



HOLIDAY BULLETIN 2006

**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING AND HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES and
ADOPT-A-SHELTER INFO AND WISH LIST**

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR OFTEN FOR OTHER PROJECTS
<http://www.volunteerimpact.org>

**THANKSGIVING DAY
MEALS-ON-WHEELS**

Join the Detroit Area Agency on Aging on Thanksgiving Day to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors. Call 313-446-4444 and ask for the volunteer coordinator to sign up.



AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE

The Parade Company would like to offer a special opportunity for Super Bowl Volunteers to become a part of one of the oldest and most beloved traditions in Detroit – America's Thanksgiving Parade@!

The Parade Company is looking for volunteers dedicated to making Detroit events successful. As the Super Bowl Volunteers have done such a spectacular job of being "Detroit Ambassadors" for several high profile events – it makes logical sense that we would approach you to be part of this event, too.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles including being in the Parade, handing out giveaways, taking tickets in the Grandstands or as support positions (behind the scenes).

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and have own transportation, be physically be able to walk 2 miles and be out in the elements (rain/cold/snow) for 4 to 5 hours. There are no sit-down jobs. Available to volunteer from approx 5:30am until 12 noon on Thursday, November 23, 2006.

If you are interested and willing to volunteer, you can contact The Parade Company at (313) 923-7400, ext. 239, visit their website at www.TheParade.org or email Donna Pylar, Director of Volunteer Services directly at donna@theparade.org. Note: Please provide Donna Pylar with the Volunteer Code: DMCV

**DETROIT LIONS HALF-TIME SHOW, AGES 10-UP
FIRST 500 VOLUNTEERS TO CALL**

2006 Detroit Lions-United Way Thanksgiving Day Halftime Show



For information call 650.838.0800! This opportunity is limited to the first 500 people that respond. All participants must be at least 10 years of age. Participates under the age of 17 years old, must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Members will be featured on the field, surrounding the stage, during nationally televised performance at halftime of the Detroit Lions Game on Thanksgiving Day.

Mandatory Schedule Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, November 22nd 3:00pm-9:00pm Ford Field, Detroit Gameday
Thursday, November 23rd 10:00am-4:00pm See Locations Below Please arrive 30 minutes early for check-in.

Note: You will not be seated in the stadium during the game. You will be in a designated cast holding area. The game is sold out. There are no tickets available.

Security Due to NFL and Ford Field security regulations, please provide the name, address, and date of birth for anyone entering the stadium for both rehearsals and gameday. Please send this information, via email, on the

attached excel spreadsheet to tina@e2k.com no later than Monday, November 20th. Anyone who is not on this list will not be allowed to enter the stadium and will not be allowed to participate in the show. Due to the time required for background checks, no late additions will be accepted.

What to Bring to Rehearsal: Come dressed in comfortable clothes (see gameday attire below). Wear comfortable shoes. No high heels.

Dress in layers and bring gloves. Even though we are indoors, the building is still fairly cold. Please bring water and snacks to rehearsal. There are no lunch or dinner breaks. Please eat before you come. Do not bring large duffle bags. Be prepared to have security check all your belongings. Please do not bring anything that will slow down the line. Restrooms will be available at the rehearsal site.

Transportation: Participants are responsible for their own rehearsal transportation and for getting themselves to the off-site parking area on gameday. For Wednesday's rehearsal use Lot 4 and 5

Additional information will be provided in a conformation letter via email. For further questions, please call 650.838.0800.



ARISE DETROIT! CITY CONNECT DETROIT SHUTTLE BUS AMBASSADORS

Be a Motown Ambassador! About 25 volunteers are needed this **Friday, November 24**. Free hop-on/hop-off shuttle buses for shoppers will loop through Downtown Detroit, Downtown Hamtramck, Downtown Ferndale and Downtown Royal Oak every 20 minutes from 11a.m. until 7 p.m. Two shifts of volunteers are needed, from 10:30-3 and 2:30-7. Some volunteers will operate in pairs to answer questions and assist shoppers at the 4 drop-off and pick-up sites as buses arrive and depart. Other pairs will ride the shuttles to assist people getting on and off, provide maps, answer questions, and distribute surveys about the experience. Early volunteers can stay late and late volunteers can come early to shop in one location and have a meal in another by using the buses. Call Genevieve Clark at ARISE Detroit! at 313-921-1955 or 313-515-1003 for more info or to volunteer.

