

Make a Difference Day

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, this year's Make a Difference Day will be Saturday, October 26. The Foundation sponsors a number of Seasons of Service days each year to provide opportunities for citizens to serve their communities.

These days of service provide excellent opportunities for community-based organizations to begin relationships with new volunteers and community groups. The following tips will help Agency Partners make the most of the opportunity:

- Keep it simple, make it fun
- Design projects where volunteers see results
- Consider projects for groups, including families
- Allow time for celebration at the end
- Follow-up with each volunteer to thank them and let them know how they can get more involved with your organization.

Don't forget to submit Make a Difference Day projects to Shore CAN. Deadline for inclusion in the next month's newsletter is Friday, September 27.

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... to generate citizen action through volunteer service to address community needs on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore.

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Agency Partners 181

Service Partners..... 595

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The State of Volunteerism

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism has published the results of a survey of the state of volunteerism in Maryland that provides important information for Agency Partners who want to develop their volunteer programs. The survey was conducted in January 2002 by Strategic Consulting and Research in Washington, D.C.

How Marylanders Volunteer

53% Direct Services
45% Assisting Young People
42% Helping Religious Organizations
38% Informal Volunteering
26% Visiting/Providing Companionship
24% Fundraising
22% Providing Advise/Counseling
21% Organizing Events
18% Boards of Directors/Committee Service

Where Marylanders Volunteer

52% Religious Organizations
44% Educational Services
39% Youth Development Organizations
34% Informal/Non-Organized Activities
32% Health Services
29% Social Services
17% Environmental Organizations
16% Arts & Cultural Organizations
13% Political Campaigns
13% Adult Recreational Organizations
10% Animal Protection Organizations
8% Public Policy Organizations

Reasons for Volunteering in Maryland

53% To Help the Community
48% It's Personally Rewarding
22% Religious Beliefs
13% Part of Organization's Mission
11% It's a Good Use of Time
10% A Way to Meet Others

The survey reported that two million Marylanders volunteered in 2001, each serving an average of 75 hours. And, volunteers give more than their time and talent. Eighty-eight percent of nonprofits report receiving financial contributions from volunteers.

Over half of Maryland nonprofits report being more reliant on volunteers than they were 10 years ago. Only 27 percent however, report having an individual to manage their volunteer program and more than half want information on developing and managing volunteer programs.

Shore CAN is working with the Center for Professional Development at Salisbury University to develop a training program that will assist community-based organizations in building their capacity to recruit, manage and retain volunteers in the lower Shore region. Watch for additional details in upcoming issues of the Shore CAN newsletter.

For copies of "The State of Volunteerism" report, call Shore CAN at 410-546-6015.

SHORE CAN (CITIZEN ACTION NETWORK) OCTOBER VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Shore CAN empowers individual citizens and Service Partners to decide how best to make a difference in their communities by matching themselves with Agency Partners. Agency Partners are responsible for screening, training and supervising volunteers and volunteers are solely responsible for their conduct.

Youth service opportunities are coded with the letter “Y” followed by a number that represent the minimum age for volunteers for that particular project. Shore CAN is sponsored by Salisbury University.

SHORT-TERM NEEDS

FIELD TRIP ASSISTANT, Art Institute & Gallery. Accompany and assist children during field trip to Art Museums in Washington D.C. October 18, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Susan Holt, 410-546-4748.

TRIATHLON VOLUNTEERS, Maryland Coastal Bays Program. 120 volunteers needed to assist with 3rd Annual Osprey Sprint Triathlon. October 5. Dave Wilson, 410-213-2297.

TICKET SALES, National Kidney Foundation of Maryland. Sell tickets through October 19 for art auction. Flexible. Donna Maurer, 410-546-9228.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS, National Kidney Foundation of Maryland. Help during art auction. Walk pieces through audience while being auctioned. Help with ticket sales. Help with packaging of pieces sold. Help clean up. October 19, 5-10 p.m. Donna Maurer, 410-546-9228.

EVENT SET-UP, Salisbury Zoo. Assist with event preparation for the Zoo’s annual Halloween fundraising event, which benefits the education and conservation programs of the Zoo. Carve pumpkins, sort candy, decorate, set-up, etc. October 14-18, 1-5 p.m. (Y14). Carrie Samis, 410-546-3440 ext. 5.

EVENT STAFF, Salisbury Zoo. Assist with fundraising event. Practice session Wednesday October 16, 6 p.m. Event dates: Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, 4:30-10:30 p.m. (Y14). Carrie Samis, 410-546-3440 ext 5.

LONG-TERM NEEDS

TEACHING ASSISTANT, Art Institute & Gallery. Assist art instructors in Weed & Seed neighborhood afterschool programs. 1-5 hrs/wk between 3:30-6 p.m. Susan Holt, 410-546-4748.

SEWING ROOM VOLUNTEERS, Deer’s Head Hospital Center. Help in preparing items to sell in canteen gift case, help make bib aprons, wheelchair bags, walker bags, etc. Tuesday mornings. Brenda Dawson, 410-546-4000.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS, Deer’s Head Hospital Center. Visit with patients one-on-one. Non-denominational, training provided, do not need to be ordained. Help bring comfort to patients and residents. Three hour/month. Brenda Dawson, 410-546-4000.

CANTEEN WORKERS, Deer’s Head Hospital Center. Work in small “convenience” store selling snack and gift items. Need to use cash register, stock shelves and interact with visitors and patients. Two hour/week. Brenda Dawson, 410-546-4000.

