

August 2011 Newsletter

Spirit of Volunteerism Corporate Awards Call for Nominations

November 17, 2011 at 5:30 PM
ArtsQuest Center on the SteelStacks Campus



Does your company support employee volunteering or have a volunteer program that has made a significant impact in the community?

Are you a non profit that would like to thank and honor a local company for their efforts in making a difference for your agency?

Look for Spirit of Volunteerism nomination forms and more information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities [here](#).

\$55 per person to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities Guide 2012-2014

The Volunteer Center is collecting updated agency information for the new edition of the Volunteer Opportunities Guide for 2012-2014

What a great way to advertise your agency and the services you provide at no cost to you.

Click on the link below to fill out the application and be a part of this FREE resource for community volunteers.

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New Faces at the Volunteer Center



Rebecca Glassman is Sociology major at Muhlenberg College, where she is a rising senior. She also minors in Dance and English. In Fall 2010, Rebecca studied abroad in Copenhagen. At Muhlenberg, Rebecca is active with the Office of Community Engagement as well as the Dance Department.



Julissa Muschlitz is a rising junior majoring in Math and Economics at Lafayette College. A

Volunteer Program Management Series

Thursdays, October 6-November 10
2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Offered yearly, this 6-week series focuses on the 5 functions of the management process as they relate to issues in volunteer management, including planning, organizing, staffing, leading and directing.

Guest speakers are featured throughout the series. The course is designed for new or experienced coordinators of volunteer programs or anyone interested in exploring a career in volunteer administration.

Classes are held weekly from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the Volunteer Center office, 2121 City Line Rd, Bethlehem (UGI building, second floor conference room)

If you have any questions about the next program, please call Jane Trotter 610-807-0430

Click [here](#) to access the VPMS registration form.

Fee: \$150, includes instruction and materials

20% discount for Volunteer Center Member Agencies
Fee: \$120

Day of Caring

September 22, 2011

Day of Caring is an annual event celebrating the spirit of volunteerism and launching the fall campaign for United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. It offers volunteers and donors the opportunity to see firsthand the needs and the essential services provided by United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley and Lehigh Valley agencies.

If you are a business or a federally registered non-profit agency in Northampton & Lehigh County and are not already on the mailing list, please contact Sandie Kelly at skelly@volunteerv.org

for information on the 2011 event.

Information for the event can also be found [here](#).

native of the Lehigh Valley, she is a member of the Lafayette Track & Field team. Julissa will be spending her fall semester studying in London.

Member Agency Program Notes

The next Quarterly "Members Only" Networking Forum, **Collaborative Planning**, will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 2:30-4:30. The session will be facilitated by Karen Daly Smith and Noreen Buchner of The Corporate Greenhouse. Contact the Volunteer Center if you are interested in attending: 610-807-0336. RSVP by September 8.

Become a Member Agency for 2011

Applications are still being accepted for 2011 membership. [Click here for information and membership form.](#)

SAVE THE DATES:

Collaborative Planning Membership Networking Forum

September 15, 2011

United Way's Day of Caring

September 22, 2011

Volunteer Program Management Series

Thursdays
October 6 -
November 10

Spirit of Volunteerism corporate volunteer awards at SteelStacks

November 17, 2011

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Holiday Hope Chests



Holiday Hope Chests is a national project adopted in the Lehigh Valley to help less fortunate children. Collected chests will be delivered through agencies serving children this holiday season. This is a great project for large and small groups, classes, clubs, families, and individuals.

This year's Holiday Hope Chests campaign begins in September-- look for information [here](#).

2011 Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute

July 11 - 15 from 9am to 3pm
at The Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley
2121 City Line Road, Bethlehem



Thank you to our 2011 In-kind Lunch Sponsors: Salad Works, On The Border, Taste of Italy, UGI Community Involvement Committee, Applebees and Connie's Cakes

This year 14 high school students from the Lehigh Valley were chosen to participate in this weeklong training program conducted by our AmeriCorps Youth Program Coordinators, Christina Cardinal, Julissa Muschlitz and Rebecca Glassman.

