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# Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

## Volunteer Impact's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hands on Detroit Day May 19, 2007

*How wonderful it is  
that nobody need wait  
a single moment  
before starting to  
improve the world.*

– Anne Frank

### Save the Date

**Hands On Detroit  
Day - May 19**



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Gather Your Friends...

#### Hands on Detroit Day is Coming May 19!

Plans are in formation for Hands on Detroit Day (HODD), Volunteer Impact's annual fundraiser that brings hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers together on one day to clean up, fix up, paint, repair, plant, pack and build, helping to create positive changes in the city while collecting pledges to help VI maintain its programming throughout the year.

This year is shaping up to be our most ambitious HODD yet, with already a dozen of sites and hundreds of activities lined up for volunteers to choose from.

Corporate teams, church groups, school groups, families and individuals are all encouraged to participate and join in the fun and fellowship by volunteering at HODD on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

1. *Sign Up* - Fill out the Registration Form on Pages 4 and 5. Everyone is required to sign a Registration Form prior to the event or at the event. Anyone under 18 must have form signed by a guardian.

2. *Entry Fee*: The next step is to raise funds to sponsor your own participation. The minimum pledge isn't hard: \$25 per person and a minimum pledge of \$75 for a family of four, and \$10 for each additional person. Volunteers who pledge \$25 or more receive a HODD t-shirt, a continental breakfast at kick-off, and snacks. Entry fees also cover some of the cost of materials and equipment.

3. *Pick Your activity* - Descriptions for activities at each site will be listed on our events calendar on the VI website in the coming days. This year's projects will be in conjunction with Allsaints Neighborhood Center, Bridging Communities, Earthworks Urban Farm/Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Northwest Detroit Neighborhood, The Parade Company, Preserve Our Parks, Ronald McDonald House – off of Mackm Matrix Theatre, Focus: HOPE and others (see Page 3 for details on each site).

4. *Gather Pledges* - Use the Pledge Sheet form attached on page \*\*\*\* and start collecting pledges.

Registration and Pledge forms, found on Pages 4-5 within, can also be downloaded from the FORMS tab on the top of our website. Or, if you prefer the documents in Word format, just e-mail us at [volunteer\\_impact@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteer_impact@yahoo.com) and we will e-mail you the forms.



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Page 4: Registration Form



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VI's Website: online signup and further information

# Building Bridges

Bridging Communities Inc. is a grassroots collaborative of Southwest Detroit businesses, labor organizations, churches and residents working together to create a society where people live together in tolerance, compassion, civility and respect. Building on the principles of democracy, empowerment, dignity, justice and equality, we believe that all life has value, from birth to death and that a full, meaningful and productive life is based on the level of our participation.

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6960 Orchard Lake Rd.  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
Suite 207 (Mail 204)  
(248) 932-2580 Phone  
[www.volunteerimpact.org](http://www.volunteerimpact.org)

- Bridging Communities Volunteers are needed for:
- Visiting Elders
- Making Friendly Phone Calls
- Providing Transportation
- Shopping
- Holiday Remembrance Delivery
- Holiday Meals on Wheels Delivery
- Home Repairs
- Light Housekeeping
- Painting
- Yard Work
- Reading
- Writing Letters
- Medicare/Medicaid Advocate
- Fundraising
- Event Planning
- Board or Committee Membership
- Office Assistance
- Web Development

In addition to regularly scheduled events, groups can devise their own volunteer projects and make arrangement for connecting their groups with our elders. If individuals or groups are interested in activities that are weather dependent, such as shoveling snow, cutting grass, or raking leaves, we can also available to schedule those activities.

Our most pressing need is the need for volunteers to provide transportation to elders in our service area to medical appointments. Our elders contact us at least one week in advance of their medical appointments, and we try to schedule volunteer drivers for them as soon as possible. Our elders are directed to have appointments between 9AM and 3PM,so the volunteer can be home by dinner.

Usually our volunteers stay with the elder at their appointments and the time commitment for each trip is about three hours from the time of pick-up at the elders' home to the time of drop off back at the elders' home.

Volunteers are scheduled at a time that is convenient for them, such as being available every Wednesday from 10AM to 2PM, and we try to match our volunteers to those times.



