Points of Light Foundation: Resource Guide

Ongoing

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AL

HandsOn SOUTH ALABAMA (formerly Volunteer Mobile)

Info/Hotline · Standby

Non–Profit

1050 Government Street, Ste. 201, Mobile, AL 36604

Phone Office: 251–433–4456
Web www.handsonsal.org
Hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M–F
Service Temporary

2011 Tornados

SEE FACEBOOK
http://www.facebook.com/HandsOnSouthAlabama

2010 OIL SPILL

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/HandsOnSouthAlabama

http://www.volunteermobile.org/
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

To Volunteer to assist with Hurricane Katrina, please call Volunteer Mobile for the most current information on volunteer needs at: (251) 433–4456

Who is Volunteer Mobile and how is the organization funded?: Volunteer Mobile is a non–profit organization 501(c) (3). Volunteer Mobile is funded by grants, contracts, foundation and individual tax–deductible donations, special events, and, in part, by the United Way of Southwest Alabama. Since its chartering in 1975, Volunteer Mobile has been committed to mobilizing people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems.

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTER

ORGANIZING DISASTER RESPONSE AND VERC:
The Mobile County Volunteer Organizations Active In Disaster (MCVOAD) is a partnership of agencies and faith–based organizations. This group meets regularly to coordinate disaster planning. MCVOAD is affiliated with the Alabama Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters; local partners are Adventist Community Services, American Red Cross, Bay Area Food Bank, Catholic Social Services, the Episcopal Church, the Mennonite Church, Mobile County Emergency Management, The Salvation Army, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, South Mobile County Community Action, Southern Baptist Churches, United Methodist Churches and Volunteer Mobile, Inc.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY RESPOND: Volunteer Mobile mobilizes people and resources to solve a wide–range of community problems and enhance the quality of life daily. When a hurricane or other disaster strikes our area, we use this experience to help you respond in the best way possible.

Our main role in disaster response is to mobilize emergency volunteers and individuals and groups who want to help, but lack disaster training and connect them with agencies and organizations needing help. The time to prepare for a disaster is NOW – that is why Volunteer Mobile coordinates the Volunteer Emergency Response Center.

HOW VERC WORKS: After a disaster, area nonprofit organizations and government agencies needing help with response activities or recovery request volunteers by contacting VERC. The information these

organizations and agencies provide helps volunteer interviewers make effective referrals.

Agencies and organizations are encouraged to register with Volunteer Mobile before disaster strikes. Click here to go to agency registration.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Following a disaster, Volunteer Mobile activates the Volunteer Emergency Response Center. VERC serves as a clearinghouse for non–affiliated emergency volunteers. After a brief interview regarding skills, experience and availability, volunteers are linked with appropriate tasks.

Disaster–related volunteer work may include food preparation and service, debris removal and temporary repairs. Delivering supplies, answering phones, transporting people, registering volunteers, caring for children and language interpretation are other possible volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers are encouraged to register with Volunteer Mobile before disaster strikes. Businesses, service clubs, congregations and individuals are requited to meet immediate and long–term recovery needs.

Services offered: Construction, Carpenter, Volunteer; Construction, Drywall Hanger, Volunteers; Construction, Skilled Labor, Volunteer; Construction, * Volunteers (ANY/ALL types); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2011 Alabama Tornado; Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated")
Updated May 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/833

CA

Volunteer Center of Los Angeles (Assistance League of So. California)

Info/Hotline · Open

Volunteer Registry
8134 Van Nuys Blvd., #200, Panorma City, CA 91402
Phone 818.908.5066 Fax: 818.908.5147
Web www.vcla.net/home.htm
Hours 9.00am –5.00pm M–Fri.
Serves Los Angeles County, CA / Impacted by the 11/07 Sayre Wildfire

Many people want to volunteer in response to the fires burning in Los Angeles County. The most important thing you can do, however, is to not self–deploy to a fire–affected area, shelter, or other area where fire response or recovery is taking place. The situation remains unpredictable and extremely dangerous, and trained first–responders continue to struggle to get a handle on the fires.

