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Community Organization Newsletter

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Volunteering in America

Have you seen the latest figures for [volunteer rates in San Diego](#)? The Corporation for National & Community Service has just published an extensive study of volunteering in America and concluded:

- *San Diego has 609,000 volunteers serving 92.1 million hours per year.
- *Volunteer Rate Ranking: 25th within the 50 large cities surveyed
- *Average Volunteer Rate: 27.7%
- *Volunteer Hours Ranking: 15th within the 50 large cities
- *Average Volunteer Hours per Resident: 42 hours

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DOVIA Program Updates



Directors **O**f **V**olunteers **I**n **A**gencies (**DOVIA**) of San Diego County is a program of Volunteer San Diego. DOVIA's mission is to develop volunteer management skills and strengthen leadership through continuing education and support. Check out the [DOVIA](#) page for details on our programs.

DOVIA is taking some time off from our brown bags this summer. In the interim, as a reminder we have a volunteer manager discussion group on Google! You can continue networking that way. [Click here](#) to view the Google group.

Calling All Volunteer Managers

The DOVIA Advisory Council of VSD is still seeking Volunteer Program Managers. Whether your title is Volunteer Coordinator, Director of Volunteers or anything else, we need your input and help in planning trainings and recognition events. Have an idea for a training? Want to help Volunteer Managers succeed? Looking for networking opportunities? If so, the DOVIA Advisory Council wants you!

For further information, please contact [Sandra Bishop](#).

Dee Warford-Kutch Award Award

The Dee Warford Kutch Award Nominations will be sent out later this month. [Click here](#) for more information.

Other Volunteer San Diego News

Hands On San Diego Updates

Projects Now Open to Volunteers! Many thanks to all of you who submitted projects! We had 129 submitted this year.

Do you have clients who might be interested in volunteering? Invite them to come out and make a difference! [Click here](#) to view the project list and help us spread the word.

Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to Nicole Thompson, this year's Hands On San Diego art contest winner. Nicole currently resides in the Pacific Beach area, and is a Facilities Manager with VAVi Sport & Social Club. Nicole combined the concept of getting "hands-on" and active with San Diego in the background. Through the VAVi organization and Volunteer San Diego, Nicole says, "everyone can contribute, and by working together, we can make a big difference."

Upcoming Trainings and Conferences

Fieldstone Foundation: Managing Leadership Transitions

Last fall, Fieldstone Foundation presented a four-part series on Managing Leadership Transitions. It was so successful they have been asked by many to make the series available again. The monthly series will be offered starting in September.

This program promises to fill up quickly, so if you are interested, please sign up early to reserve your space. Fieldstone encourage staff to bring a board member with them. While not required, feedback from our participants last year said this was an important component to sharing the knowledge and working together on strategies to create continuity of leadership in their organizations.

For an invitation with all the pertinent information and dates for each region, [click here](#).

CaliforniaVolunteers Conference

CaliforniaVolunteers will co-sponsor with the White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, a FREE conference for nonprofit and faith-based organizations on Monday, August 18 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The conference will feature plenary sessions and workshops on the following topics:

- Understanding how to access Federal and State resources, including grant writing classes and a resource area where you will be able to talk with representatives from various government agencies about available funding and training

- Volunteer trends and volunteer management training (this was added as a direct response to the requests generated via the Listening Tour!)
- Disaster preparedness and response - and the critical role nonprofits play in this arena
- Crime prevention, intervention and offender re-entry, and how nonprofits and public entities across the state are collaborating to create new models for success.
- Registration information is available [here](#).

Advanced Volunteer Management Conference

"Climbing Higher, Diving Deeper"

October 27-29, 2008

Portland, Oregon

Join internationally known volunteer management experts Susan J. Ellis, Rick Lynch, Steve McCurley, Linda Graff, and Martin J. Cowling as they lead us through timely and relevant topics designed for the experienced manager of volunteers. Don't miss this opportunity to gather best practices and develop new skills from the top trainers.

[Register here](#) by September 1st for the Early-Bird rate of \$250. There is limited capacity, so register now!

2008 National Mentoring Summit

"Mentoring--The Magic of Connections"

Anaheim, California

September 18th - 19th.

Join the event as a participant or as an exhibitor.

MENTOR and the California Mentor Foundation (CMF) will be hosting the Summit with the purpose of invigorating and mobilizing the mentor community, while motivating and inspiring business and civic leaders to increase their support for mentoring efforts. More than 500 people are expected to attend. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

Conference for Professional Volunteer Management

"Responding to the Paradigm Shift in Volunteerism"

October 2nd - 3rd

Las Vegas Nevada

Introduction to Volunteer Management 101:

Topics include: including persons with disabilities, developing successful collaborations, project development, and a board training dinner and discussion.

Presented by DOVIA of Southern Nevada. For more information,

email info@dovialv.org.

Superhero of the Month

This month we would like to recognize Roberto Weinstein, a volunteer with [Easter Seals Southern California](#). Camp Respite is an Easter Seals camp that offers children and adults with disabilities the same exciting activities available at typical overnight camps. Roberto is a popular longtime volunteer camp counselor and a strong member of the Easter Seals Camp Respite Leadership Team. He volunteers one weekend a month, nine months a year and has been doing this for eight years. While at camp, Roberto is a counselor, big brother, friend and mentor to all the campers, staff and fellow volunteers. He performs all types of tasks from singing songs around the campfire, leading sports activities and emceeding the talent show, to ensuring the campers are dressed, fed and in bed at night.

As the camp's informal morale leader, Roberto personally infuses camp weekends with a sense of fun and play that truly brings out the best in both volunteers and campers. Roberto's caliber, tenure and commitment demonstrate his true passion for bringing joy to the lives of the Easter Seals campers. Camp Director Amanda Myers says of Roberto, "Not only do our campers and their families benefit from Roberto's involvement, but our volunteers and entire staff do too!"

If you would like to nominate a volunteer, [please let us know!](#)

VSD is Hiring!

We are recruiting for several positions including a Fire Recovery Coordinator, a Fire Recovery Assitant, and four AmeriCorps positions: Referral Coordniator, Project Coordinator, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator and Youth Leadership Coordinator.

Details on all of these positions can be found on the [employment page](#) of our website.

SAVY Leaders Looking for Advisors

Join our SAVY Leaders, a group of dynamic youth that come together to form a youth leadership council! We are looking for volunteers with project or event planning experience or volunteers with outreach and marketing experience to assist the SAVY Leaders in planning their own service projects! Volunteers must be able to commit to the SAVY Leaders program from mid-August to the end of May, which entails attending biweekly meetings on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., projects planned by SAVY Leaders and recognition and celebration events. Contact [SAVY](#), 858-636-4123, for more information.



Fire Recovery Needs?

We are continuing to receive calls from local individuals and out-of-state groups that want to help in the fire recovery process. Do you have any needs that we can help fill? If so, please contact Patricia Davis at pdavis@volunteersandiego.org. Please keep us in mind now and in the future.

For more information on any of the above topics:

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