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

For more information, please contact David Esterbrook, Director of Eldercare Services at Bridging Communities, (313) 361-6377 or e-mail [bridgingcommunities@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgingcommunities@hotmail.com)



# Volunteer Impact's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hands on Detroit Day Sites and Activities



## Preserve our Parks

After meeting at Campus Martius for the kickoff breakfast at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to project site. Work gloves will be provided.

## Allsaints Church

After kickoff at 8:00 a.m., volunteers will caravan to project site. 20 volunteers are needed to clean up and plant flowers in a park. Work gloves will be provided. Bring your own gardening tools if you wish.

## Bridging Communities - Eldercare

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to project site. Work gloves will be provided. 15 to 20 volunteers are needed to clean up lots and cut grass.

## The Parade Company

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to the Parade Company – 15 volunteers are needed for painting, washing and fixing floats. Work gloves will be provided.

## Ronald McDonald House

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to the Detroit Ronald McDonald House for spring cleaning—indoors and outside. Work gloves will be provided.

## Northwest Detroit Neighborhood

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to project site. Work gloves and trash bags will be provided. 50 volunteers needed to cut trees, bushes, landscaping, clean up vacant lots in neighborhood. Bring your own branch or tree cutting equipment if you can.

## Earthworks Urban Farm/Capuchin Soup Kitchen

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to project site. Work gloves will be provided.

## Matrix Theater

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to project site. Work gloves will be provided. Details of project to follow.

## Focus: HOPE

After kick-off breakfast, volunteers will caravan to project site. 15 to 20 volunteers needed for painting inside and outside and spring cleaning grounds around building. Work gloves will be provided.

## Detroit Rescue Mission

After kickoff, volunteers will caravan to project site. 20-30 volunteers needed for painting inside and outside and spring cleaning grounds around building. Work gloves will be provided. painting, cleaning outside raking, trash pick up etc.

## Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision

(Southwest Detroit nonprofit) After kickoff breakfast, volunteers will caravan to project site. 25 volunteers needed to pick up trash in the neighborhood. Work gloves will be provided, but they will provide all other equipment needed.

## Motor City Makeover

After kickoff breakfast, volunteers will caravan to the City of Detroit Motor City Makeover project site. Work gloves will be provided. Project needs 25 to 50 volunteers to for site clean up.



## Where Do I Go?

**Arrive at 8:00 a.m. at the Campus Martius Park located at Michigan Avenue and Woodward Avenue in front of the Compuware Building.**

*Campus Martius Park has generously donated the use of the park for the event.*

**Additional parking is available at the Compuware Parking structure corner of Farmer Street and Monroe Street.**



# Registration Form

## Hands on Detroit Day

## Volunteer Impact's Annual Fundraiser

### Participant Information

Name (First, Last)

Address

Day Phone #:

Evening Phone #:

City, State, Zip:

Email

Employer's Name

Employer Matches Contributions?

Yes

NO

Select the type of project preferred (rank 1-4):

Outdoor Beautification

Packaging/Delivering Food Boxes

Painting and Housing Rehab

Where Help Is Needed Most

### Team Information (if applicable)

Team Name (Organization/School)

Captain's Name

### Other Support for Hands-On Detroit Day and Volunteer Impact

I am unable to participate, but want to make a donation in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my can pay by credit card Visa \_\_\_\_\_ or Master Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card No.:

Exp. Date:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Waiver

All participants, regardless of age, must sign this waiver. If you are under 14 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign this waiver and must accompany you at the event. If you are between 15 and 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must also sign this waiver.

I agree to release and hold harmless Volunteer Impact and its officers, directors and members, from all claims, liabilities, damages and causes of action, whether known or unknown, that I may have directly or indirectly related to Hands-On Detroit Day, and specifically waive all rights to file any claims or actions against Volunteer Impact and its officers, directors and members. I grant full permission for organizers to use photographs of me and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Participant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date



Please sign and fax (248) 932-2581 this form ASAP to be pre-assigned to your choice of project. Walk-ins welcome as space permits. Send by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to Volunteer Impact, 6960 Orchard Lake Rd, Ste. 204, West Bloomfield, MI 48207. If you have any questions, please call 248-932-2580.



# Pledge Sheet

## Hands-On Detroit Day

### Volunteer Impact's Annual Fundraiser

All contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to **Volunteer Impact**.