Updates on the fires, including evacuation notices and road closures, can be found at the L.A. County Fire Department website as well as the California Emergency Management Agency website.

The best way for you to help is to be part of an organized response. L.A. Works, in partnership with the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles, has created an L.A. County Fire Response Team to be ready to respond to volunteer needs as they are identified. We have begun surveying the situation in coordination with emergency response professionals, and as a member of the L.A. County Fire Response Team, you will be the first to be notified when the call goes out for volunteers.

To join the L.A. County Fire Response Team:
If you are already a registered L.A. Works Volunteer with an account on this site, Click here to log–in and join the team: http://www.laworks.com/MemberCenter/index.php?_mode=MyTeams_Detail&entityID=66263

If you are not already registered on this site, please follow these instructions (the entire process will take no more than three minutes).
1) Create a member account.
2) You will be sent an activation email. (If it's not there, check your spam/junk folder.)
3) Return to this page by clicking on the L.A. Works logo on the upper left.
4) Complete by clicking here to join the team.

VCLA is the premier agency promoting volunteerism in Los Angeles County, which has a geographical area four times that of Rhode Island and a population four times that of Utah. VCLA's main office is in Panorama City, with satellite offices serving

Burbank, Van Nuys, Glendale, San Fernando, Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, Hollywood, and parts of greater Los Angeles.

VCLA refers more than 60,000 volunteers annually to over 2,500 agencies in need of volunteer support. Traditional volunteers are referred through the Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) and the Volunteers in Service to America Program (VISTA). Seniors, defined as individuals over 55 years old, have several avenues through which to volunteer such as Foster Grandparents, Retired and Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP), and Senior Companions. VCLA also refers volunteers through a number of restorative justice programs.

In addition to its volunteer referral programs, VCLA operates curriculum–based programs for middle and senior high schools, as well as other youth programs including Project Teen Reach , Points of Light Leadership Institute , School Police Partnership Mentoring Program (SCCP) , Juvenile Community Service Program (JCSP) , Madison Community Collaborative Mentoring (MCC) , West Athens AmeriCorps Tutoring Program , Social Responsibility training, and others. VCLA has a training Program for non–profit managers and other professionals, and also offers several job training programs, such as English as a Second Language (ESL), First and Second Careers, and the Job Readiness Program.

VCLA is one of the nation's leading volunteer–referral organizations and works closely with the Points of Light Foundation (POLF), which acts as an umbrella organization for more than 400 of the nation?s volunteer centers. Based in Washington DC, POLF advocates community service through a partnership with the Volunteer Center National Network. This network reaches millions of people in thousands of communities to help mobilize people and resources to deliver solutions that address community needs.

Services offered: Community Service Program; Services, Senior Programs; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Training Classes, Non–Profit Managers; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2009 Station Wildfire; AmeriCorps; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Points of Light Foundation; RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program); United Way
Updated Aug 6, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2205

Volunteer San Diego

Info/Hotline · Open

Americorps Vista
San Diego, CA
Phone (858) 636–4131
Web www.volunteersandiego.org
Service Temporary

10/27/07:

Via call from Sue Carter, Exec. Director of Volunteer San Diego 8000 people have registered with them for volunteer positions.

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http://www.volunteersandiego.org

I need volunteers:

If you have a volunteer need, we have volunteers waiting to be
dispatched! Email volunteer1@volunteersandiego.org with "VOL OPS" in the
subject line or call (858) 636–4131 and indicate you need volunteers.
If emailing or leaving a phone message, leave your contact information
along with your location, number of volunteers needed, and special
skills (ie. truck drivers, RNs, firefighters, etc.) desired.

FROM THE 'VOLUNTEER SAN DIEGO WEBSITE

There are lots of other things that can be entered on that site as well.

http://volunteersandiego.org/projects/viewProject.php?_mode=search&_submode=complex&_action=complexSearch&_state_searchfields=cd81fc0e27a1884d149cfc99135968ee&type=all&keyword=&impactarea[]=12&zipcode=&Submit=Search

Volunteer San Diego offers a wide range of programs that help meet real community needs, while providing every member of our community with the opportunity to make a difference.

