



VOLUNTEER SAN DIEGO

Change yourself. Change your world. Volunteer.

In This Issue

[Knowledge and
Experience Article](#)

[Brown Bags & Trainings](#)

[What's New](#)

[Holiday Volunteer Guide](#)

[HOSD Accomplishments](#)

[Superhero of the Month](#)

Community Organization Newsletter

December 2008

Quick Links

[VSD Website](#)

[DOVIA](#)

[VSD Blog](#)

[VSD Podcast](#)

[Check Your Agency
Listings](#)

[Email Discussion List
on Google Groups](#)

[Nominate Your
Superhero Volunteers](#)

Volunteer San Diego Executive Director's Message

With the economy struggling and demand for services increasing, not engaging volunteers well is a luxury that most nonprofits can ill afford. The bad news is that it can be an uphill battle to win support for a volunteer program. The good news is that there are more resources supporting how valuable and critical volunteers are for our organizations' success. The need is there: many volunteer managers recently attended a workshop by two leaders on VSD's DOVIA Advisory Council on how to get support from the top down.

If you missed it, I invite you to check out other resources that may help you make a case for support for your program:

[Corporation for Community and National Service](#)

[Sacramento Bee editorial on momentum and need for service](#)

[Stanford Social Innovation Review](#)

In the meantime, one of the most affordable ways to build and support your volunteer program, and the leverage it can provide your organization, is through a membership with VSD. For more information, click [here](#).

Sue Carter, Executive Director

Volunteer San Diego

DOVIA Program Updates



Directors **O**f **V**olunteers **I**n **A**gencies (**DOVIA**) of San Diego County is a program of Volunteer San Diego. The DOVIA Program focuses on developing volunteer management skills and strengthening leadership through continuing education and support. [Learn more.](#)

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.

Knowledge and Experience Article

Would you like to share your knowledge and experience with other volunteer managers? Consider writing an article for our newsletter. Submit article ideas to Debbie at dkrakauer@volunteersandiego.org.

Brown Bags & Trainings

"What CEOs Don't Know or How to Get Support from the Top Down"

If you were unable to attend this session, you missed a wonderful 1/2 day workshop. There were some great tips offered for moving the volunteer leadership position from being reactive to being proactive.

What is the influence of the volunteer manager in your organization? Are you brought in at the end of the design process to "get" the volunteers? Are you part of the decision-making process?

If you missed this informative 1/2 day but want to start this process yourself, there is a great resource available in "12 Key Actions of Volunteer Program Champions: CEOs Who Lead the Way" by Betty Stallings. A sneak peak can be downloaded from her website, www.bettystallings.com.

Brown Bags

Bring your sack lunch, questions, and plenty of business cards for

networking.

Cost: Free for DOVIA or Learn and Grow members. \$5 for non-members. Contact dkrakauer@volunteersandiego.org if unsure of your membership status.

Sticky Issues

December 18, 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
At Volunteer San Diego

Join us for the final Brown Bag of 2008. Come prepared to discuss any problems that you are having in your volunteer programs. Enjoy networking with other volunteer managers and see how they have solved some of the issues that you are now facing. Facilitated by Ona Rita Yufe.

Building a Case for Support

January 21, 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
At Community Resource Center (Encinitas)

Join us for the first Brown Bag of 2009. More details to be announced. Facilitated by Melinda Bell Wilkes, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at Jewish Family Service of San Diego.

Trainings

Finding Fun in the Fundamentals

January 28-29, 2009
Volunteer San Diego

Start the new year right with our Fun in the Fundamentals, basic volunteer management, 2-day training. We'll take a look at:

- * Planning, recruitment, placement, orientation, training, supervision and recognition
- * Changes taking place in the profession
- * How to keep your program current
- * The many hats of a volunteer manager
- * Taking a deep breath: stress management techniques for you and your volunteers
- * The ultimate toolkit - what's in it that can help you make your volunteer program a success

Sound Interesting?

This training is a basic introduction for those with limited experience in the field AND it's a refresher course, if you're a veteran who needs some new inspiration. This interactive and participatory training will offer you the critical skills you need to ensure the success of your program AND YOU'LL HAVE FUN! You'll receive a binder of templates and resources, lunch each day and a certificate of completion.

[Join](#) Volunteer San Diego for this 2-day training. [Download](#) a flyer.

Other Volunteer San Diego News

What's New

Is it time for you to be a Servapalooza Leader?

Servapa-what? Servapalooza 2009 is a fun-filled event and collaboration between Volunteer San Diego and two AWESOME non-profit partners: eXcel Youth Zone and Kids for Peace. This one day event will celebrate Global Youth Service Day with a service festival and a parade of wishes. Servapalooza includes service stations with hands-on activities from community agencies, entertainment, food and prizes. This event is a fun afternoon for anyone and everyone.

