
From: Ellen and Fred Bean
In Memory Of: Micoya Hutchins's Mother
From: Joan E. Bodnar

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 \$ _____

Name _____ Company/Group _____ Phone _____

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In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

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

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