Volunteer San Diego, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, directs capacity–building programs and services that engage volunteers in working hand–in–hand with nonprofit agencies to develop strong and vibrant communities.

Yearly impact at a glance:
36,000 volunteers engaged
108,000 hours contributed, valued at $2 million
800 nonprofits served

Our History
Originally known as the Volunteer Center of San Diego County, the organization was administered as a division of United Way from 1969–1999. In 2000, it became an independent nonprofit. To better serve local volunteers, The Volunteer Center of San Diego County and San Diego Cares merged into Volunteer San Diego in 2002.

Our Mission
To engage individuals and groups in meaningful volunteer opportunities that meet real community needs.

Our Vision
To make volunteering a way of life for all San Diegans.

How We Do It
Volunteer San Diego achieves its mission by :

connecting volunteers with opportunities to make a difference in their communities
assisting nonprofits, businesses, and schools in developing effective and efficient volunteer programs
promoting the power of volunteerism, community service and civic engagement

Services offered: Meal Server, Volunteer; Media, Online News Reports; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short–Term, Volunteer(s); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2007 California Wildfires; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Dec 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1875

CO

VOAD – Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
CO
Phone 303–935–7389 – Adventist Community Services
Web www.coloradovoad.org
Service Temporary

Members

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACRDS) – ACS Disaster Response is a voluntary service provided by Adventist Community Services to assist individuals, families and communities victimized by natural disasters and unforeseen tragedies.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services
American Humane Association
American Red Cross
Catholic Charities of Denver
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of the Brethren Disaster Services

Church World Service – Around the world, Church World Service supports sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance, and we educate and advocate on hunger–related issues. In the U.S., we help communities respond to disasters, resettle refugees, promote fair national and international policies, and provide educational resources.

Colorado Association of Food Banks
Colorado Friendship
Colorado Emergency Managers
Cooperative Disaster Child Care
Food Bank of the Rockies
Goodwill Industries – Denver
Jewish Family Service
Life Bridge Church – Longmont
Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado
Mennonite Disaster Services
Mental Health Association of Colorado
Metro Volunteers
Mile High United Way
Nazarene Disaster Response (Colorado)
Points of Light Foundation
State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (State VALE) Grant Program
The Salvation Army Intermountain Region
The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
State Animal Response Team
United Methodist Committee on Relief UMCOR

Go to http://www.coloradovoad.org/members.html for links to sites listed above.

Services offered: Documentation, Disaster Planning; First Responder, Mountain States; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; Goodwill; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Jewish Family Service; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Points of Light Foundation; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
Updated Sep 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4817

DC

Points of Light Foundation (incl Volunteer Center National Network Council & 1–800–volunteer.org, see also, their partner Hands On Network)

Info/Hotline · Open

Foundation
1400 I ("Eye") Street, NW; Suite 800; Washington, DC 20005; 600 Means Street, Suite 210; Atlanta, GA 30318, Washington DC and Atlanta GA, DC

Phone ph: 202–729–8000, fax: 202–729–8100 (Washington DC) ph: 404–979–2900, fax: 404–979–2900 (Atlanta GA)
Web www.pointsoflight.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource; Hotline, National Volunteer Referral Hotlines; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation
Updated Nov 1, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2899

Volunteer Resource (see also Points of Light)

Info/Hotline · Open

Services for Non–Profits
1400 I ("Eye") Street, NW, Suite 800; Washington, DC 20005, DC

Phone Tel: 202–729–8260, Fax: 202–729–8100
Web www.volunteerresources.org
Service Temporary

E–mail: VolunteerResource@PointsofLight.org

Services offered: Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Services, For Non–Profits
Campaigns: Points of Light Foundation
Updated Feb 18, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2900

FL

Florida Volunteer Centers

Info/Hotline · Open

Volunteer Registry
FL
Phone (407) 323–4440
Web www.floridavolunteercenters.org
Service Temporary

Welcome to the Florida Association of Volunteer Centers (FAVC)! FAVC is a vital association that provides a network of support and professional development to the leaders of Florida's Volunteer Centers. Through quarterly meetings, FAVC members discuss new opportunities for volunteers, professional development and grant opportunities for volunteer leaders, as well as share best practices to ensure that Florida's volunteers have the best possible volunteer experience.