VOLUNTEER IMPACTS 17TH ANNUAL ADOPT-A-SHELTER PARTIES DEC. 2&9, 8:30a - 1:00p

Sign up with your friends, work or school groups to bring joy to the homeless. You may contact the Project coordinator listed for each site to get specifics or sign up online and the project coordinator will contact you.

Your project coordinator may have a specialized wish list for their site. Please note that the current # of residents usually increases as the weather changes.



WISH LIST DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF OUR OFFICE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30
Amelia Agnes Transitional Housing, 42960 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314 Current # of residents: 5 adults, 6 children
Project Coordinator - Katie Hartman-Sheridan katiehs@ameritech.net

COTS, 26 Peterboro, Detroit, MI 48201
Current # of residents: Adults - 25-50, Children - 30
Project Coordinator - Kim Haranczak haranczak@yahoo.com

Doorstep West, 224 Highland, Highland Park, MI 48238
Current # of residents: Adults - 150, Children - 150
Project Coordinator- Dolores Oakley doakley@lockwoodcompanies.com

First Step Domestic Violence Shelter, 44567 Pine Tree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 Current #residents: Adults: 25.Children: 30
Project coordinator, Karen Hanson, ekhsherman@wowway.com

Genesis I, 131 Stimson, Detroit, MI 48201
Current # residents: Adults - 8 women, Children - 8
Project coordinator - Jolynn Benson jolybenson@wideopenwest.com

Genesis II, 2015 Webb, Detroit, MI 48206
Current # residents: 60 - approx 50 women, Children-10
Project Coodinator - Julie Kroflich juliekroflich@yahoo.com

Genesis III, 840 Fairview, Detroit, MI 48214
Current # residents: Adults - approx 100, Children - 20-25
Project Coordinator - Contact volunteer_impact@yahoo.com

Peggy's Place, 16630 Wyoming, Detroit, MI 48221
Current # residents: Adults - 30, Children - 45
Project Coordinator - Rod Monts, rlmonts@aol.com

Time to Help with Mitch Albom, Booth Evangeline Salvation Army

Note: This event is Saturday, Dec. 9

3737 Lawton, Detroit, MI 48208

Current # of residents: Adults - 75 women 5 men. Children - 110

Project Coordinator- Nancy Welber, contact Volunteer_Impact@yahoo.comcontact: volunteer_impact@yahoo.com

Volunteer Impact Contact information: volunteer_impact@yahoo.com 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 204, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (248) 932-2580 or 248 559-4950



ACCOUNTING AID SOCIETY'S TAX VOLUNTEERS HELP LOW-INCOME PEOPLE GET THE TAX REFUNDS AND TAX CREDITS THEY DESERVE

Want to broaden your experience, contribute to community and boost the bottom line of low-income families, seniors and others in need? Become a tax volunteer for Accounting Aid Society.

Volunteers are needed February through mid-April 2007 to prepare personal income tax returns and tax credits for low-income neighbors in southeast Michigan. Tax refunds and credits can help people on the edge of poverty meet their immediate household needs such as food, utilities and rent, and in many cases, build assets such as saving for school or homeownership.

This year (2006), thanks to more than 650 tax volunteers, Accounting Aid served almost 9,000 families living in poverty. The average refund was \$965 – roughly 10 percent of each household's annual income.

Accounting Aid Society will provide tax training workshops in January. Volunteers can register online for their choice of workshops, and can then volunteer at their choice of 30 tax locations operated by Accounting Aid in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties. Weekday, week night and weekend volunteers are needed.

You don't need an accounting background to become a tax volunteer. All you need is a willingness to complete Accounting Aid's tax training, have basic computer skills and a desire to make a real difference in the lives of low-income neighbors.

Volunteers range from college students to retirees. Work colleagues or groups of friends and associates can also volunteer together as a team and "adopt" a tax site.

In all, Accounting Aid tax volunteers helped return more than \$8.6 million in tax returns and credits this year (2006). This included \$2.2 million in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunds. EITC is often a confusing and overlooked federal credit for low-income working families and individuals and represents "new money" — not credits. Other credits available for low-income people are home heating and property tax credits.