Where do you come into the picture? We need Project Leaders and Leadership Team Members to begin planning for Servapalooza 2009! We need leaders and members who want to create, plan and implement an event from the start to finish. We have a wide range of volunteer positions and one will surely spark your interest. Come to the Introduction to Servapalooza meeting on December 9th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and find out all the details to being a Project Leader or Team Member.

For questions or to attend the Introduction to Servapalooza, please email Brandi at bllove@volunteersandiego.org or call her at 858-636-4123.

FREE Engaging Students: Service Event

Save the Date: Thursday, February 5, 2009!

Calling all organizations that currently or want to engage students in their programs! Come network and collaborate with educators, students and community organizations about simple and easy ways to engage students in service and make an impact in your community. [Click here](#) for more details on this FREE event!

Save the Date!

The 2009 Oscars are on February 22nd and you can celebrate Volunteer San Diego style. There will be food, games and celebrity viewing! Mark your calendars and walk the red carpet with Volunteer San Diego. More details to come.

Corporate Volunteer Groups - Projects Needed in 2009

Corporate group volunteer projects offer great benefits to the employee volunteer, the sponsor company and the recipient organization. Volunteer San Diego is asking our organization partners to submit group project ideas for 25+ volunteers. These group projects are fully managed and supported by Volunteer San Diego. Our staff will organize the volunteer projects, purchase and deliver any required supplies, and coordinate on-site logistics.

[Submit](#) your project today!

Please email or fax your corporate volunteer group project request to Jaci at jfeinstein@volunteersandiego.org or 858-492-2016 so we can start our search for the right corporate partner to adopt your project.

10News Leadership Award



With Volunteer San Diego, Sempra Energy Foundation and LEAD San Diego, the 10News Leadership Award recognizes someone who provides leadership by making San Diego a better place to live, by standing up for those who need help, and improving the quality of life for all San Diegans. [Nominate](#) a leader for their work in the categories of Volunteerism, Environment, Diversity or Community Action.

Holiday Volunteer Guide

Happy December! We know that many of you submitted holiday volunteer opportunities and needs to our holiday guide; it has been downloaded over 1000 times. We hope that many of your needs are being met. If an opportunity is no longer current, please email Linda at lfisher@volunteersandiego.org or call her at 858-636-4130 and she we will take it off the site so you will not receive further inquires. Also, please encourage your clients who may want to volunteer to check out the opportunities!

Hands On San Diego Accomplishments

Thank you to all the organizations who participated in this year's Hands On San Diego event back in September!

1,693 volunteers participated in Hands On San Diego 2008! With their time (**7,287 hours** collectively!), talents, energy, they completed an impressive **77 projects** for **31 organizations** throughout San Diego County.

Here are just a few of the amazing ways they made a difference in our community:

7238 meals were served to the homeless, seniors, and families at the Ronald McDonald House

800 pounds of electronic waste were collected and properly disposed of

643 boxes of food were packaged and distributed to seniors and military families

184 bags of trash and non-native species were removed from our beaches and canyons

275 youth were provided with recreational and educational activities

98 seniors with Alzheimer were provided with social and recreational activities

15 recreation centers, 3 facilities for people with disabilities, and 3 schools and after-school programs' facilities were renovated

4 libraries were provided tender loving care (painting, dusting, cleaning, gardening, and/or book reshelved)

1 playground was built

Superhero of the Month

This month we would like to recognize **Dale Goldman**, a volunteer with Voices for Children, Inc. Voices for Children, a nonprofit organization, endeavors to ensure that abused, neglected and abandoned children who have become dependents of the San Diego County Court will have a safe and permanent home.

Through our network of trained and educated volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), Voices for Children works with key agencies, legal counsel and community resources.

Dale has been volunteering with Voices for Children as a CASA volunteer for almost 5 years.

Each month, Dale volunteers a total of 20 hours, to ensure the best for Colin and Katie by visiting the children on a regular basis and talking to the professionals involved in the children's lives.

"Dale has been the only consistent person in Colin and Katie's lives over the last four and a half years. The children have changed placements, schools, social workers, therapists and friends, and Dale has been there through it all. Dale works hard to ensure that Colin and Katie get to participate in extra curricular activities and have as much stability in their lives as possible. Dale doesn't leave any stone unturned. With 6,000 children in foster care, the foster care system is, quite simply, overwhelmed. Dale ensures that Colin and Katie do not slip through the cracks and their needs are not overlooked. Thanks to her consistent and persistent advocacy, Colin and Katie are flourishing," states Briana Lao Ogletree, Senior Program Supervisor.

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

For more information on any of the above topics:

Debbie Krakauer of Volunteer San Diego

Email: dkrakauer@volunteersandiego.org

Phone: (858) 636-4184

Fax: (858) 492-2016

Web page: <http://www.volunteersandiego.org>

[Forward email](#)

 **SafeUnsubscribe**®

This email was sent to sadams@volunteersandiego.org by volunteer1@volunteersandiego.org.

[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe](#)™ | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



Volunteer San Diego | 4699 Murphy Canyon Road | San Diego | CA | 92123