ART INSTRUCTION VOLUNTEER, Eastern Correctional Institution. Volunteers needed to initiate inmate art program. Basic to advanced instruction in various media would be welcome. One to hours/week or individual workshops during daytime hours. Jane Rollins, 410-651-9000 ext 4353.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP LEADERS, Eastern Correctional Institution. Volunteers needed to lead book discussion group. One to two hours/week during daytime hours. Jane Rollins, 410-651-9000 ext 4353.

WORKSHOP CONDUCTORS, Eastern Correctional Institution. Volunteers needed to facilitate Alternatives to Violence Project workshops for inmates in medium security facility. Complete training is provided by experienced facilitators. Workshops are held weekdays for three full days once a month. Ideal for retired social workers and teachers. Jane Rollins, 410-651-9000 ext 4353.

GENERAL SANCTUARY ASSISTANT, Eastern Shore Chicken Sanctuary. Range from animal care to maintenance of coop and grounds. Depending upon skills, may include fundraising. Ideal for college students interested in environmental and/or animal right issues. Saturday – Sunday, dawn to dusk, two hrs shift minimum. Mariam or Patrice Jones, 410-651-4934.

CANTEEN BOUTIQUE ASSISTANT, Holly Center. Inventory material donations and assist with monthly set up and opening of the Canteen Boutique. Flexible hours, Monday-Friday. Marlina Belote, 410-572-6204.

COMPUTER TECHNICAN, Holly Center. Install software, troubleshooting, minor repairs and networking. Flexible hours, weekdays. Marlina Belote, 410-572-6204.

FRIENDLY VISITOR, Holly Center. Volunteers are needed for social interaction – take individuals for walks, read stories, books or newspaper. And accompany individuals on community trips. Flexible hours, weekdays or weekends. Marlina Belote, 410-572-6204.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS, Holly Center. Monthly activities. (Y8-16). Marlina Belote, 410-572-6204.

AFTER SCHOOL MENTOR, Mid-Shore Family YMCA. Provide children with positive reinforcement in schoolwork and in play by helping counselors with daily activities. Activities are scheduled in 30-minute cycles. Monday-Friday, 4-6 p.m. Judy Hunt-Harris, 410-749-0101 ext 118.

LEADERS CLUB ADVISOR, Mid-Shore Family YMCA. Assist with activities. Provide leadership in conjunction with club officers. Monday – Friday, 8-11 a.m. Attend at least one meeting per month. Judy Hunt-Harris, 410-749-0101 ext 118.

BABYSITTING ROOM ASSISTANT, Mid-Shore Family YMCA. Care for and entertain children in the babysitting room. Monday – Friday, 4:00 – 8:00pm, Saturday 9-noon. Judy Hunt-Harris, 410-749-0101 ext 118.

CONSUMER RIGHTS ADVOCATE, Office of the Attorney General. Volunteer as a consumer rights advocate. Learn how to help empower consumers through advice, education and problem resolution. Flexible weekdays and hours. Kathryn Bliven, 410-543-6220.

CLERICAL HELP, Planned Parenthood of Maryland. Assist office staff with a variety of clerical duties. Flexible hours. Background check may be required. Cissy Sanders, 410-860-4788.

OUTREACH, Planned Parenthood of Maryland. Distribute services materials to businesses/organizations near SU. Flexible hours. Mileage reimbursement possible. Cissy Sanders, 410-860-4788.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETER, Salisbury Zoological Park Education Department. Promote zoo and its mission. Conduct/assist with variety of education programs. Flexible hours. Training is conducted in March, June and September. (Y14). Carrie Samis, 410-546-3440 ext 5.

GRANT RESEARCH/WRITER, Wicomico County Department of Social Services. Explore funding opportunities that will enhance the program and services we provide to low-income families. Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-5 p.m. Ella Russell, 410-543-6844.

OFFICE ASSISTANT, Wicomico County Department of Social Services. General clerical duties as assigned, updating addresses, preparing holiday letters. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ella Russell, 410-543-6844.

MENTOR, Wicomico Mentoring Project. First through twelfth grades. One hour per week for the school year, during the school day, on school property. Monday-Friday, September-June. Henrietta Parker, 410-677-4586.

WEB SITE DEVELOPER, Worcester County Recreation & Parks. Develop, design, and update web site to publicize department programs and County parks. Diane Cary, 410-632-5656

GRANT RESEARCH/WRITER, Worcester County Recreation & Parks. Explore funding opportunities for enhancing parks and developing programs. Diane Cary, 410-632-5656.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT, Worcester County Public Works/Transportation Division. Perform varied tasks for at W. C. RIDE (bus system) office. Diane Cary, 410-632-5656.

DESK CLERK, Worcester County Administration. Greet visitors and provide information at entrance to Government Center. Diane Cary, 410-632-5656.

INVENTORY CLERK, Worcester County Recreation & Parks. Organize and inventory equipment at parks throughout the County. Diane Cary, 410-632-5656.

OFFICE ASSISTANT, Worcester County Recreation & Parks. Assist with preparation and distribution of brochures, plus various other tasks. Diane Cary, 410-632-5656.

FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATOR, Worcester County Fire Marshal. Provide information to the public at exhibits and other community events. Diane Cary, 410-362-5656.

RECEPTIONIST, Worcester County Public Works, Administration. General clerical support. Diane Cary, 410-362-5656.

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