



Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

Break's Almost Over

Help Metro-Detroit schools prepare for the new semester

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

– Dr. Felice Leonardo Buscaglia

Save the Dates

Chase Kid Zone, Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug. 19-20

Mitch Albom's Book Review
Sept. 27



Birmingham Builds a Playground

We need 800 people to help with the construction of the Birmingham Booth Park playground. The playground construction is scheduled for Sept. 5-10, 2006. Adults and students 14 and over are welcome to participate with a parental permission form. Students with babysitting experience may be interested in assisting in the child care area. There will be a short training course for child care workers that will include child safety and CPR. There are three time slots 8:30-12:00noon, 12:30-5:00, and 5:30-close. All volunteers will be called to verify participation.

Attention Painters

The Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Design Team is seeking adult (18 years + only, please!) volunteers to paint the interior of historic (built 1924) Warren G. Harding Elementary School (a K-5 Detroit Public School) the weeks of Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Previous painting experience preferred. Please wear appropriate attire (work clothes, hard-sole shoes). Volunteers must also sign a waiver form. Paint, supplies will be provided. Harding Elementary is located at the corner of Lyndon and Burt roads (address: 14450 Burt; just north of I-96). Questions regarding the project can be forwarded to Joe Firm, DPS Zone Building Supervisor, 313-218-0057.

In Search of Supplies

Below is the list of required school supplies that we need for the backpacks. Financial donations are very appreciated, as we're going to try to buy the supplies en masse (this helps ensure the backpacks are equal). If you would like to help us raise funds toward the purchase of school supplies, you may do so on our website.

Donors should feel free to contact Marci Fitch – e-mail marcifitch@comcast.net, or (248) 506-5114. Marci will be making the purchase run before the event to make sure all the needs are met.

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| Pencils – E, M, HS | Pencil Sharpeners – E, M, HS |
| Pens – HS | Protractors – HS |
| Erasers – E, M, HS | Rulers – E, M, HS |
| Calculator – M, HS | Pencil Boxes – E |
| Folders with pockets – E, M, HS | Glue Sticks – E |
| Notebooks – M, HS | Gym Shoes – E |
| Tissue boxes – E | Whiteout – HS |
| Crayons/Markers – E | Water Bottles – E, M, HS |
| Backpacks – E, M, HS | Small scissors – E |

But Summer Aint Over Yet

Enjoy summer fun around town with Arts & Scraps

Families, groups and individuals are invited to explore the best of Detroit while volunteering with Arts and Scraps

Aug. 5, 6 -- City of Dearborn Homecoming, www.michiganfiftiesfestival.com/August

Aug. 11, 12 -- Milford Memories

Aug. 19, 20 -- Woodward Dream Cruise, Chase Kidzone Downtown Ferndale, www.ferndaledreamcruise.com

Find more about Arts & Scraps events this month on Page 3.

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Ronald McDonald Hosts Potluck

Bring a dish to serve to families living at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are hospitalized. It takes five to seven 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. 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. 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 karenk96@yahoo.com to coordinate menu contributions.



Attention AGENCIES



Have you registered your agency online yet? Agencies now have the capacity INPUT their own data. Once you have registered, e-mail us at volunteer_impact@yahoo.com, and we will adjust your registration to make you an events agent. All you will need is your personal password to input events each month. If you have special needs, please contact us with the information, and we will add the information to our monthly e-mailed newsletter. Volunteer Impact

will post short-term volunteer needs for non-profits and community organization except fundraisers for that organization.

Partying with Mitch

Time to Help,
Aug. 26.

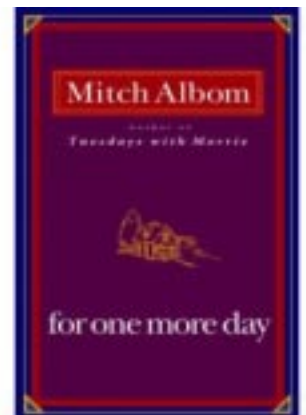
Book Preview Coming
this Fall



Join Mitch Albom's Time to Help in August, providing a back to school party for the children at Genesis II Shelter. We will be packing bookbags with school supplies, decorating, and doing crafts and games. See calendar or call VI to sign up.

Save the Date! September 27 is the preview event for best-selling author, and VI enthusiast Mitch Albom's forthcoming book, *For One More Day*. The event will take place at the Millenium Theater in Southfield Proceeds from the preview book event will go to VI and to Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, SAY Detroit Fund.

Mitch's latest touching novel explores themes of family, divorce and regrets, following the story of a boy who was forced to choose his father over his mother, only to see his father abruptly disappear a few years later.



Got a Little Heart to Give?

Samaritan Care Hospice needs Volunteers for Metro-Detroit Area



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 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in our Southfield office). Volunteers are then free to choose the area in which to see their patients, throughout the Metro Detroit area.

Our volunteers are compassionate, caring individuals that are making a difference in the lives of our terminally ill patients and their family members by providing companionship and emotional support to them. They visit the patients in nursing homes and private homes throughout Metro Detroit. The time spent with patients can include talking, reading to them, taking them for a walk, playing a game, etc. Each case differs based on the patient's condition. This volunteer experience is extremely rewarding.

If interested, please contact Chris Kokenos Volunteer Coordinator Samaritan Care Hospice chriskok@aol.com 1-800-397-9360

Where the Road is Wide

*Be part of the Woodward Dream Cruise
by volunteering with Arts & Scraps*



Arts and Scraps needs help on lots of projects from now until the big day, as we get ready for the 12th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

To be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, the Woodward Dream Cruise, the world's largest one-day celebration of car culture, attracts more than 1 million visitors and more than 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, custom, collector and special interest vehicles.