All donations are due the day of the event May 19, 2007. If you have any questions, please call (313) 932-2580.

Name (First, Last)	Phone # (Day & Evening)
Address	City, State, Zip:
Email:	

#	Sponsor's Name (Please print) <i>Don't forget to sponsor yourself!</i>	Address	City/State	Pledge
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<b>Total (minimum \$25)</b>				

Pledges are based on a day of volunteer service! Money raised makes it possible for Volunteer Impact to provide community service year-round. You can sponsor a flat amount for the day or an hourly pledge x 6 hours. Volunteer Impact is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please reproduce this sheet as needed to collect more pledges or recruit more participants for Hands-On Detroit Day.



# Volunteer Opportunities for April and May 2007

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Arts and Scraps

*Recycling for learning and fun. Located at 16135 Harper in Detroit, volunteers are needed on an 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](http://www.artsandscraps.org) to learn more and view events where volunteers are requested. Contact Suzan at (313) 640-4411, ext. 5, or [artsandscraps@hotmail.com](mailto:artsandscraps@hotmail.com).

### Bridging Communities

Bridging Communities events generally begin at their administrative offices at 6900 McGraw St, Detroit, MI 48210. To volunteer, contact David Esterbrook, Director of Eldercare at (313) 361-6377 or [bridgingcommunities@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgingcommunities@hotmail.com)

In addition to the regularly scheduled events groups can devise their own volunteer projects and make arrangements with us for connecting their groups with elders. If individuals are interested in activities that are weather dependent, such as shoveling snow, cutting grass, and raking leaves, we can also available to schedule those activities.

The most pressing need at Bridging Communities is for volunteers to provide transportation to elders in our service area to medical appointments. Our elders contact us at least one week in advance of their medical appointments between 9a.m. and 3 p.m., and we try to schedule volunteer drivers for them as soon as possible.

### New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale

Need 10 volunteers to pack food boxes for distribution the 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

### Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party

Bring a pre-school book to donate, and plan to attend with your school groups, work associates, friends, and club members at Volunteer Impact's annual Dr. Seuss' Birthday literacy parties given in conjunction with the National Education Association and READACROSSAMERICADAY!

### 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+

### 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](mailto:elephil@comcast.net)

### The American Guild of Music

The American Guild of Music needs 100 or more volunteers to assist during music competitions held at the Airport Westin Hotel on April 20-22. Volunteers are needed Friday, April 20 from 4:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday, April 21 from 7:00am-9:00p.m., and on Sunday, April 22 from 7:00am-6:00pm. for 4, 6, or 8-hour shifts. Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided for 6-8 hour volunteers, and snacks are provided for 4-hour volunteers.

### Samaritan Care Hospice

Samaritan Care Hospice is in need of Hospice Volunteers throughout metro Detroit. Volunteers can expect to see their assigned patient once a week while the patient is on our services. They would receive the appropriate training prior to their first assignment (our training consists of 10 hours of hospice specific information - usually consecutive Saturdays from 9-2 in our Southfield office). Volunteers are then free to choose the area in which to see their patients, throughout the metro Detroit area. If interested, please contact Chris Kokenos, Volunteer Coordinator at Samaritan Care Hospice: [chriskok@aol.com](mailto:chriskok@aol.com) 1-800-397-9360

### Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

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

### Greening of Detroit Projects

The Fall Planting Schedule is subject to change for all Greening of Detroit projects listed below. It is imperative that Greening has your current information on file when you sign up for a planting. To sign up for a planting, get more info, get map/directions to sites call Monique Torbert at (313) 237-8733 or e-mail [volunteer@greeningofdetroit.com](mailto:volunteer@greeningofdetroit.com). Updated information can be found at [www.greeningofdetroit.com](http://www.greeningofdetroit.com).

### 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](mailto:volunteer_impact@yahoo.com) or (248) 932-2580.

# Volunteer Opportunities for April 2007



## **Apr 1 – Sun**

4:30p -7:30p Ronald McDonald House,  
1600 Washington Heights Ann Arbor  
Bring a dish to serve at a Sunday potluck  
for families residing in the house while  
their child is in the hospital. Call Volunteer  
Impact (248)559-4950, leave message for  
Dolores Oakley. 8 volunteers needed.