Eligibility for Accounting Aid's free tax program is based on income and serves individuals with \$20,000 or less annual income, families with \$39,000 or less annual income, and those who speak English as a second language.

To volunteer with Accounting Aid Society, celebrating its 35th year of service in 2007, go to <http://www.accountingaidsociety.org> or call (313) 647-9620.

Wish List for Adopt-a-Shelters

Infant/Toddler	Child (4-12)	Teenager	Parent	Household
Bibs	Art Kits	Backpack	Alarm Clock	Band-Aids
Cotton Balls	Batteries	Batteries	Bathrobes	Bathtowels
Blankets	Board Games	Board Games	Batteries	Batteries
Books	Books	Board Games	Books	Blankets
Booties	Boots	Books	Boots	Boots
Bottles	Coat	Clothing	Coat	Cleaning
Diaper Bag	Coloring Book	Electronic	Crossword	Supplies
Diapers	Crayons	Games	Puzzles	Coat
Educational Toys	Dolls	Football,	Fanny Packs	Cottonballs
Hats/Mittens	Hats/Mittens	Basketball	Hats/Mittens	Dishwasher
Pacifiers	Overalls	Headphones	Headphones	Soap
Sleepers	Puzzles	Jewelry Kits	Scarf	Drinking
Snowsuits	Scarf	Pencils/Paper	Slippers	Glasses
Socks	Slippers	Skateboards	Socks	Facial Soap
Teethers	Socks	Scooters	Sweaters	Laundry
Toys	Stuffed Animals	Slippers	Sweatsuit	Detergent
Wipes	Sweatsuit	Socks	Towels	Paper Towels
	Toy	Hooded	Underwear	Pots and Pans
	Trucks/Cars	Sweatshirts		Shampoo
	Underwear	Underwear		Slippers
		Wallets		Socks
		Watches		Toothbrushes
		Winter Clothing (Especially large sizes)		

If you will be volunteering at Adopt a Shelter on Dec. 2 or Dec. 9, please bring your unwrapped donations with you.

Items may also be dropped off at the Volunteer Impact Office, 6960 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 204, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 by Nov. 30. Please call our president, Nancy Welber at 248 932-1230 to confirm office will be open.

Recommended sizes: Infant and 4-12 years: all sizes, Teenage: Large and Extra-large, Parent: Extra large and XXX-large

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR VOLUNTEER IMPACT CALENDAR?

There are several ways to receive volunteer information from Volunteer Impact.

- Register free as a member of Volunteer Impact and select to have monthly and bi-monthly updates emailed directly to you. You may need to add the following e-mail to your address book so that the calendar doesn't land in your spam mailbox: website@volunteerimpact
- Check the updated postings on the tab: VOLUNTEER CALENDAR. You can sign up to volunteer directly online from the volunteer calendar, or by clicking on the list of events on the right of the screen.
- Click on the tab: NEWSLETTER to download Volunteer Impact's monthly newsletter, *Connections*. Be sure to print out the newsletter and attached volunteer calendar for future reference
- For a quick "Month at a Glance", or to see events planned for future months, click on the master calendar http://my.calendars.net/volunteer_impact

VOLUNTEER IMPACT HAS BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY TRIBUTE CARDS AVAILABLE FOR CORPORATE OR PERSONAL GIFT GIVING.

Yes! I want to support Volunteer Impact.

I'm sending a gift of: \$ _____ E-mail address _____

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. _____ Security Code _____

Authorized Signature _____ Expiration Date _____

ONLINE GIVING AT ON OUR WEBSITE. <http://volunteerimpact.org>

Ten Suggestions to Help VI Make an IMPACT:

Be a title sponsor for one month of <i>Connections</i> , our newsletter.....	\$2,000.00
Sponsor one month media buy	\$1,000.00
Provide breakfast for <i>Hands on Detroit Day</i>	\$500.00
Provide activities and crafts for VI Events	\$250.00
Supply a pizza lunch for homeless children at a VI event.....	\$100.00
Provide winter wear for a shelter	\$75.00
Sponsor a project for one <i>Dr. Seuss' Birthday</i> party.....	\$50.00
Pay for one month of DSL Internet Access.....	\$36.00
Provide consumable office supplies.....	\$25.00
Send a Volunteer Impact Honorary or Memorial Tribute (\$10 min)	\$10.00

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