



March 2006

Greetings from Volunteer San Diego!

Upcoming Volunteer Events

Are you looking for a one-time opportunity? Check out this month's Project Calendar on our website.

S.A.L.S.A. still needs you! The event formerly known as CPR Saturday is March 18, 2006 at the Golden Hall at the San Diego Concourse with sessions teaching life-saving skills beginning at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. This event will include training sessions for children ages 5-11. Children can participate in Basic Aid Training and Whale Tales (water safety). To volunteer for this event, apply at www.sdarc.org or call (858) 309-1266.

Other opportunities include: Nomads Soccer Tournament, KPBS TV Pledge Drive, and walks benefitting the Escondido Humane Society and Mental Health Systems. Check the site to see what interests you!

On-Going Volunteer Opportunities

Everyone a Reader wants you! Want to make a difference in the life of a child? Many San Diego County 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders need extra help with reading skills. If you understand the importance of reading and have an extra hour a week, you could be that person by becoming an Everyone A reader tutor. After a three hour training, you will be ready to tutor at a local elementary school, teaching reading strategies one-on-one with struggling readers. For more information, please contact Cindy Dunlevy at 800-711-7323 or 858-292-3682.

Our children need you at Horton! Please come to our school as a reading or math tutor. Our children are trying very hard to improve their reading and math academic progress and need your help desperately! We welcome all volunteers and can work around your time and days available for your kind service. You just need to fill in some forms, have a TB test and a 20 minute reading/math training at Horton (room 18). Please contact Margarita Bacigalupo, our Parent Academic Liason, at mbacigalupo@sandi.net for more information.

Volunteer San Diego is recruiting disaster response volunteers. These individuals will receive training in processing spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in the hours and days following a disaster. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in your community, learn new skills, tap into your creativity and make new friends! Bilingual volunteers especially needed! Contact Sean Duggan at

Lights! Camera! Action! Oscar Party! The awards are this weekend!

It's Academy Award time so join in the celebration to help benefit Volunteer San Diego, the region's premiere provider of volunteer programs and services.

When: Sunday, March 5, 2006, 5:00PM - until "Best Picture" announced

Where: Dave & Buster's Private Showroom, 2931 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley

Cost: \$40.00 per person in advance; \$50.00 at the door. All proceeds benefit VSD.

Tickets/information at:
www.active.com/donate/oscar

Valentine's Day Volunteering

Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer for this year's event with Flowers by Coley. Thank you to each and every one of you for being so wonderful!

Board Connection

Many San Diego professionals are interested in utilizing their expertise by volunteering on a non-profits board of directors and many employers see this as a great way for employees to increase their leadership and management skills. Through a

sduggan@volunteersandiego.org or 858-636-4132 to sign up for an orientation and training class.

Rebuilding Together San Diego, a local affiliate of the largest national home rehabilitation organization in America, needs a graphic designer with some copy editing skills, a ceramist/artist to help with a tile project on the Barrio Logan Fire Station, a muralist for a project at their Logan Heights headquarters, and photographers to help with before and after pictures of their April 29th event day. To volunteer for any of these needs, call 619-231-7873.

Carlsbad Police Department is seeking volunteers to participate in their Senior Volunteer Patrol program. Volunteers attend a ten-day academy held during the month of May and are asked to volunteer approximately 24 hours per month and attend a monthly training meeting. Do you know of any friends or family members who are 55 and older and want to help reduce crime and increase law enforcement services to the Carlsbad community? If so, please contact the Senior Volunteer Patrol at 760.931.2214.

Volunteer for Junior Achievement. For the past 87 years, Junior Achievement has been mobilizing volunteers to go into the nation's classrooms to teach kids the value of education and the free enterprise system. As a result, kids are more likely to stay in school and go to college. Become a Junior Achievement volunteer. Two hours training required, then 5-8 hours for 5-8 weeks in the classroom (can be done before work/during lunch). Training conducted in the Mission Valley office, but will come to you for a group of 5 or more. Volunteers have a choice of grade level (K-12) or a school that's convenient to you (near work or home). For more information: <http://sandiego.ja.org>. If interested in volunteering, contact Bob Alden at robert.alden@navy.mil or 619.553.7119.

Volunteer Leadership

VOLUNTEER STORIES WANTED

Our 2006 Annual Appeal will focus on 100 reasons to support volunteering by highlighting 100 volunteer stories. We need your compelling stories, extraordinary experiences that stand out in your memory as a volunteer.

1. Tell us where you volunteer.
2. Tell us why you volunteer.
3. Tell us how volunteering makes a difference/impact in that specific situation.

Please e-mail your story to smiller@volunteersandiego.org. Feel free to send more than one story. The first 50 individuals to submit stories will receive a Volunteer San Diego lapel pin!

Volunteer Fair

SAVE THE DATE! Have you always wondered what volunteer opportunities are available at the local museums? Come find out in one place! The Cultural Volunteer Managers Council will hold a volunteer recruitment fair on April 30, 2006, 11:00am-3:00pm at the San Diego Museum of Man courtyard on the Prado at Balboa Park. Fifteen member organizations will participate. More details will come next month. If interested now, please email volunteers@sdnhm.org.

partnership with Nonprofit Management Solutions, we recruit, train and place San Diego professionals who are interested in serving on non-profit boards throughout the County.

The next trainings will take place in March. More information is available at www.npsolutions.org

Check out the Volunteer San Diego Blog!

volunteersandiego.blogspot.com
Check for updates between newsletters!

There are many non-profit organizations that need individual and group volunteers on an on-going basis.

So whether you want to be a mentor to a young person, help protect the environment, or provide companionship to our seniors, we can match you with an opportunity that meets your interests and schedule. With more than 800 non-profit organizations registered with us, you are bound to find a volunteer opportunity that's right for you! You can search our on-line database and find an opportunity on your own at www.volunteersandiego.org.