

THE VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

News for Volunteer Managers from **HandsOn NWC**



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!

+ Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods (NBN) is looking for a Community Development Intern.

Do you know a self-motivated individual who is interested in being involved and connected to neighborhood development in our community? Their goal will be to identify and develop a leadership base of community residents who can engage in campaigns that focus on the improvement of the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Key components involve assisting neighborhood associations with Capacity Building, Coalition Building, and Systems Change.

This is a volunteer position; however a stipend and additional benefits, such as healthcare insurance, are available. Interested parties should review the [position description](#) and then [email](#), fax, or mail a resume and cover letter to:
Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods
309 E. Sprague Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27127
Call 336-631-9407 for more information.
DEADLINE: February 13, 2009

+ **Winston-Salem Foundation and ECHO Council Seeking 2009 ECHO Nominations.** They need your help in identifying individuals or organizations who are building social capital. Each ECHO Award winner will receive a gift of \$1,000 that they can donate to a charitable organization of their choice. You may nominate as many candidates

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Dear Amy,

Welcome to the first issue of *The Volunteer Connection*! While we'll continue to publish *The Nonprofit Connection* each month, in some months we'll have so much news that is specifically of interest to those who manage volunteers that we'll publish this additional newsletter just for you! It turns out that February 2009 is the first month when we have enough exciting opportunities that we needed this additional way to communicate with you!

Of special interest is the call for some group volunteer opportunities on behalf of **Highland Presbyterian Church and Alpha Phi Omega**. Please make sure that you check out their criteria below and respond to me as soon as you can!

Thanks so much,

Amy Lytle

Executive Director

Group Opportunity Needed-Alpha Phi Omega

Friday, February 21, 2009

Location: yours?!?

We recently recieved a request from the membership chair of the **Duke University chapter of Alpha Phi Omega**. Every semester, they try to organize a "retreat" for their potential members and current members. The retreat consists of staying overnight near a nonprofit organization, then working with the nonprofit on a large service project the following day. Therefore, they are looking for a large service project for a group of **20-25 people** to work on **Friday, February 21st**. If you could either accommodate them overnight or host their service that day, please let me know **ASAP**. Since the date is so soon, I'd like to get back to them sooner rather than later! [E-mail us](#) with a brief description of your organization and project, and make sure to include your contact info!

as you wish, but please submit only one [nomination per form](#). **Deadline is March 9, 2009**

+ Save the Date: 2009 National Conference on Volunteering and Service! Save the date and plan to attend the 2009 Conference on Volunteering and Service **June 22-24 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California**. Co-convened by Points of Light Institute and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the annual gathering will provide more than 3,000 volunteer and service leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to learn from, connect with, and be inspired by some of the leading thinkers and practitioners in the volunteering and service field - all in a beautiful city known for its innovative and progressive approach to change. For information on discounted rates, hotel accommodations, highlights from 2008 and more, [click here](#).

+ The Children's Home has an urgent need for volunteers before **Feb 9**, especially groups to help with cleaning, painting, and repairs as they prepare to open their respite program for developmentally disabled kids. Let them know if you can organize a crew to help with any of the tasks on [this list](#). **E-mail Linda Coleman** or call her at **721.7699**.

HandsOn JOIN / GIVE NOW

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We welcome financial contributions from businesses and individuals at any level. [Give to HandsOn](#)

Group Opportunity Needed- Highland Presbyterian Church!

June 15th-18th, 9 am to Noon

Location: Yours!?!?

Highland Presbyterian Church is organizing a service week for their middle school students (aged 11-14.) This group of about **10 students** will work in the morning Monday through Thursday. They are hoping to work at a different site each morning--so we need a list of **at least 4 organizations** that can engage their services! They will have plenty of adult supervisors with them. **The deadline for submitting projects is February 17th!** **E-mail** us a brief description of your organization and project and make sure to include your contact info. The project organizer will then choose sites out of those submitted.

IN THE NEWS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

The MLK Day of Service was all over the media on January 19th, with President Obama's call to service, and his own participation in service activities in Washington, DC. The head of ServiceNation (a national service collaborative that includes HandsOn Network) appeared on *The Colbert Report* on January 18th, and then, on the 19th, *The Colbert Report* did another story on the Day of Service. (Clips can be found online.)

While there were a few projects done locally, be on the lookout for planning meetings over the next few months, as the Triad prepares to expand our own service efforts on MLK Day in 2010. And if you did host a service project on the 19th, please let us know how it went by dropping us an e-mail. We want to make sure that we're recognizing everyone's efforts!

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