## **Apr 2 – Mon**

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center  
9:00a-12:00p Easter Lily Delivery for  
Bridging Communities

## **Apr 3 – Tue**

9:00a-12:00p Easter Lily Delivery for  
Bridging Communities  
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

## **Apr 4 – Wed**

9:00a-12:00p Easter Lily Delivery for  
Bridging Communities  
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. 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 or kenn1st@comcast.net  
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

## **Apr 5 – Thu**

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making  
Project  
9:00a-12:00p Easter Lily Delivery for  
Bridging Communities  
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps,  
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

## **Apr 6 – Fri**

9:00a-12:00p Easter Lily Delivery for  
Bridging Communities

## **Apr 7 – Sat**

9:00a -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry  
11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps

## **Apr 8 – Sun**

9:00 a-12:00p Easter Meals on Wheels for  
Bridging Communities

## **Apr 9 – Mon**

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

## **Apr 10 – Tue**

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

## **Apr 11 – Wed**

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

## **Apr 12 – Thu**

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

## **Apr 14 – Sat**

9:00a -3:00p Greening of Detroit: Hope  
Takes Root Harvest and Restock  
The Greening is looking for 225  
volunteers to assist at one of our  
nurseries. We have been growing trees  
that are ready to be dug up and planted  
in a neighborhood. Then we will plant  
small trees so that we may repeat this  
process in a few years.

9:00a-11:00a Home Repair with Bridging  
Communities.

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

9:00 Greening of Detroit: Far West  
Detroit Neighborhood Planting  
The Greening will be assisting the Far  
West Association in planting 100 street  
trees. This is one of many ash tree  
replacement projects. Many trees have  
been taken down in the neighborhood  
and now it's time to plant! We would  
love for 250 volunteers to come out and  
join in on this wonderful project.  
Volunteers should meet at 9am location  
TBA.

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

## **Apr 15 – Sun**

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

## **Apr 16 – Mon**

4:00p -6:00p

## **Apr 17 – Tue**

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center

## **Apr 18 – Wed**

4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center  
Time TBD: Greening of Detroit: Greening  
of Detroit Tree Sale Prep Day  
Every spring The Greening has a Tree Sale  
at Eastern Market. The sale allows  
residents of Southeastern Michigan to  
purchase trees at a very low cost so they  
can do their part to help reforest Metro-  
Detroit. Volunteers are needed to help with  
preparation that takes place prior to the  
sale including caring for the plant material  
and packaging orders.

## **Apr 19 – Thu**

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making  
Project  
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center  
TBD: Greening of Detroit: Greening of  
Detroit Tree Sale Prep Day

## **Apr 20 – Fri**

TBD:Great Lakes Regional Music Competi-  
tion (see description above) – .  
TBD:Greening of Detroit: Greening of  
Detroit Tree Sale Prep Day

## **Apr 21 – Sat**

8:00a -3:00p Greening of Detroit Tree Sale  
Every spring The Greening has a Tree Sale  
at The Eastern Market. The sale allows  
residents of Southeastern Michigan to  
purchase trees at a very low cost so they  
can do their part to help reforest Metro-  
Detroit. We need salespersons, processors  
(runners to get the orders), order checkers,  
etc. This is a great experience for families  
and groups. Please help us make our sale a  
success! Join us at Eastern Market at 8:00  
am at the corner of Russell and Wilkins,  
Shed 6.

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

TBD: Great Lakes Regional Music Compe-



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tition (see description above)  
9:00a Focus: HOPE food delivery for Bridging Communities

## **Apr 22 – Sun**

TBD: Great Lakes Regional Music Competition (see description above)

## **Apr 23 – Mon**

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **Apr 24 – Tue**

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **Apr 25 – Wed**

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **Apr 26 – 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 The Children’s Center

## **Apr 27 – Fri**

9:00a -3:30p The Greening of Detroit Park Maintenance Day  
Help us spruce up The Greening of Detroit park for the spring. This is an all day event 9am -3:30pm. We need 20 individuals willing to help weed, mulch, plant and cleanup. Volunteers should meet at 1463 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 48207.