Arts & Scraps is very excited about a unique project producing an entire block of

vehicle-themed family activities on 9 Mile Road for the Woodward Dream Cruise in Downtown Ferndale. Would you enjoy being a part of this?

Yes, the ScrapMobile, our new bus built on a E450 chassis, designed by Ford volunteers, will be there.

We need help in: planning, building/decorating and staffing.

To volunteer reply to us at artsandscraps@hotmail.com or call (313) 640-441, ext. 5, and leave a message for Mary.

*The Chase Kidzone,
Aug. 19 and 20 will
include:*

- Two 4' wide, 8' long, 8' high "car wash" entry pieces using our computer data storage tape
- Make a car hat activity
- A large obstacle course for families to "drive" after they've made their car hats: ramps, signs -- whatever the group visualizes and builds
- A hubcap xylophone and different kinds of drumsticks, suspended between parking meters
- Cars cut from corrugated plastic to be decorated as an ongoing project during the weekend; families will pose for free pictures
- An instant photo-processing set up, with either digitally or Polaroid
- A picture frame making activity
- Sticker making on real cars, a group activity
- Weaving using our sock loops between parking meters
- A tire maze with painted tires bolted together so kids can climb



Volunteer Opportunities for August 2006

ONGOING EVENTS

Arts and Scraps

Recycling for learning and fun. Located at 16135 Harper in Detroit, volunteers are needed on 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 to learn more and view events where volunteers are requested. They may contact me at artsandscraps@hotmail.com to sign up.

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+

Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

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

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 or (248) 932-2580.

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

New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale

Need 10 volunteers to pack food boxes for distribution Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m., 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

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Aug 1 - Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
4:00p -6:00p The Children's Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

Milford Memories w/ Arts and Scraps
www.milfordmemories.com/1/mm/index.asp?Nsid=422
Groups, individuals & families are invited to volunteer for a 3-4 hour shift. To volunteer, call Mary at 313-640-4411 x 5 or email her at ARTSandSCRAPS@hotmail.com.

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

Aug 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
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

Aug 5 - Sat

9:00p -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps
12:00p-8:00p City of Dearborn Homecoming w/ Arts and Scraps, Ford Field
Art activities for children will be offered during "Arts and Scraps" at the Living History Hill . Groups, individuals & families are invited to volunteer for a 3-4 hour shift. To volunteer, call Mary at 313-640-4411 x 5 or email her at artsandscraps@hotmail.com

Aug 6 - Sun

4:30p -7:30p Ronald McDonald House, 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, leave message for Dolores Oakley. 8 volunteers needed.

12:00p-7:00p City of Dearborn Homecoming w/ Arts and Scraps, Ford Field, Art activities for children will be offered during "Arts and



Volunteer Opportunities for August 2006

Aug 6 – Sun (cont.)

Scraps” at the Living History Hill, from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, and from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6.

Groups, individuals & families are invited to volunteer for a 3-4 hour shift. To volunteer, call Mary at 313-640-4411 x 5 or email her at artsandscraps@hotmail.com.

Aug 7 – Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 8 – Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

Aug 9 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 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
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

Aug 11 Fri

11:00a-6:00p Milford Memories Summer Festival Scrapmobile Event, Milford,
<http://www.milfordmemories.com/1/mm/index.asp?Nsid=422>

Groups, individuals & families are invited to volunteer for a 3-4 hour shift. To volunteer, call Mary at 313-640-4411 x 5 or email her at artsandscraps@hotmail.com.

Aug 12 Sat

9:00a -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps, 3 or 4 hour shifts
11:00a-6:00p Milford Memories Summer Festival Scrapmobile Event, Milford,
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Aug 14 Mon

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 15 Tue

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry,

Melvindale

4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 16 – Wed

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 17 – Thu

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project
9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 18 – Fri

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team

Aug 19 – Sat

9:00a -12:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps, 3 or 4 hour shifts
10:00a-9:00p Woodward Dream Cruise...Chase Kidzone, Downtown Ferndale with Arts and Scraps (see information above).

Aug 20 – Sun

12:00p -7:00p Woodward Dream Cruise...Chase Kidzone, Downtown Ferndale with Arts and Scraps (see information above).
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

Aug 21 – Mon

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 22 – Tue

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 23 – Wed

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 24 – Thu

9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-Making Project
9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team
10:00a -2:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

Aug 25 – Fri

9:00a -3:00p Brightmoor-Harding Elementary School Painting Team

Aug 26 – Sat

9:00a -12:00p Mitch Albom’s Time to Help at Genesis II
Join VI and Mitch Albom for a “back to school” party for the children at Genesis II. We will be packing bookbags with school supplies, decorating, and doing crafts and games.
2015 Webb Street, Detroit Sign up online or call the VI office and leave a message.
11:00a -4:00p Arts and Scraps, 3 or 4 hour shift

Aug 27 – Sun

4:30 -7:00p Ronald McDonald House, Detroit—Pot-luck dinner for residents
Contact her at karenerik96@yahoo.com to coordinate menu contributions.

Aug 28 – Mon

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 29 – Tue

11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps, for 3 or 4 hour shift
1:00p -4:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 30 – Wed

4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center

Aug 31 – Thu – 9:00a -11:00a Hadassah Doll-

Making Project
10:00a -2:00p New Hope Food Pantry, Melvindale
11:00a -6:00p Arts and Scraps
4:00p -6:00p The Children’s Center
4:00p -6:00p Deeper Life Outreach Tutoring

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