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About this Newsletter

This e-newsletter is designed and distributed by Volunteer San Diego. Its intent is to highlight corporate volunteering efforts in San Diego, discover trends in employee volunteering and bring corporate volunteer managers together as a group.

Corporate Volunteer Council - Would you be interested in a quarterly meeting of San Diego's volunteer managers, HR managers and community relations managers to discuss employee volunteer programs? We are surveying interest in a brown bag style gathering to discuss trends and practices in the area of corporate volunteerism. Please let us know your thoughts.

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Volunteer Benchmarking Tool

- Find answers on employee volunteering:
- Does my employee volunteer program have enough staff?
 - How can I provide my CEO requested data on whether other retail companies offer release time for volunteering?
 - Is my employee participation rate low?
 - Is my employee volunteer and giving program any good?

[VSD Blog](#)

Review a new benchmarking tool. Click [here](#).

2009 M L King Day of Service



Yes We Did! More than 13,000 volunteer projects took place across the country on King Day of Service 2009; a 162% increase over last year's record of 5,000 projects.

Read the post event press release with facts, figures and highlights [here](#).

Save the Date - 2010 King Day of Service will take place on January 18, 2010.

Fortune Magazine - 100 Best Companies

NetApp was voted the "number 1" best company to work for in 2009 by Fortune Magazine... and they offer five paid days off per year for volunteer work.

For the full list and to learn more click [here](#).

TSE Gives Back 2009

The Special Event Conference and Trade Show
(in partnership is ISES-San Diego and NACE)

As a pre-conference option, TSE invited their attendees to give back to the conference's hosting city of San Diego by spending a day beautifying a teacher's lounge & patio, painting a large mural and gardening with students at a local inner city school. When registering for the conference and event, attendees could volunteer their time or donate directly to the project supply fund.



Recipient: **Fletcher Elementary School

UnitedHealth Group



While attending their National Consultant Forum in San Diego, employees had an option to volunteer one of their afternoons upgrading an outdoor courtyard/patio at a local non-profit. Volunteers painted walls, replaced missing tiles, gardened,

assembled two benches, created three mosaic boards and a beach mural that were all installed in the courtyard.

Recipient: **Family Recovery Center, Oceanside CA

What are the volunteers saying?

Today, I learned..."The power of people working together."
- TSE Volunteer, January 2009

My favorite part of the project was..."Meeting new TSE attendees, helping the community and the sense of completion."

- TSE Volunteer, January 2009

A Special Thanks!

A special thank you to the wonderful volunteer teams from:
TSE, ISES, NACE, and The UnitedHealth Group.

Mark your calendar...**National Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2009.**

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