## **Apr 28 – Sat**

9:00a -11:00a Blow the Whistle on Asthma at the Zoo w/Arts and Scraps – The American Lung Association’s “Blow the Whistle on Asthma” Event at the Zoo

9:00 Home Repair Group with Bridging Communities

9:00a Greening of Detroit, Focus:HOPE neighborhood planting  
The Greening and Focus Hope are working together to plant 15 trees in the Focus Hope neighborhood around Ford LaSalle Park. This project is partially sponsored by DTE working with Ford LaSalle Block Club. We would love for 40 volunteers and the community to join in! Volunteers should meet at 9am at Ford LaSalle Park 13950 LaSalle

Blvd Detroit, MI 48238.

9:00a Greening of Detroit, Creekside CDC planting.

For the past three years The Greening of Detroit has partnered with Creekside CDC to beautify the 1.5 mile long Alter Road berm, located between Jefferson and the Detroit River on Detroit’s East side. We need 30 volunteers to help make this another great Saturday of planting. We will meet at 9:00 am at 750 Alter Road.

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

4:30p -7:00p Ronald McDonald House, Detroit—Pot-luck 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. If you have never been there, the kitchen has several stoves and ovens so you can do some prep work there. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.and it is suggested that you arrive around 4:30 to set up, prepare anything that needs prep, and to get a tour of the facility. As for dishes to serve, try to avoid lasagna and Mexican. Meatloaf, chicken and turkey are great hits.

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. Karen Hanson is the project coordinator. Please contact her at (313)724-0555 to coordinate menu contributions.



## **Apr 30 – Mon**

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **May 1 – Tue**

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **May 2 – 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. 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 Fuerst248-683-9788 - Leave message if you like or kenn1st@comcast.net  
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **May 3 – Thu**

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project  
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps  
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## **May 5 – Sat**

8:00a -11:00a Adopt-a-Mom at Genesis II House, Detroit  
We will be celebrating Adopt-a-Mom at the Genesis II house (2015 Webb, Detroit) on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 to 11am, making Mother’s Day cards. Volunteers should be 15 years old and up. There are around 50 women and 10-20 children. The coordinator, Jolyn Benson asks that each volunteer please bring one bundle of construction paper. Everything else will be provided..Sign up online or contact Jolyn Benson jolybenson@wideopenwest.com  
9:00a -3:00p Greening of Detroit, Grandmont Rosedale

Once again the greening is working with the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhood in planting 32 trees. This neighborhood was severely hit by the emerald ash borer and we are continuously working to restore this area as well as many others.

9:00a Greening of Detroit, Gabriel Richard Park Planting

This park is part of the Detroit Riverfront Riverwalk, which is now a Detroit landmark for runners and bikers. The Greening will be working hard to beautify this park so that it can provide a great view for everyone who

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comes in contact with the area. We would like for 50 volunteers to come out and join us in planting 15 trees.

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

May 6 – Sun – 4:30p -7:30p Ronald McDonald House, 1600 Washington Heights Ann Arbor, MI. 48104.

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

## May 7 – Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 8 – Tue

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 9 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 10 Thu

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

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 12 Sat

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

9:00 Home Repair Group with Bridging Communities

9:00 Greening of Detroit, Vernor Street Planting, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). We will be planting street trees on Vernor to replace dead ash trees. We are looking forward to working with 30 volunteers to plant 14 trees in this neighborhood. Residents in the community and any volunteers willing to help are more than welcome to join in on a great experience!

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

TBD: Greening of Detroit Sensory Garden w/ the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Greening of Detroit and GDABVI are installing a sensory garden. We will need 45 volunteer to complete this project! Volunteers should meet at 16625 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48227

## May 14 Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 15 Tue

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 16 Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 17 Thu

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

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 19 Sat

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



8:00a-1:00p *Hands on Detroit Day*

Volunteer Impact’s 17th annual Hands on Detroit Day (see article on front page).

9:00a Focus:HOPE food delivery with Bridging Communities

## May 20 Sun

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

## May 21 Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 22 Tue

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 23 Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 24 Thu

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

10:00a -2:00p New Hope Food Pantry

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 25 Fri

9:00 -3:30The Greening of Detroit Park Maintenance Day

Help us spruce up The Greening of Detroit park for the spring. This is an all day event 9am -3:30pm. We need 20 individuals willing to help weed, mulch, plant and cleanup.