Volunteer Centers are the doorway to volunteering. Through FAVC, Volunteer Centers can continue to provide rewarding experiences for people of all ages who want to volunteer in their local communities.

All Counties Contacts: Volunteer Centers at a Glance
http://www.floridavolunteercenters.org/favc/volunteercentersglance.htm

History of the Florida Association of Volunteer Centers (FAVC):

The Florida Association of Volunteer Centers, Inc. (FAVC) was formed in July 1983, and the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Florida Secretary of State on November 29, 1983. The first president was Judy Merritt from Volunteer Pensacola. There were 12 original members of the board of directors representing Centers from the following communities: Ft. Lauderdale, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Ocala, Pensacola, Daytona Beach, Tallahassee, Cape Coral, Sarasota, Orlando and Tampa.

The purpose of the organization, as stated in the Articles, was:

To strengthen and increase the growth of volunteerism in Florida
To provide a network of support and professional development among directors of Volunteer Centers in Florida
To conduct educational training programs
To dispense all funds exclusively for charitable or educational purposes

The formation of FAVC some 25 years ago was visionary on the part of those 12 directors. As a result of our long history and strong membership, we have one of the strongest state associations in the country. The names of the players may have changed over time, but the dedication toward volunteerism in the state of Florida has remained a constant.

Services offered: Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Support for "All" Disasters; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation
Updated Jan 4, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/785

LA

Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (GNODRP)

Info/Hotline

Non–Profit Collaborative (COAD – Community Organization Active in Disaster)
127 S. Solomon St., New Orleans, LA 70119
Phone 504–827–9250
Web www.gnodrp.org
Hours 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, M–F, CST
Serves Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Plaquemines
Service Temporary

Website link is dead, status unknown. Contact needs to be made to verify if active – LTel 9/3/12

The History:
Since the initial landfall of Hurricane Katrina, a growing number of agencies from the public and private sector have been working together to help meet the needs of recovering residents located in the Greater New Orleans area and those who have been displaced elsewhere. GNODRP was formed in November of 2005 and has become a collaboration of 60 plus agencies from the Interfaith, Non Profit and Government

sector, strongly committed to assisting people devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

General Membership includes:
–Representatives from each participating parish long term recovery committee
–Religious/Faith Based Organizations
–Disaster Response Agencies
–Social and Human Services Agencies
–Government Liaisons
–Advocacy Groups

Guiding Principles:
–Local focus and involvement – Information and creativity fostered by the Parish Committees
–Interfaith and Community based – others included
–Local leadership – expanded and developed
–Unmet Needs addressed
–Decisions driven by data – accurate population studies and needs assessments

GNODRP Information gathering / sharing is currently being established between agencies to track the progress of individuals and families. Through this collaboration, funding entities are working together to bring in more resources to help meet the needs of area residents.

www.gnodrp.org
http://www.gnodrpvc.org/

Speciality: General disaster repair from Hurricanes Katrina & Rita

Description of volunteer needs: Debris removal, gutting houses, general rebuilding including but not limited to: laying sheetrock, painting, landscaping, needs assessment. Youth group volunteers welcome.

Skills volunteers are required to have: General willingness to pitch in and help

Useful Skills: Youth leadership; case management skills

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Personal tools, if possible

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Yes, please call for specifics

Length of time volunteer can help: Any length of time

Size of volunteer team: Varies according to job

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: 14 – 17 yrs need adult supervision

Denomination/affiliation, if any: Interfaith – ALL are welcome

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: No

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: Yes, but limited, please call for specifics

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: No

Any additional notes: Home of New Orleans Jazz Music, French Quarter, Mardi Gras. Please come and help us revitalize our city.

