

Connections

Improving Our Detroit Metropolitan Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

An Evening with Mitch Albom – *A Spectacular Night!*

THANK YOU:

- **Mitch Albom** – for captivating everyone with your thoughts on giving and volunteerism.
- **Ken Brown** – for warming up the audience with your very funny dialogues.
- **Media Power** – for a powerful new video.

Your special efforts made the event a night to remember. Volunteer Impact would like to thank everyone who was a part of the wonderful evening – Marcy Heller Fisher, Nancy Welber Barr and Ellen Sherman, event co-chairs, our honorary committee and event committee members, our sponsors, advertising partners, supporters, and all our guests. Together, YOU made a huge IMPACT on our ability to continue connecting volunteers to agencies to serve people in need.

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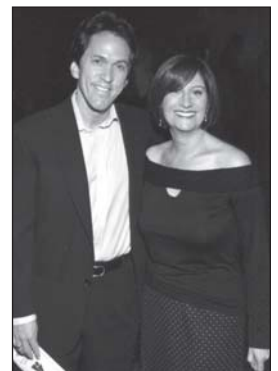
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And of course, congratulations to Elizabeth Kanter Groskind on receiving the 2004 Volunteer Impact's Founder's Award, honoring her for her vision and dedication to improving the metropolitan Detroit area through hands-on volunteering.



Mitch Albom and Elizabeth Kanter Groskind

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Volunteer Opportunities for December 2004

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

John Wesley

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 THURSDAYS HADASSAH DOLL MAKING



Make cuddly dolls for 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

4 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. Bring a lunch.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950



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.



Singles Projects are designed for single adults.



Seniors – 55 years or older.

4 SATURDAY ADOPT-A-SHELTER

Bring holiday joy to children residing in area shelters.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call: Volunteer Impact
248-559-4950



AMELIA AGNES TRANSITIONAL HOME

Location: Sterling Heights

BOOTH EVANGELINE SALVATION ARMY MITCH ALBOM PROJECT

Location: Detroit

COTS (PROJECT FULL)

Location: Detroit:

DOORSTEP WEST

Location: Highland Park

LAKWOOD MANOR

Location: Detroit

FIRST STEP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Location: Plymouth

GENESIS I (PROJECT FULL)

Location: Detroit

GENESIS II

Location: Detroit

GENESIS III

Location: Detroit

GRACE CENTER OF HOPE

Location: Pontiac

PEGGY'S PLACE FULL (PROJECT FULL)

Location: Detroit

STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES (PROJECT FULL)

Location: Inkster

WAYNE FAMILY CENTER

Location: Westland

WOMEN'S SURVIVAL CENTER

Location: Pontiac:

5 SUNDAY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – ANN ARBOR

Bring a dish to serve for Sunday dinner.

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

Location: Ann Arbor

Volunteers: 8

Call: Dolores Oakley • 734-844-7649

6, 13, 20 & 27 MONDAYS SOUTHWEST TUTORING PROGRAM

Help elementary and middle school students improve their academic skills.

Time: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Call: Grace Colter • 248-7344430

6 MONDAY CITY OF SOUTHFIELD PARKS & RECREATION TREE LIGHTING

Help with activities indoors. Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Southfield Civic Center

Call: Chris Redmond • 248-796-4616

7, 14, 21 & 28 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

7, 14, 21 & 28 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

11 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 ext. 2#

11 SATURDAY

KIWANIS NO. CLUB



Sort books for distribution to Detroit Public Schools.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 20

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

11 SATURDAY

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY



Pack food boxes.

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

Location: Melvindale

Volunteers: 10

Call: Kathy Lentz • 313-225-6205

12 SUNDAY

**CHERRYWOOD NURSING HOME
PET THERAPY**

Bring your dog to visit with the residents.

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Sterling Heights

Volunteers: 8

Call: Connie Carr • 586-465-5931

Email: ccarr@etdinc.com

12 SUNDAY

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE –
DETROIT**

Bring a dish for Sunday dinner for families staying at the house while their child is in the hospital.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 7

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

13 MONDAY

**BRIDGING COMMUNITIES
DELIVERING CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS**

Delivering poinsettias to seniors.

Location: Detroit

Call: Kathryn Fabian • 313-361-6377

14 TUESDAY

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DELIVERING CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS**

Delivering poinsettias to seniors.

Location: Detroit

Call: Kathryn Fabian • 313-361-6377

15 WEDNESDAY

**BRIDGING COMMUNITIES
DELIVERING CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS**

Delivering poinsettias to seniors.

Location: Detroit

Call: Kathryn Fabian • 313-361-6377

18 SATURDAY

GLEANERS – TAYLOR



Packing food boxes.

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

Location: Taylor

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY

GLEANERS – DETROIT

Packing food boxes.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY

FOCUS: HOPE

Packing food boxes and delivering food boxes.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY

**FOOD BANK OF
OAKLAND COUNTY**



Pack food boxes.

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

Location: Pontiac

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY

**DEARBORN
ANIMAL SHELTER**



Dog walking. You must be at least 14 years of age.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Location: Dearborn

Volunteers: 10

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

18 SATURDAY

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Build affordable housing. You must be at least 18 years old. If with an adult 16 and 17 year olds may volunteer. Please bring a lunch.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 15

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

19 SUNDAY

COTS

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 5

Call: Gloria Sarver • 586-293-1914

PROJECT FULL!

