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Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering



HAPPY 15th BIRTHDAY VI!



Thanks to all of Volunteer Impact's caring volunteers, VI is celebrating its 15th year of involving volunteers in hands-on, direct service projects. Your ongoing commitment and financial support has enabled VI to continue making an impact on Southeastern

Michigan. Thank you again for what you have done and will continue to do through Volunteer Impact to make our community a better place for everyone.

Joan E. Bodnar, Executive Director

HODD HAS A NEW DATE AND STARTING LOCATION!! 14th ANNUAL HANDS ON DETROIT DAY – JUNE, 2005

*Help Lift Up an Entire City
with Your Bare Hands!*



HANDS-ON-DETROIT DAY 2005 will be a very exciting day!. VI will be a part of a series of regional beautification activities that begin in May leading up to the major sporting events coming to Detroit including the 2005 All-Star Baseball Game and Super Bowl XL. The spotlight will be on the Motor City as visitors come from all over the world for these events and we want our city to look its best.

REMEMBER – This is Volunteer Impact's major fundraiser and all volunteers are required to raise a minimum of \$25.00 in pledges. To encourage raising the highest amount of pledge dollars, volunteers raising \$50.00 or more are entered into a drawing for gift certificates for dinners, services or goods. Notification will be made to the winners by mail. (Stayed tuned for more prize information.)

One of the most frequently asked questions about HODD is: *"Why do we ask for pledges, can't we just come and volunteer?"*

Here's the answer: Volunteer Impact's mission is to make an impact on Metro Detroit through hands-on volunteerism. That is our commitment to the community, and why we need volunteers like you to fulfill that commitment. In 2004, VI volunteers donated 30,000 hours of direct volunteer service and completed over 650 projects in Metro Detroit. VI does not charge a fee for our services to the agencies we assist, we are dependent on fundraising to support our mission.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Form a team and work on a project together
- Ask your company to be a corporate sponsor
- Talk to your friends, coworkers, and family about HODD
- Join the HANDS-ON DETROIT DAY committee



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Volunteer Opportunities for March 2005

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

– Johnnetta B. Cole

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 THURSDAYS HADASSAH – DOLL MAKING

Make cute and cuddly dolls for distribution to children in local hospitals.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: West Bloomfield
Volunteers: 5
Call: Eleanor Smith • 248-626-0762

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 THURSDAYS 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

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY PARTY 3 THURSDAY

Hazel Park Head Start
Read to a child one-on-one at a celebration for Dr. Seuss's Birthday.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950



DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY PARTY 4 FRIDAY

Booth Evangeline Salvation Army – Detroit
Peggy's Place – Detroit
Starfish Family Services – Inkster – PROJECT FULL!
Wayne Family Center – Westland
Women's Survival Center – Pontiac

Read to a child one-on-one at a celebration for Dr. Seuss's Birthday.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

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

Help children 6-17 years of age with homework.
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 6
Call: Janet Batchelder • 313-833-1492

5 SATURDAY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help construct affordable housing. You must be at least 16 years old. If with an adult 16 and 17 year olds may volunteer. Bring a lunch.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 15
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

6 SUNDAY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – ANN ARBOR

Bring a dish to serve at a Sunday potluck.
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Ann Arbor
Volunteers: 8
Call: Dolores Oakley • 248-844-7649
Email: doakley667@aol.com

7, 14, 21 & 28 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

12 SATURDAY DEARBORN ANIMAL SHELTER

Exercise dogs.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Location: Dearborn
Volunteers: 10
Call: Karen Farrell • 313-943-2697



12 SATURDAY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MACOMB

Help build affordable housing.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Eastpointe
Volunteers: 15
Call: Mark Surmont • 586-772-4892 2#

13 SUNDAY RONALD MCDONALD – DETROIT

See March 6th for details.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 5
Call: Julie Kroflich • 248-478-5168