## May 26 Sat

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

9:00 a Home Repair Group with Bridging Communities

## May 28 Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 29 Tue

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 30 Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

## May 31 Thu

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

10:00a -2:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale – Pack food boxes for distribution

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

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center



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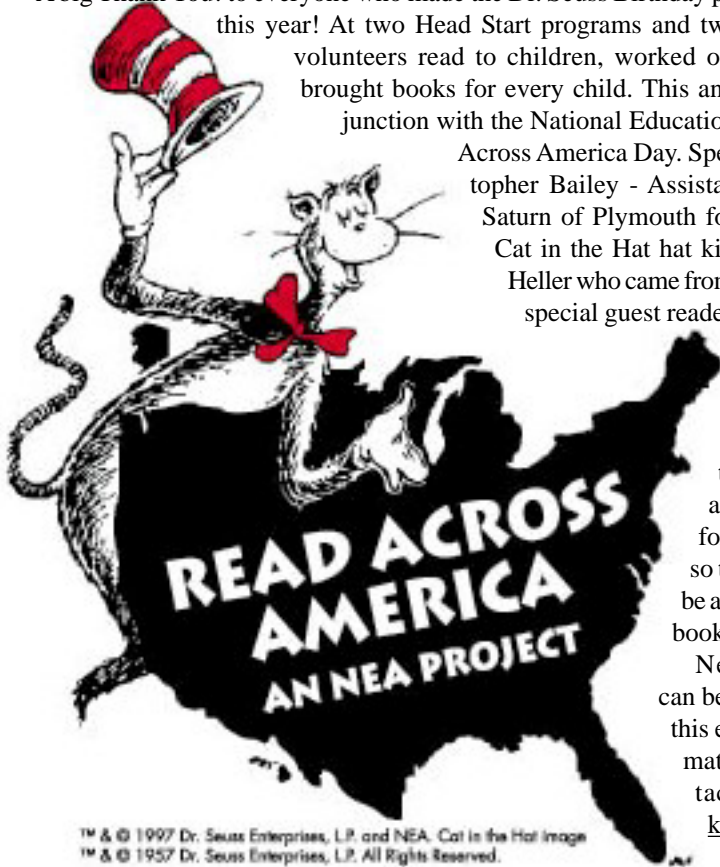
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A big Thank You! to everyone who made the Dr. Seuss Birthday parties a success again this year! At two Head Start programs and two homeless shelters, volunteers read to children, worked on craft projects, and brought books for every child. This annual event is in conjunction with the National Education Association's Read Across America Day. Special thanks to: Christopher Bailey - Assistant Sales Manager at Saturn of Plymouth for again donating the Cat in the Hat hat kits, author Janet Ruth Heller who came from Kalamazoo to be our special guest reader at the Starfish Family Services site, Jean Rempala for once again donating juice and muffins at two of our locations, and Volunteer Impact for donating extra books so that every child would be able to take home a new book of their own.



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**HAVEN Takes  
 Back the Night**



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month — A month dedicated to increasing the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society. The hope is that a month of intensified awareness efforts combined with the broad spectrum of sexual violence prevention work throughout the year will bring us closer to ending sexual assault.

Each year during April, advocates and educators nationwide conduct events and activities to acknowledge survivors of sexual assault. One of these events is Take Back the Night. The goal is that Take Back the Night, along with other events, will send a clear message to the nation: sexual assault affects everyone and we must decide to end sexual violence now.

On Friday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County, HAVEN is hosting Take Back the Night, a rally, march and speakout. Come be part of the solution.



The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is recruiting volunteer counselors for its annual summer camp being held at the YWCA Camp Cavell in Lexington, MI. from June 18th-23 or June 24th-30. We service children ages 6-21 with neuromuscular diseases from all over Metro Detroit. It is a free week-long camping program designed to give these special children an amazing and unforgettable experience. It is also a life-changing experience for the volunteers. Please contact me at: Julie Campbell Health Care Service Coordinator, Muscular Dystrophy Association 5860 N Canton Center Rd. #362 Canton, MI 48187 Phone: (734) 416-7076 Fax: (734) 416-8089 [jcampbell@mdausa.org](mailto:jcampbell@mdausa.org)



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