

A CATASTROPHIC DISASTER IS EMINENT IN NORTH TEXAS!

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CEO's of the VCNT, American Red Cross, North Texas Food Bank and Salvation Army listen with Mayor Tom Leppert as Southwest Airlines President & CEO, Gary Kelly, announces major gift for disaster preparedness.

Are you prepared as employees for an emergency or a catastrophic disaster at work and at home? The Mass Care Task Force (MCTF), a partnership between the American Red Cross, the North Texas Food Bank, the Salvation Army and the Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), wants to make sure you are.

In April, VCNT held a Corporate Forum to introduce the MCTF to

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senior management in Dallas. Sixty-three attended with 39 companies represented to help identify the role of a corporation "before" a catastrophic disaster occurs. The VCNT seeks to register 28,000 volunteers. Click [here](#) to read an article from the **Dallas Morning News** that features information about the meeting.

In 2010, the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), who monitors the environment and examines changes in our weather, projects a 70% probability of 14 to 23 named storms including 8 to 14 hurricanes of which 3 to 7 could be major (Category 3, 4 or 5 with winds at least 111 mph).

The Volunteer Center of North Texas is preparing three types of trainings for employees who wish to help in disaster. Beginning August 15, 2010, online training and registration will be available and will only require about 15 minutes of your employee's time. Following the training, your employees will be able to register as a volunteer. When their help is needed, the Volunteer Center will contact them.

Trainings Available:

- Call Center Volunteers
- Shelter Registrar Volunteers
- Be a General-Aide in Your Community

Invite your employees to become a "**second-responder**" to lend their time to volunteer should a disaster occur. Go to www.vcnt.org to take the online training beginning August 1. For more information contact Vangie Garza or Jasmine Ng at 214-826-6767, ext. 235 or 224.

FREE EMPLOYEE PREPAREDNESS TRAINING, July 22, 2010, 9 to 10:30 a.m., VCNT Conference Center.

VCNT will hold Employee Preparedness Training for the first 100 to register before July 15. TWO EMPLOYEES PER COMPANY PLEASE. Seating is on a first come basis. Email Jasmine Ng at jng@vcnt.org to reserve seating. Please include the name of your company and the names of your two attendees as well as contact information for your company representative(s).

Also available at the American Red Cross, "**Ready When the Time Comes**" Training. This training will enable you to help set up and manage disaster shelters. Please go to www.redcrossdallas.org for more information.

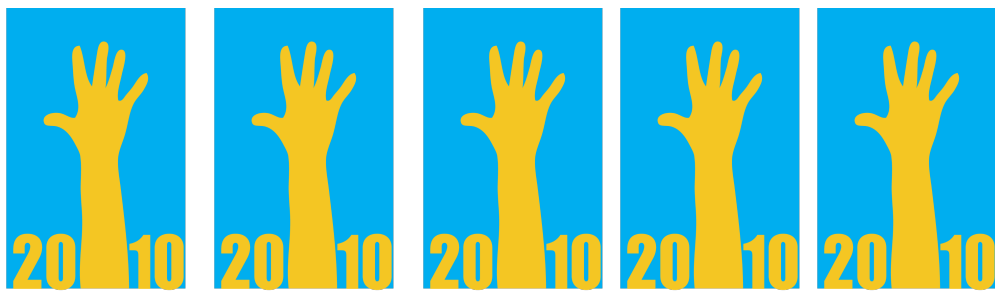
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A National Day of Service on Make A Difference Day!

The North Texas Volunteer Challenge (NTVC) is a four-hour day of service that brings together employees, individuals, youth, students, families, and groups to "lend helping hands" for day of service projects at nonprofit organizations throughout North Texas.

Saturday, October 23, 2010 is Make a Difference Day and the NTVC has been identified as an opportunity to serve during a "national day of service" in North Texas.

If you are an employer, beginning August 1, go to [Make A Difference Day](#) to learn more or [NTVC](#) to download documents to commit a team for your National Day of Service and to win the Stanley Cup of Volunteerism, the **"2010 Corporate Social Responsibility Ambassadors"** Award.

For more information contact either Vangie Garza at 214-818-9843 or via e-mail at vgarza@vcnt.org or Judy Paris at 214-826-6767, ext. 266 or via email at jparis@vcnt.org.



[Hands At Work™ Corporate Employee Program](#)

Hands At Work Corporate Employee Projects are days of service designed for your employees to engage in team building, connect to communities, develop ties with nonprofits, establish emotional connections to those in need, and help become good social responsibility ambassadors for your company.

Join Sherwin-Williams, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Daimler Financial Services, Dallas Mavericks, SAP, American Airlines, Texas Instruments, the Dallas Mavericks, and many more employees who have lent their helping hands to help many!

For more information on Day of Service Projects for your employees or to discuss your corporate social responsibility needs, contact Senior Director of Advancement, Vangie Garza, at 214-818-9843 or email vgarza@vcnt.org.



briefing, a new way to volunteer!

Check out the new volunteer opportunities section in *briefing*, a "free" edition of the Dallas Morning News, beginning May 27.

briefing, mailed to your home, will highlight volunteers and businesses for their giving ways, spotlight nonprofit agencies, and offer you a variety of volunteer opportunities to assist nonprofit organizations in Northeast Tarrant County, Dallas, and Collin County. This half-page spread is becoming one of the most popular sections among employees, families, students, youth and groups eager to "make a difference." Sign up now at <http://www.dallasnews.com/briefing/>. Please send this link or newsletter to all your friends and relatives.

"DOES YOUR COMPANY ROCK?"

More details coming soon!"

"Making Volunteerism a Part of Everyday Life!"

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