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Volunteer Newsletter

September 2008

"The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have."

- Leonard Nimoy

Volunteer San Diego Executive Director's Message

Sue Carter's Message

Volunteering is the new black, said a presenter at a service conference. And so it is. A number of forces are merging to bring a new level of attention to service and the solutions it can provide for our communities. Next week, I'm attending the ServiceNation Summit. This event kicks off with Obama and McCain detailing their plans for national service and continues with a cross-sector conversation about how we increase and sustain service. It's a tremendous opportunity to spur debate and discussion among nonprofit, corporate, foundation, and government leaders about how we can improve our country by improving the infrastructure and policy support for service.

The summit is followed up by a national Day of Action, a grassroots campaign to give everyone an opportunity to serve. The event coincidentally takes place on the biggest day of Hands On San Diego, September 27, with more than 30 projects available locally.

We're excited by the attention and we're hopeful that it will further the good work that is happening by volunteers in our organizations. I look forward to representing San Diego and our national organization, HandsOn Network, and to sharing what I learn.

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Hands On San Diego News

Hands On San Diego - September 22-28

Join thousands of your fellow San Diegans by supporting Hands On San Diego 2008. You can choose to volunteer at one of over [100 different projects](#) by yourself, with a group of your friends, or adopt a project as a team. You can decide if you want to help paint or renovate a building, work on an environmental cleanup project, work with children or seniors, do some gardening, help with sports and recreational activities, or many other activities.



Even if you can't make it to a project, you can be a virtual volunteer and help us by donating or becoming a [fundraiser](#). All of the paint, brushes, plants, tools, and many other items we use for Hands On San Diego do have some costs. Our year-round programs at Volunteer San Diego also rely upon the generous donations from our community.

Find out more about Hands On San Diego by visiting our website at www.volunteersandiego.org.

Hands On San Diego Recreation Center Renovation Registration Volunteers

Special help is needed greeting & directing volunteers, signing them in and handing out t-shirts. Are you a people-person? Then this is the project for you! Your help is needed at 1 rec. center on Sept. 20th and 14 rec. centers on Sept. 27th from 7:30-9:00 AM. After you are done with your shift, you can join in on the rest of the projects or take off. Sign up early to get the rec. center of your choice. [Click here](#) for more info and to sign up!

Endless Summer BBQ Project

We have this great project with George G. Glenner Alzheimer's Family Centers, Inc. and have enough volunteers to serve the food, but we still need donations to feed about 30 clients. We need hot dogs, burgers, baked beans, potato salad and anything to make this BBQ delicious. If you are available to donate anything, please email [Kimberly Johnson](mailto:Kimberly.Johnson@volunteersandiego.org) or call her at 619-543-4704.

What's New

Volunteer San Diego New Web Pages

Check out our new [web pages](#) on programs for volunteers with disabilities. We have information for both volunteers and volunteer managers.

San Diego Service Inclusion Network Event!

The Network is going to hold an inclusive volunteer fair for people with and without disabilities. "Everyone Can Serve 2008" is scheduled for September 18th from 10 AM-1 PM at the Blind Community Center of San Diego.

For more information email [Rebeca Mohr](#) or call her at 858-636-4125.

Disaster Program at Volunteer San Diego

While hurricanes threaten our Gulf, the prospect of wildfire continues to threaten our County. We are therefore joining our partners during this Preparedness Month by scheduling another new Orientation and Introduction to the Disaster Program at Volunteer San Diego on October 1, from 6:00-7:30 PM.

[Click here](#) for more information and to sign up! If you have questions, please call Patricia at 858-636-4168. We welcome you warmly to the corps of San Diego's trained volunteers in disaster and emergency.

Hurricane Activities

As Gustav approached the Gulf Coast, VSD shifted into high gear in helping 211 San Diego and the American Red Cross with recruiting, registering and referring volunteers. And as Hanna, Ike and Josephine make headway for the United States, we continue our activities in support of our partners and our affiliates in the HandsOn network. Take just a moment to visit the [special webpage](#) we have posted to keep San Diegans current on our hurricane activities.

Engaging Students: Fall Service Event

Volunteer San Diego invites you to attend the Engaging Students: Fall Service Event hosted by the Service-Learning Council of San Diego on October 9, from 4:00-5:30 PM.

For more information and to join us for this free event, visit our [website](#) or email SAVY@volunteersandiego.org.

If you are interested in presenting your project or organization at our networking fair and receiving special recognition, please fill out an [application](#) and return to SAVY@volunteersandiego.org.

VSD in Cyberspace

There are many ways you can connect with Volunteer San Diego

in Cyberspace these days!

- Join our cause and/or group on [Facebook.com](#)
- Friend us on [MySpace.com](#)
- Join our group on [LinkedIn.com](#)
- Subscribe to our [podcast](#)
- Subscribe to our [blog](#)

Volunteers wanted to help us keep up with all of the above! If you are interested, please email [Jocelyn](#).

VSD's New Blogger

Welcome Anna! Anna Schulz is a member of the Flex program and our newest volunteer blogger. Be sure to check out her latest post: "[Volunteering vs. Loneliness](#)." She also writes for her family blog, "[The Full Catastrophe](#)."

Hot Projects

VSD is looking for Office Volunteers!

We are currently looking for people to commit to volunteering for at least 20 hours. This can be once a week for several weeks or all at once. For more information, check out our [website](#). If you have questions, or are interested, email [Jocelyn](#) or call 858-636-4131.