13 SUNDAY CHERRYWOOD NURSING HOME PET THERAPY

Bring your dog to visit with the residents.
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Sterling Heights
Volunteers: 8
Call: Connie Carr • 586-260-8472
Email: conniecarr33@aol.com

19 SATURDAY FOCUS: HOPE

Sorting and packing food boxes.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 15
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

19 SATURDAY FOOD BANK OF OAKLAND COUNTY

Packing food boxes.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Pontiac
Volunteers: 15
Call: Janice Pyc • 248-723-3267
Email: jlp@comcast.net



19 SATURDAY GLEANERS – DETROIT

Sort and pack food boxes.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 15
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950



19 SATURDAY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help construct affordable housing. You must be at least 16 years old. If with an adult 16 and 17 year olds may volunteer. Bring a lunch.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Detroit
Volunteers: 15
Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

19 SATURDAY NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Packing food boxes for distribution.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Melvindale
Volunteers: 10
Call: Kathy Lentz • 313-225-6205



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

Assist residents 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

24 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

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.



Seniors – 55 years or older.

26 SATURDAY

**CITY OF SOUTHFIELD PARKS & REC.
BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**

Help with egg hunt, crafts, egg & cookie decorating, and more. You must be at least 15 years old to volunteer.

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

Location: Southfield Civic Center Pavilion

Volunteers: 35

Call: Chris Redmond • 248-796-4616

26 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

27 EASTER SUNDAY

COTS

Prepare and serve lunch.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 5

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

27 EASTER SUNDAY

**BRIDGING COMMUNITIES
HOLIDAY MEALS ON WHEELS**

Volunteers deliver over 600 meals to seniors.

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

Location: Southwest Detroit

Volunteers: 100

Call: Kathryn Fabian • 313-361-6377

31 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

31 THURSDAY

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

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ADOPT-A-MOM FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Adopt-A-Shelter project has been such a resounding success, that two of Volunteer Impact's project coordinators have decided to reach out a little further. Raising children in this day and age is difficult at best, raising your child(ren) in a shelter is heart-breaking. On **Saturday, April 30** (in anticipation of Mother's Day) we are hosting an Adopt-A-Mom event for the ladies at **Genesis 11 House**. Genesis 11 House is a transitional living environment that focuses on education, job training, and ending the cycle of homelessness. There are approximately 60 women living there, and we want to adopt each one of them!

We are coordinating a **Mothers Day** party for the women and children at Genesis 11 House. Volunteers are needed to collect new health and beauty aids for the women before the event, and to help the children (and ladies) craft Mother's Day cards and picture frames on the project date. If you are available to volunteer, and/or donate new/unused items from the list below, please contact Julie Kroflich at 248-478-5168.

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| Bathrobes | Slippers |
| Towel sets | Soap & bath gel |
| (bath, hand, washcloth) | Deodorant |
| Shampoo & conditioner | Manicure sets |

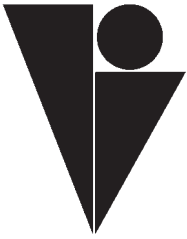
MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Food Bank of Oakland County needs committed adult volunteers who will be available during the next few months to perform client survey interviews. The Food Bank of Oakland County is participating in a national survey on hunger. You will be in direct contact with individuals receiving food through the network of soup kitchens, shelters, and emergency food pantries. All volunteers must participate in a half-day training session. Please contact Nancy Knop at 248-332-1473.

The Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah sponsors ongoing collections: **books**

for kindergarten and early elementary students, cell phones to be given to Haven, a counseling and medical center for abused women, **eyeglasses**, and **unused hotel-sized toiletries**. **Hear-O-Israel** collects used hearing aids that are reconditioned and sent to Israel. All items can be dropped off at Hadassah House, 5030 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. If you have any questions please call Hadassah House at 248-683-5030.

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is looking for volunteers to help with public outreach if interested please call John Hartig at 734-692-7608.



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35th Anniversary

In Honor Of: Linda Friedman's Birthday

From: Ellen Bean

From: Marcy and Rob Fisher

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 _____

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!