19 SUNDAY

**ARDEN COURT
OF BINGHAM FARMS
ALZHEIMER'S ASSISTED LIVING**

Assist residents with simple art and craft projects.

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

Location: Bingham Farms

Volunteers: 5

Call: Andrea Ferriss • 248-644-8100 ext. 210

25 SATURDAY

**CHRISTMAS DAY
ST LEO'S SOUP KITCHEN**

Prepare and serve lunch.

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

Location: Detroit

Volunteers: 8

Call: Volunteer Impact • 248-559-4950

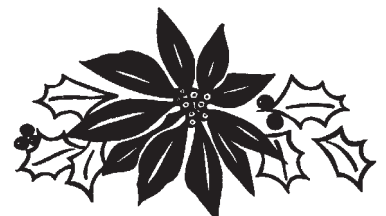
25 SATURDAY

**CHRISTMAS DAY
BRIDGING COMMUNITIES
HOLIDAY MEALS ON WHEELS**

Deliver holiday meal to seniors.

Location: Detroit

Call: Kathryn Fabian • 313-361-6377



1,700 Residents In Shelters NEED YOUR HELP

Adopt-A-Shelter • December 4, 2004

We still need items from the Wish List and volunteers to fill the shelters. If you can help please call the Volunteer Impact office at 248-559-4950.

*Items from the
Wish List
needed in the
Volunteer Impact
office by Monday,
November 29, 2004.*



WISH LIST ITEMS

| <u>Infant/Toddler</u> | <u>Child (4-12 yrs)</u> | <u>Teenage</u> | <u>Parent</u> | <u>Miscellaneous</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Bibs | Board Games | Board Games | Books | Batteries |
| Blankets | Books | Books | Boots | Bath Towels |
| Books | Boots | Boots | Coats | Blankets |
| Booties | Coats | Coats | Hats/Mittens | Shampoo |
| Coats | Dolls | Hats/Mittens | Puzzles | Toothbrush/Paste |
| Diapers | Hats/Mittens | Jewelry Kits | Scarves | |
| Hats/Mittens | Scarves | Puzzles | Socks | |
| Scarves | Socks | Scarves | Stationery | |
| Sleepers | Stuffed Animals | Socks | Sweat Suits | |
| Snowsuits | Sweat Suits | Sweat Suits | | |
| Socks | Trucks/Cars | Wallets/Purses | | |

December Community Calendar

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers on each Wednesday and Thursday in December to complete important construction projects. Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If interested please call Sandra Cobb at 313-521-6691 ext. 107.

PJC Outreach which feeds and clothes the homeless in a vacant lot at Martin Luther King and Third needs volunteers every Saturday, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If interested please call Christine Bodie at 248-760-0365.

The Rose and Robert Skillman Branch of the Detroit Public Library in the Compuware Building needs tutors on Tuesdays, and Saturdays. For more information please call Carol Hale at 313-628-2801.

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Volunteer Giving Opportunities Can Make An Impact!

This holiday season, you can help VI help our community by being a Volunteer Impact Angel. Your contribution to VI can support a volunteer project, help fund the newsletter, or help provide for an Adopt-a-Shelter party. It's a wonderful way to honor friends, business associates, co-workers, or family members. We will send a card to acknowledge your holiday gift.

Ten Suggestions to Help VI Make an IMPACT this Volunteer Giving Season:

| | |
|---|------------|
| 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 an <i>Adopt-a-Shelter</i> party | \$250.00 |
| Supply a pizza lunch at an <i>Adopt-a-Shelter</i> location | \$100.00 |
| Sponsor a Youth Board Meeting | \$75.00 |
| Sponsor a project for one <i>Dr. Seuss' Birthday</i> party | \$50.00 |
| Provide one year's <i>Connections</i> for one volunteer | \$36.00 |
| Provide consumable office supplies | \$25.00 |
| Send a Volunteer Impact Holiday Tribute (each tribute) | \$10.00 |

Name of donor: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount of donation: _____

Check Enclosed: _____ (please make payable to Volunteer Impact)

Credit Card: _____ VISA MC AmEx (circle one)

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Phone No.: _____ Zip Code: _____

Send card acknowledging tributes to: (attach another page if necessary)

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Call 248-559-4950 for any questions. Holiday gifts will be acknowledged in January's *Connections* as well as with a card to the recipient.

Send form to: Volunteer Impact, 23077 Greenfield, Suite LL10, Southfield, Michigan 48075
Or fax to: 248-559-4950



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Tribute: Mazel tov Laurie Leeb on
your special birthday

From: Clare, Jack, Felicia and
Brian Pesis

In Honor of: Liz Kanter Groskind's vision,
inspiration and hard work

From: The Hills Family

In Honor of: Liz Kanter Groskind
receiving the Founder's
Award

From: Benny and Helen Grossinger

In Memory of: Robert W. Hammond

From: Mary S. Hammond

Lizzie,

Thank you for your outstanding dedication and service to our community.
We are so proud to call you our friend!

Julie and Michael Hantman