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# Collin County Teen Fair, Projects Needed!

Dear Volunteer Center Staff,

The Student Engagement Department is gearing up to host the 6th annual Collin County Teen Fair from 1 - 3 p.m., Saturday, September 18 at Strikz Entertainment Center in Frisco.

Last year, the Collin County Teen Fair engaged more than 150 students who wanted to learn more about ways they can volunteer in their local community. In addition to the fair, we are excited to engage students in a service project the morning of September 18th. If interested in participating in the Collin County Teen Fair, please contact Jonathan Wallace at [jwallace@vcnt.org](mailto:jwallace@vcnt.org) or 1.866.797.VCNT, ext. 248.

Do you need work completed this fall?

Youth Volunteer Corps is currently planning 2-3 service projects a month for the upcoming fall semester. If your organization has an opportunity to engage a group of youth volunteers this fall, please let us know. Call Jonathan Wallace at 1.866.797.VCNT, ext. 248 or e-mail [jwallace@vcnt.org](mailto:jwallace@vcnt.org).

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you as we approach the end of the summer and the beginning of a new school year!

Sincerely,

Cathy Hurst  
Collin County Coordinator

## VCNT Services Expanded

New Tarrant County Office Includes Donated Goods Program The Volunteer Center of North Texas is extremely excited to announce an increase of services and agency support with the opening of our new Tarrant County Office.

Located a little less than a mile from our current Tarrant County office is our new location with expanded office space along with more than 7,500 square feet of warehouse space for a second Donated Goods Center.

This move will allow us to reach a greater number of nonprofit organizations in the Tarrant County area while also adding the convenience of a shorter trip to experience the Donated Goods Center

We look forward to seeing you at our new Tarrant County home in the coming months!

Exclusive shopping opportunity for Donated Goods in Tarrant County coming soon ... Stay tuned!

### 2010 North Texas Volunteer Challenge Presented by American Airlines

#### Members and Partners encourage North Texas to Take the Challenge!

More than 30 VCNT nonprofit members and partners throughout Collin, Dallas and Tarrant County will serve as project sites for the 2nd Annual North Texas Volunteer Challenge, 8 a.m. - Noon, Saturday, October 23, 2010. The date is a national day of service otherwise known as Make A Difference Day. This annual event benefitting the Volunteer Center of North Texas encourages the entire North Texas region to lend a helping hand to nonprofit organizations.

American Airlines has officially come on board as the presenting sponsor for the 2010 event! Ten American Airlines teams of volunteers have decided to not only give financially, but also give of their time and talent to nonprofit participating project sites!

We are excited about the nonprofit organizations participating this year, and we encourage each of you to consider applying for the 2011 NTVC if you missed the 2010 deadline. More than 700 business leaders, community volunteers, civic organizations, schools and youth groups will have an opportunity to get involved with this year's North Texas Volunteer Challenge.



***“Lend A Helping Hand To Make A Difference!”***

[Want to VOLUNTEER for the event this year?](#)

[More information coming soon!](#)

## Scheduled Training Dates

### Professional development opportunities

You are cordially invited to attend the following VCNT Professional Workshop & Training!

- Wednesday, September 21- Maximizing Partnerships, Collin County

For more information contact VCNT Training Manager, Kim Smith at [ksmith@vcnt.org](mailto:ksmith@vcnt.org)

To register for any training, contact Cathy Hurst at [churst@vcnt.org](mailto:churst@vcnt.org).

## Volunteer Opportunities

### They won't come if you don't promote!

Submit your opportunities today, you never know how your project can impact a life and create an advocate for your organization!

*"It was a great opportunity. Thank you for letting me participate!!!! Hope to be able to make it an annual activity!"* - Ben Christensen, volunteer for the 2010 Live Green Expo in Plano.

*"We get a lot of volunteers from your site, we appreciate it!"* - Chemyn Reaney, volunteer coordinator for In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue.

Visit [http://www.vcnt.org/nonprofits\\_submit\\_opp.html](http://www.vcnt.org/nonprofits_submit_opp.html), complete the form and start receiving great people today! In order to receive optimal responses from volunteers, we require opportunities to be submitted three weeks prior to the event date.

Contact Ashley E. Hyder, manager of public relations & communications, via phone at (214) 826-6767, ext. 236 or [ahyder@vcnt.org](mailto:ahyder@vcnt.org) for specific questions related to Partner Member benefits for promoting volunteer opportunities.

## Days of Service & Awareness Months

To help celebrate volunteerism and promote your programs, we have provided a list of upcoming special days and months:

August:

- Black Business Month
- National Inventors' Month
- Happiness Happens Month
- National Toddler Month

September:

- September 11 - National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Library Card Sign-Up Month
- National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)

- National Biscuit Month

## About the Volunteer Center of North Texas

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit [www.vcnt.org](http://www.vcnt.org).

The mission of the Volunteer Center is to ***make volunteerism a part of everyday life!***

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