Approximate date the project started: Jan–15–2006
Estimated date the project will end: Dec–31–2010
Information Updated: Jul–11–2006

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Long Term Recovery Support; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; America's Second Harvest; Points of Light Foundation; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; United Way; Volunteers of America; YMCA/YWCA
Updated Sep 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/839

HandsOn New Orleans

Volunteer Camp · Open

Disaster Recovery
2309 Dryades Street, New Orleans, LA 70113

Phone (504) 304–2275
Web www.handsonneworleans.org
Serves NOLA
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Katrina & Gustav
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE 9/23/12 (LTel):

Hurricane Isaac Response and Recovery

How To Volunteer

As residents of New Orleans and its neighboring parishes pull together to recover from the effects of Hurricane Isaac, HandsOn New Orleans is launching an online Volunteer Opportunity Calendar and will host a statewide, virtual Volunteer Reception Center. HandsOn New Orleans is certified by the Louisiana Serve Commission to act as the official Volunteer Response Center for southeast Louisiana during emergencies. Since the storm, HandsOn New Orleans has reached out to several nonprofit partners and other groups seeking support to compile post–Isaac recovery project opportunities in one place.

REGISTER your interest to volunteer:
http://www.handsonneworleans.org/HOC__Volunteer_Registration_Page

FIND a volunteer opportunity:
http://www.handsonneworleans.org/HOC__Volunteer_Opportunity_Search_Page?p=vct

We are working with volunteerlouisiana.gov to facilitate volunteer response.

For questions, email volunteer@ handsonneworleans.org

Prior to coming to Louisiana to help the impacted region, PLEASE identify a volunteer opportunity AND secure housing. We do have a volunteer bunkhouse, but you MUST make reservations to have your space secured. For more information call our office at (504) 304–2275

Services offered: Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Management, Volunteer Placement; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Orientation; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation; Salvation Army; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated")
Updated Sep 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/827

MA

Boston Cares (Volunteer/Community Center, Community Development)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Development
Boston, MA
Web www.bostoncares.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

Boston Cares offers a wide array of programs and opportunities that make it easy for you to volunteer no matter how busy your schedule is. Each month we manage more than 150 direct service volunteer projects through our Calendar program. These projects include:

– planting community gardens,
– serving meals to the homeless,
– cleaning parks,
– painting community centers,
– tutoring children,
– caring for sheltered animals,
– ushering at cultural performances,
– and much, much more.

Boston Cares offers several specialized programs. For corporate citizenship, our Hands at Work program provides comprehensive project planning to ensure meaningful service for employees. For young people, we offered both BOOYAH! and Campus Initiative programs. BOOYAH! (Boston Young Active Hands) provides volunteer projects that school–age kids can enjoy as a group or with their families. Campus Initiative engages college students in service. For volunteers looking to delve deeper into current events and issues affecting the community, we offer Citizen Academy. We also offer a wide range of long–term and specialized volunteer opportunities through our Community Grapevine & Skills Bank.

Boston Cares is the largest organization in New England dedicated to team oriented volunteering on a flexible basis. In 2007, more than 16,000 Boston Cares volunteers contributed 49,000 hours to 165 non–profits in the Greater Boston area.

Boston Cares is a member of the HandsOn Network and Points of Light Institute, an international organization which inspires, equips, and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world. At the center of the network are 250 affiliates serving 83% of the American population and 12 international communities.

Services offered: Cleanup, Trash Pickup, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Tree Cutting and Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Tree Removal & Chipping, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Yard Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Community Beautification, Volunteer; Community Garden Program; Community Garden, Volunteer; Community Outreach, Volunteer; Community Service, Volunteer; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Management, Community Coordinator, Volunteer; Reception / Registration Site/Location, Volunteer; Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation
Updated Jun 8, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4719

NY

Hands on the Hudson Valley – 2012 HURRICANE SANDY

Volunteer Camp · Open

See Site, Various, NY
Web www.handsonhv.org
Serves Hudson Valley Region, NY
Eligibility Hurricane Sandy Volunteers
Service Temporary

Search for Volunteer Opportunities related to Hurricane Sandy

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Points of Light Foundation; United Way
Updated Nov 15, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9541

Worldwide

Useful Document/Guidance: Roles for Volunteers (from HandsOn)

