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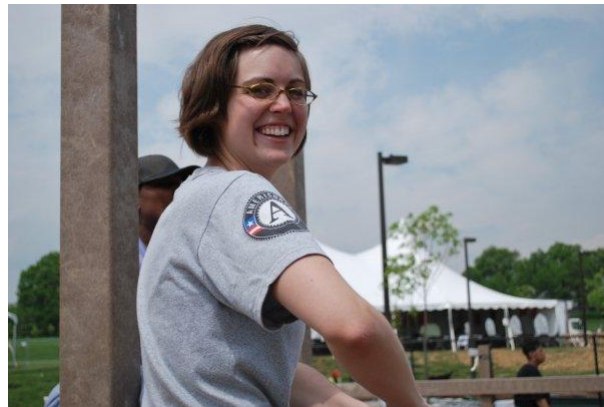
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Through our AmeriCorps programs, Volunteer Maryland provides resources

AmeriCorps Week 2009

Dear Patrice,

May 9 - 16 celebrates the third annual AmeriCorps Week. This week provides the perfect opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alumni, grantees, program partners, and friends to shine a spotlight on the work done by members -- and to motivate more Americans to serve their communities. Volunteer Maryland is honored to have supported over 500 dedicated AmeriCorps members. This issue is dedicated to their service year and beyond. Thank you, VM members and alumni!



One Year. A Lifetime of Service.



in volunteer
program
management
and nonprofit
capacity building.

Volunteer Maryland Celebrates AmeriCorps Week!

This week, Volunteer Maryland, along with other AmeriCorps programs across the country, celebrates and recognizes the service of AmeriCorps members. The work completed by this band of dedicated individuals has transformed communities, empowered lives, and engaged citizens in service. Over 542,000 people have served as AmeriCorps members, engaging more than 1.7 million volunteers in service across the country. Just last year over 4,000 nonprofits, faith based, and community organizations worked with one or more AmeriCorps members.

Learn more about Volunteer Maryland alumni [here](#).

VISTA Leader Shelly Greer

In 2007, Shelly Greer began researching volunteer opportunities in her home of 18 years, Queen Anne's County. After looking online, in the newspaper, and on community bulletin boards, Shelly found just two opportunities. "Volunteer firefighting," says Shelly, "was not the change of pace I wanted!"



Instead, Shelly helped create her own opportunity by....

Read more about Shelly [here](#).

Volunteerism Seminar

Volunteers: The Growing Resource

June 4, 2009, 9:30 am - 12:45 pm

VisArts Center

155 Gibbs Street

Rockville, MD 20850

[Directions](#)

Fee: \$10 for all attendees

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

On-site registration will NOT be available.

[Register Online](#)

[Download registration form \(PDF\)](#)

As nonprofits continue facing a challenging and changing environment, resulting in decreased resources to carry out our

missions, volunteer power can provide diverse skills and human resources to help nonprofits build their capacity to survive and thrive.. Volunteerism is a rich pool from which nonprofits can draw some of the help they need. Volunteers, be they board members, direct service providers, interns, unpaid operational support staff, or skilled professionals can be a low cost opportunity for many organizations. However, to make volunteerism successful within your organization, the entire organization, from the top down, must be aligned to support the individuals and the work being done. Appropriate time, resources, and leadership must be dedicated to the entire endeavor. In short, your organizations must be ready to engage, employ, and empower volunteer resources.

This special session on employing the volunteer resource is specifically designed for the executive and/or board leadership of organizations that either are not utilizing volunteers or skilled pro-bono professionals or want to make more effective use of existing volunteers in a variety of capacities. Successfully using volunteers requires deliberate effort on the part of an organization's leadership (ED/CEO and board leaders). This session will cover the full array of volunteer and skilled pro-bono professional options of which you can take advantage; what it takes to shift your organization's thinking and culture so that volunteerism can thrive; and what resources are out there to support the change.

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