Through a series of challenging group activities, classroom instruction and hands-on experience, the students learned valuable leadership skills and were able to begin putting them into action.

On Wednesday they visited Historic Bethlehem Partnership

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Resources for Agencies and Volunteers

BoardSource

www.boardsource.org

Corporation for National Service

www.nationalservice.gov

Corporation for National & Community Service

www.nationalservice.org

HandsOn Network

www.handsonnetwork.org

GenerationOn

<http://generationon.org/>

United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley

www.unitedwayglv.org

SERVEnet

www.servenet.org

SERVICELEADER.ORG

www.serviceleader.org

Stargazer Net

www.stargazernet.net

CompuMentor

www.techsoupglobal.org

Foundation Center

www.foundationcenter.org

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www.giftsinkind.org

The Independent Sector

www.independentsector.org

Burnside Plantation where they helped set up for their Blueberry Festival.

To graduate from PYLi, the students will have to create and implement their own community service project using what they had learned throughout the training.

Thanks to our sponsors:



This program is made possible with funding provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Education

Summer 2011 Youth Programs



This summer, the Volunteer Center coordinated a summer youth program that spanned the months of June, July, and August for the Volunteers of America Children's Center and Mosser Village Family Center in Allentown. The program was led by our Director of Youth Programs, Christina Cardinal, and AmeriCorps members Rebecca Glassman and Julissa Muschlitz.

Each week, we worked on various projects with the children to emphasize the importance of community service and healthy lifestyles. The summer program kicked off with a lesson on Martin Luther King, Jr., and the importance of our dreams. The children decorated dreams flags which were displayed in the centers, and wrote letters to soldiers for the community service component. The following week, we continued with a lesson on earthquakes and tsunamis referencing the tragedy in Japan, and an origami project that involved folding paper cranes to give as good luck to cancer patients.

As the summer progressed, the children were educated on conservation, recycling, and how to keep the environment clean. Each child was given a recyclable canvas bag, donated by the Volunteer Center, to decorate with an environmental theme. The children were then educated on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle by learning about the food pyramid and the

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advantages of eating fresh, local produce. On one of the days we organized an "Eat This, Not That" unit where we brought in healthy food options for the kids to try such as trail mix, chips and salsa, and strawberry banana smoothies. We were also able to bring the VOA children to the Muhlenberg Community Garden where they played garden games, learned about the plants and vegetables that grow in the garden, and had a fresh, tasty garden snack to wrap up the morning.

As part of our safety unit, we asked the Allentown EMS to come in and give a presentation on safety and how the EMS helps the city of Allentown. With the help of our paramedics Mike and Matt, the kids were able to see what the inside of an ambulance looks like and were introduced to all of the equipment in the vehicle.

So far the summer has be very rewarding and exciting for the kids. As the summer draws to a close, we have a few more programs planned for the children. Still ahead, we will be learning how to box at the Allentown Boxing Gym, creating biography books for the senior citizens at the Cedar Brook Nursing Home, viewing documentaries from the Allentown HYPE Program, and practicing yoga with an instructor.



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Connect with your favorite agencies and volunteers via the Volunteer Center's new Facebook Fan Page! "Like" our group on Facebook to receive daily reminders, updates and event invitations. We'll keep you up to date on volunteer opportunities in the Lehigh Valley, post photos of events, share scholarship information and more!

Don't forget to encourage your friends to join by clicking on

"Suggest To Friends" on our fan page!

Click [here](#) to visit our Facebook Fan Page now!

About the Volunteer Center

The Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley is a proud member of the HandsOn Network, generated by Points of Light Institute. HandsOn Network is an alliance of volunteer organizations working to transform individuals and communities through service and civic engagements with affiliates in 250 US and international locations. Learn more at www.handsonnetwork.org.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we will continue to lead volunteers to greater civic participation and increased involvement in our community.

Learn more about the Volunteer Center and our programs on our website: www.volunteerlv.org



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Thank you! For further information, please contact us:

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