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Information

Web handsonblog.org/2010/08/25/volunteer–disaster–relief–3
Service Temporary

1. Disaster Response Coordinator:

Regularly attends local emergency management meetings and affiliates the coordinating agency with the local Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), Interfaith or other local disaster coalition. Educates the member organizations of the VOAD or Interfaith regarding the coordinating agency's (CA) role of referring unaffiliated volunteers to them during disaster recovery. Gathers information from VOAD members about anticipated disaster volunteer needs and then builds a network of civic, fraternal and other groups to encourage their members to affiliate with a local disaster response organization. Develops a disaster volunteer referral plan and gathers supplies needed to open a volunteer reception center— identifies location for reception center; arranges transportation of needed equipment; recruits, trains and orients volunteer staff to help operate the reception center. Develops a plan to transport volunteers from the reception center to the worksites.

2. Coordinating Agency Member:

Works with the disaster response coordinator to register, refer and document unaffiliated disaster volunteers. Develops a public information plan for letting potential spontaneous volunteers know how they can get involved before a disaster occurs. Engages local businesses in planning to donate goods and services to future response and recovery efforts.

3. Disaster Information Developer/Distributor:

Helps to create information material in various disaster preparedness areas for family, youth, seniors, etc. This can include individual, family and community preparedness. Distributes materials to appropriate audiences.

4. Needs Assessment Conductor:

Assesses the hazards and mitigation needs of the community and then communicates them to the Disaster Resistant Community Planning Committee so it can address those needs.

5. Capacity Builder for Reconstruction:

Makes the appropriate partnerships with corporations and organizations involved in construction to ensure effective clean up and rebuilding for recovery efforts.

6. Financial Advisor/Representative:

Takes necessary actions to evaluate potential mitigation and disaster recovery costs and then seeks out methods of fundraising and partnership development to help pay for mitigation and disaster efforts.
Preparedness Roles

7. Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) Volunteer:

Assists others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their communities. Understands basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Gives critical support to first responders, provides immediate assistance to victims and organizes spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. Helps improve the safety of the community before disasters happen.

8. Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) Trainer:

Completes Train–the–Trainer course conducted by the state training office for emergency management or the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD. Studies disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations and educates C.E.R.T. volunteers.

9. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteer:

Coordinates with existing local emergency response programs and supplements existing community public health initiatives, such as outreach and prevention, immunization programs, blood drives, case management, care planning and other efforts. May deliver necessary public health services during a crisis, assist emergency response teams with patients, or provide care directly to those with less–serious injuries and other health–related issues.

10. Neighborhood Watch Program Volunteer:

Completes training about terrorism awareness and the existing crime prevention mission and aims to bring residents together to focus on emergency preparedness and emergency response training.

11. Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS):

Helps supplement and support officers and civilian personnel by allowing them to concentrate on their primary duties. May perform clerical tasks, serve as an extra set of “eyes and ears,” assist with search and rescue activities, and write citations for accessible parking violations. Helps the police department fulfill its duties in the event of a disaster.

12. Community Disaster Educator:

Helps keep families and individuals safe. Presents and distributes important disaster preparedness material at local health fairs and information booths and gives lectures and presentations to interested groups.
Response Roles

13. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Director:
Oversees the VRC operation. Clearly designates one entrance and one exit. Sets up the room for efficient flow of volunteers and information. Briefs and assigns tasks to staff and volunteers of the center. Monitors the operation and makes changes when necessary. Meets and thanks volunteers who help in the VRC and instructs them to sign in and out.

14. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Greeter:
Provides instruction sheets to volunteers, asks them to complete registration forms and gives them a brief orientation to the registration process.

15. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Interviewer:
Interviews volunteers and gives them referral forms. Explains where and to whom volunteers should report for duty.

16. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Data Coordinator and Entry Staff:
Records volunteer referrals and communicates, as needed, with requesting agencies so that when needs have been met, requests can be closed out. Enters Requests for Volunteers and Volunteer Registration Forms into the computer. Prints out updated lists of unfilled requests as needed.

17. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Volunteer Identification Staff:
Attaches wristbands volunteers that contain the volunteer’s name, the agency or site to which the volunteer was referred, and the date(s) on which the volunteer expects to work.

18. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Safety Trainer:
Documents the attendance of each volunteer and presents a prepared safety briefing appropriate to the specific disaster event.

19. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Specific Job Trainer:
Provides specific job training to each worksite or function before volunteers depart for their work areas.

20. Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Phone Bank Operator:
Takes calls from individuals and groups wishing to volunteer and from organizations needing volunteers. Records each call and posts information on the request board or forwards details to the data coordinator.

21. Public Information Officer:
Makes statements to the media about the center’s operation. Serves as the only contact with media and should be a trained professional who only delivers information approved by the VRC director.

22. VRC Runner:
Attends to VRC stations that have raised a small flag summoning assistance. Posts new requests for volunteers on the request board, carries information from one station to another, escorts guests and delivers supplies to the stations.

23. Worksite Supervisor:
Maintains a supply of volunteer sign–in–sheets at each volunteer worksite. Conducts a safety briefing as each group of volunteers arrives, regarding the specific hazards at the site. Has all volunteers read the statement at the top of the sign–in sheet and sign in, recording their time of arrival and departure each day. Turns in all sign–in sheets to a designated supervisor who will turn them into the budget department.

24. Shelter Volunteer:
Helps with the operation of shelter needs.

25. Language Translator:
Translates disaster response and recovery information to individuals who do not understand English.

26. Transportation Driver/Dispatcher:
Helps people who have no reliable means of transportation get to and from medical appointments. Uses Red Cross vehicles to transport clients to and from area hospitals, physicians’ offices and medical facilities. Coordinates appointments and schedules.

27. Volunteer Transportation Director:
Helps to put up road signs and clearly marked directions to worksites, donation warehouses and the reception center. Monitors control checkpoints where trucks and other transport vehicles may be inspected, scheduled, turned back or directed to a designated reception center, warehouse or distribution center.

28. Amateur Radio Operator:
Provides backup communications in the event of a failure of the government system. Supplements communications at large disasters and emergencies.

29. Animal Rescuer:
Helps evacuate and rescue deserted animals. Completes training in small and large animal handling and care.

30. Security Personnel:
Protects worksites from unauthorized visitors and protects victims and other citizens from violent behavior and outbreaks in times of disaster. Aids in police efforts.
Recovery Roles

31. Volunteer Disaster Damage Assessor:
Provides disaster damage assessment support to a large state or national disaster relief operation. Identifies and notes exterior damage to homes within 72 hours of the disaster. Completes appropriate forms, reports and records in a timely manner. Completes necessary training to stay up to date on changes in function. Participates in disaster preparedness exercises. Must be efficient, organized, observant, flexible, adaptable to change, accept direction and have attention to detail.

32. Heavy Equipment Operator:
Runs and operates heavy equipment as part of debris removal and reconstruction.

33. Debris Clean–up Crew:
Helps move debris off the streets to allow for traffic to pass through.

34. Construction Volunteer:
Helps in reconstruction efforts.

35. Food and Donations Distributor:
Helps distribute meals, clothing, etc., to victims of a disaster.

36. Disaster Health/Mental Health Volunteer:
Helps disaster victims and workers involved with the disaster relief effort with health–related emergencies and provides counseling in shelters, service centers and during home visits. Must be licensed professionals.

37. Warehouse Volunteer:
Sorts donated non–perishable food products and repacks it for distribution to emergency food providers in communities.

38. Donation Coordination Team Volunteer:
Manages donations phone bank. Processes offers from the public. Conducts donations intelligence. Works to include emerging relief organizations. Ensures effective logistics procedures are in place. Maintains a database on donated goods and services. Determines the needs of donations and services. Identify staging areas, distribution centers and ports of entry.

39. Donations Coordinator:
Works with the public information officer to plan and implement public awareness information. Coordinates with donations management and other state agencies as necessary. Ensures effective communications are in place. Determines best way to dispose of excess donations—recycle, redistributed or donated to other locations.

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