

# THE NONPROFIT CONNECTION

News from *HandsOn Northwest North Carolina*



## Connection OPPORTUNITIES

We're happy to share these items of interest from around our local network. Please e-mail us any opportunities you would like to be featured in future editions!

## Training OPPORTUNITIES

**+ Save the Date! NC Center for Nonprofits's Public Policy Forum** is being organized for **Friday, February 20, 2009** at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Learn how to have an impact--or more impact--on public policy, meet with key policymakers, and connect with other nonprofits. For more information, check out the [NC Center's website](#).

## Other OPPORTUNITIES

**+ Americorps Grant Applications Available!** The NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is preparing to grant \$2.3 million to North Carolina nonprofits working in education, public safety, homeland security, the environment, and human services. Strong applicants will have the capacity needed to implement program goals through the engagement of Americorps members. Interested organizations must attend a training and technical assistance session. Information and application forms are available on [the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service's website](#), or by calling 919-715-3470 or 800-820-4483. **Applications are due February 24, 2009.**

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Dear Amy,

Are you finding it hard to locate your holiday spirit in these tough economic times? While this month might be difficult for your clients, your organization or even yourself, I'm taking reassurance in the strength of the connection we have to each other--for ideas, for support, and for resources. There are still ways for you to build and strengthen your program, but, just like finding the perfect Christmas gift, it might take a little creativity!

Like the elves you wish would visit your house this holiday season, we're here to help! We're planning workshops on changes to the 990 form, managing in tough economic times\*, and more. We're looking forward to implementing some of the ideas that have bubbled up during our recent focus groups. And, most importantly, we're excited about anything we can do that will help you meet the challenge of your mission in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Don't hesitate to call on us in the days and weeks to come. We want to make it easy for you to make a difference!

Yours,

*Amy Lytle*

Executive Director

\*more information will be in our Jan. newsletter

**Form 990: What are the Changes for 2008?**

**Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, 10 am-2 pm**

**Location:** Salemtowne

We're partnering with Salemtowne, Shepherd's Center and Dixon-Hughes to present this workshop that will help guide you through all of the changes to the new Form 990 that will be required for the 2008 tax year. We know that these changes are a

**+ New Health Insurance Risk Pool Started in NC!** One of the tidbits discussed in our **Insurance 101** session on Nov. 21st was the creation in North Carolina of an insurance pool to cover those who cannot find other health policies. Mike York of Blue Moon Benefits Groups shared [their excellent website](#) with us, and we thought we'd pass it along. Also, Renee Vaca Razo from the NC Center dropped off numerous risk-management booklets that we'd be happy to share with any of you who might be interested. Just [contact us](#) to arrange a time to up a copy. Many thanks to all of our speakers and presenters that helped make both the breakfast and workshop such a positive experience for the nearly 50 people who attended!

## HandsOn JOIN / GIVE NOW

HandsOn NW NC invites nonprofits to financially support our mission to build the capacity of local nonprofits and increase volunteerism. In exchange, our supporting organizations receive a variety of special benefits and opportunities. [Join HandsOn and Become a Partner](#)

We welcome financial contributions from businesses and individuals at any level.

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looming issue for many of you, and we're excited that **Amy L. Bibby, CPA, and Senior Tax Manager at Dixon-Hughes** will be covering these key topics:

- "Red Flag" questions and pitfalls
- The increased role of your board in the new tax exempt world
- "Related Party" issues, unrelated business income and executive compensation

**Cost: \$30** (includes lunch and materials), **Supporting organizations receive a \$10 discount!** Deadline for registration is **Jan. 9th**, and seats are limited!

[Register Now!](#)

## Convened EDs Brown Bag Lunch

**Monday, January 26, 2009 - 12:00 PM**

**Location:** Senior Services

We're looking forward to seeing you all again for our first Convened EDs meeting of the year! Bring your own lunch for this informal networking session. We'll be discussing the finding our of focus group sessions, and our plans for the upcoming year. Don't miss it! (Attendance limited to Executive Directors or equivalents.)

**Cost: Free!**

[Register Now!](#)

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Jan. 19th!

The Piedmont Triad of NC has been designated an Expansion Site for the Martin Luther King Day of Service by the



Corporation for National and Community Service. With the goals of coordinating and organizing service efforts on the day, and encouraging the incorporation of service components into traditional commemorative events, the Day of Service hopes to mobilize citizens to make MLK Day a "Day On, Not a Day Off." HandsOn NWNC is pleased to be serving on the

Steering Committee for this regional effort, which is being spearheaded by NC Campus Compact. For more information about hosting a project or getting involved, [contact us](#) or visit the [Triad's MLK Day site](#).

## Nell Wilkins Wins Medallion Award!

Many of you have read [her profile on our homepage](#), or met her at our NC Awards breakfast this past spring. Nell was our choice to be nominated for the Medallion Award, which is the "final round" of the NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service and only given out to 20 volunteers out of the 100--

one from each county--that are nominated. Nell received her award during a ceremony on Nov. 20th at Magnolia Manor in a ceremony featuring Secretary of State Elaine Marshall (pictured with Nell, here.) Nell is the first resident of either Forsyth or Guilford Counties to receive the reward! We're so proud of her, and if you're ever around Cancer Services, we hope that you'll get the chance to meet her.



## HandsOn NWNC NEWS

We're excited that some of the organizations that responded to the invitation to our November 21st event decided to become Supporting Organizations. We're pleased to add them to this list:

**Josh and Marie Reynolds Hospital Hospitality Guest House**

**Twin City Kiwanis Club**

**Junior League of Winston-Salem**

**Smart Start of Forsyth County**

[Consider becoming a Supporting Organization today!](#)

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