Step Up and Take a Lead Role at Volunteer San Diego!

Are you already a Team Leader, Orientation Leader, Site Captain, or other Volunteer San Diego leader? Or are you looking to take on more of a leadership role in your community? Volunteer San Diego is looking to create a team of LEADERS that can be called upon for leading projects, vacancies in Flex, advisor positions and more. Whether you have experience or not with volunteer or project management, join our team! No up-front commitment necessary - availability and needs will be sent out to the team and you can volunteer if you have time. Email [Jaci](#) for more information.

Flex Members

Flex Projects

It's Back to School Time!

We have Homework Helper projects that will be starting shortly at Beckwourth, [Malcolm X](#), [Mira Mesa](#), [Serra Mesa](#), [Carmel Valley](#) and College Rolando branches of the San Diego Public Library.

If you have been volunteering with us in the past and have taken the summer off, please come back! If you have never helped with this project before but are interested in it, we would very much like to have your help.

If you would like more information on helping as a tutor, you are welcome to attend our FREE "Tutoring and Homework Help that Makes a Lasting Difference" training on Tuesday, September 9 from 5:45-7:15 PM. Jose Cruz, CEO of the San Diego Council on Literacy will conduct this training. Please [sign up](#) on our website to learn the fundamental basics of tutoring and what it takes to make your tutoring experience worthwhile.

National Hunger Action Month

Did you know that September is National Hunger Action Month? With today's economic climate, there are more and more food banks that need your help. Our Flexible Volunteer Program has projects at 4 of them. Join us at the [San Diego Food Bank](#), [Second Harvest Food Bank](#), [Angel's Depot](#) or [North County Food Bank](#)

and take action against hunger in San Diego County.

Not a Flex member or looking for a project outside of Flex? Contact these organizations to find out more about their opportunities and needs outside of the Flex program.

St. Vincent de Paul "Feed the Homeless"/Dining Room Attendant

Have you been trying to find a space in one of our St. Vincent de Paul "Feed the Homeless" projects on Saturdays, but it is always full? We have some new times for you. During the week of Hands On San Diego, we have Dining Room Attendant Help needed for breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday September 22 - Saturday September 27. [Sign up](#) for a shift.

Got an idea for a Flex Project? Email [Debbie](#) or call her at 858-636-4184 for more details.

Be a Leader

Flex Team and Orientation Leaders Needed!

Interested in Becoming a Team Leader?

Interested in Being a Flex Team Leader? The next orientation session is scheduled for September 8 at 5:30-6:30 PM here at Volunteer San Diego. [Click here](#) to sign up. If you are unable to attend but would still like to be a Team Leader, contact [Debbie Krakauer](#) at (858) 636-4184.

We are still looking for Team Leaders at Beckwourth and College Rolando branch libraries to continue the Homework Helper projects there. If you are interested becoming a Team Leader for these projects, please email [Debbie](#) or call her at 858-636-4184.

Board and Committee Members Wanted

Are you looking for a position on a Board of Directors? Check out a list of opportunities with a variety of organizations looking for your expertise [here](#).

Youth

SAVY Leaders Looking for Advisers

Support our SAVY Leaders, a group of dynamic youth that come together to form a youth leadership council!

We are looking for volunteers with two to ten hours to give between October and April to advise these youth in a task that you would like to mentor them on.

We are looking for volunteers with experience in project planning, outreach, marketing, connecting with elected officials, fundraising, grant writing, etc. If you would like to share your talents and mentor the SAVY Leaders when they need you the most, please contact SAVY@volunteersandiego.org, 858-636-4123, for more information.



Join in the 10th Anniversary of Kids Care Clubs Party Pals! Kids Care Week - October 19-25, 2008!

For ten years, Kids Care Clubs Party Pals members have been planning "parties with a purpose." Club members have been creating and celebrating parties for those who may be overlooked on their birthdays or during the holidays.

With Kids Care Clubs Party Pals, your club can be Party Pals to kids, seniors or veterans, make Party Pals Boxes or Party Pal

Packages on-site, and celebrate with a cause!

[Click here](#) for more information about Kids Care Week.

Superhero of the Month

This month we would like to recognize **Todd Neuman**, a volunteer with Loma Portal Classic Kids. Classic Kids provides counseling, childcare, and community services to children and their families.

Todd has been volunteering tirelessly for the last 10 years at Loma Portal Classic Kids with little thanks and he has been a role model to others. He participates in all the school activities and Classic Kids events; as well as returns to the school for evening events and field trips.

Each month, Todd volunteers a total of 136 hours, dividing his time working in the classroom and working with children.

Candace Snell states, "Todd brings positive disability awareness to the classroom by being a positive role model for students, and by being understanding, giving guidance and supportive to others".

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

Flex Accomplishments

Flex keeps growing and improving the community!

In the month of July, 339 new volunteers joined Flex and attended orientations. Welcome to you all!

Thanks to Flex volunteers like you, here's what we achieved in July:

1,692 hours of service completed by **767** volunteers attending **103** projects.

Not yet a Flex Member?

Please join us at one of our Flex Orientations! To sign up, visit our [Course Calendar](#).

Support Volunteer San Diego

Donate to Volunteer San Diego

Click [here](#) to donate funds.

Check out the latest Volunteer San Diego fashions.

Visit our shop [here](#).

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