



**"Making volunteerism a part of everyday life!"** August/September 2010

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# Summer Updates, Projects Abound!

Dear Volunteer Center Staff,

This summer has been busy with 75 ExxonMobil CSJP Interns, the 51 ExxonMobil Green Team Ambassadors, 10 Bank of America Student Leader, and the Youth Volunteer Corps of North Texas programs making a difference for nonprofits, students and communities.

Additionally, our Hands at Work Program has led several service projects involving corporate volunteers, and the program has plans for some 1800 corporate volunteers from Interstate Batteries and Ernst & Young to impact 22 agencies, schools, and community centers. HandsOn is working with the Fidelity at Schools program and UBS.

The Points of Light Foundation has just announced that the dates for National Volunteer Week will be changed to April 10-16, 2011 in order to avoid conflicts with religious holidays.

OneStar Foundation has extended its deadline for nominations for the [Governor's Volunteer Awards](#) to August 6. OneStar Foundation's Governor's Nonprofit Leadership Conference and Greenlights' Crossroads Conference will partner to present the [Texas Nonprofit Summit](#) September 23 - 24, 2010 at The Westin Austin at the Domain.

## Save the Date



## Recognize an Outstanding Volunteer!

Thursday, November 4, 2010  
 Eddie Deen's Ranch  
 944 S. Lamar St.  
 Dallas, TX 75202  
 \$25/person  
 Parking \$5

Honoree submissions will be going out first week in September.

To learn more about the event and how to designate an honoree contact Judy Paris at 817-927-7172, ext. 105 or e-mail: [lss@vcnt.org](mailto:lss@vcnt.org).

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

## Student Engagement

### 2011 ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program (CSJP) orientation set

Need additional help next summer? Mark your calendars now to attend the ExxonMobil CSJP Agency Orientation on Tuesday, September 14 from 9 - 11 a.m., Volunteer Center of North Texas, 2800 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is September 7.**

This **FREE** session is for organizations interested in submitting a grant application to participate in the 2011 ExxonMobil CSJP. Topics covered will include program overview, criteria for selection, the judging process, how to apply and much more! A light breakfast will be served.

If you are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government-funded organization located in Dallas County and would like to apply for a grant, **RSVP** today.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The orientation is **MANDATORY** for organizations that have never received funding. Agencies that have received a CSJP grant in the past are NOT required to attend the orientation.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

QUESTIONS? Please contact Millicent Boykin at [mboykin@vcnt.org](mailto:mboykin@vcnt.org) or 214-818-9846.

Administered by the Volunteer Center of North Texas since 1991.

## Summer of Service project successful





YVC participants making a difference with planting projects at the Trinity River Audubon Center!

On July 8, Youth Volunteer Corps launched the 2010 Summer of Service. This intense, service-learning program engaged more than 25 rising 8th and 9th graders through daily volunteer opportunities at a variety of non-profit organizations across Dallas County. Upon successful completion of 100 hours of service, each youth volunteer will be eligible to receive a \$500 Education Award they can use for college. The youth volunteers were divided into 3 teams, led by team leaders, serving each week with a different nonprofit through August 6.

## YVC needs fall projects

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).

## AmeriCorps team member for Dallas

Nick Upshaw of Cedar Hill, is a current student at the University of North Texas in Denton, and former graduate of Cedar Hill High School. Nick is serving alongside 4 other young adults through AmeriCorps, spending their summer leading youth in service-learning opportunities across North Texas.

## 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!

## SMU to Host Annual Fall Volunteer Fair

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

SMU's Volunteer Expo provides an opportunity to meet and recruit a large number of students in a casual setting. Approximately 500 undergraduates, graduate students, alumni and staff are expected to attend - seeking opportunities for volunteer involvement.

To register, go to <http://smu.edu/lci/volexpo/> or contact Austin Gibb at 214-768-4403(Registration Deadline: August 27 - space is limited)

### 2010 North Texas Volunteer Challenge

## 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, taking place from 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.

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

[More information coming soon!](#)



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

## Pride in Your Neighborhood

### Community, school projects near completion in the fall

The Volunteer Center of North Texas is proud to partner with the City of Dallas and Keep Dallas Beautiful in the groundbreaking initiative Pride In Your Neighborhood (PIYN). PIYN is a grassroots beautification program designed to help revitalize older communities and cultivate pride. We are currently in the second half of Phase I and have completed two community projects, a community garden in Sunny Acres and a landscaping and playground renovation in Arcadia Park.

PIYN is scheduling community projects in Arlington Park (WWII Veterans Memorial and Flower Garden), Beverly Hills (TBD), Cedar Park (Neighborhood Welcome Sign and Flower Garden), Fordham Road (Neighborhood Welcome Sign and Flower Garden), and Singing Hills (Curb Numbers).

Seven school projects are also a part of the program, with Arcadia Park Elementary School completed this year. The remaining projects will benefit Arlington Park Learning Center, George Peabody Elementary School, Harrell Budd Elementary School, William Brown Miller Elementary School, R.L. Thornton Elementary School, and Joseph J. Rhodes Elementary School.

## 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!

*"I was able to volunteer for the Discovery Saturday. It was a wonderful experience. the people there were extremely helpful and truly great. I would love to be able to go back and help out there again."*

Maria Angel, volunteer for Discovery Saturday at the Museum of Nature and Science.

*"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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