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*From all of us at the Volunteer Center,
thank you for your support during 2011!*

This is an exciting time of the year as we finish 2011 and begin 2012. Thanks to each of you, the Volunteer Center is in a great place!

During the past year we have focused on getting clearer about who we are, what we do and how we do it. We are in the Community Engagement business with a mission of connecting and empowering people for goodness through purposeful community engagement.

As you read this, we are in the midst of gathering information, listening through conversations, and generating innovative solutions as an organization. I can't wait to see what we all create together for the good of our community!

This issue notes a few of the highlights of the fall as well as noting some upcoming opportunities. Everything we do depends on having relationships, partnerships, and collaborations within our community. The Volunteer Center staff is here to listen and support you in becoming more effectively engaged in our community. Let us know how we can help!



The 15th Annual
**cornucopia
LUNCHEON**
2011

The annual Cornucopia Luncheon, in its 15th year, was held on November 3, 2011 & we are already looking forward to November 2012!

Individuals, organizations, & businesses were honored for their outstanding volunteerism & community service. The 2011 luncheon had over 35 sponsors, including UMC Health System as the title sponsor. Join us next time!



Steve Rogers, Lifetime of Community Service Award & Sandy Ogletree, UMC Foundation



Sharon Thiel, Volunteer Coordinator Award & Roy Adams, Wal-Mart

THE 8TH ANNUAL
LUBBOCK POST-MASTERS
INVITATIONAL



**Monday, April 9th, 2012
Lubbock Country Club**

Choose to be a part of the fun. Sponsor a golf team or part of the tournament!

Opportunities are available. Contact the Volunteer Center for more information on sponsorship benefits to get your business involved.



Atmos Energy Team. April 2011. 7th Annual Golf Tournament

National Days of Service

9/11 Day of Service

9/11 Day of Service kicked off our year-long "Pledge to Serve" campaign intended to motivate the community to volunteer. The Volunteer Center encourages people all over Lubbock to pledge the hours they want to volunteer throughout the year.

We hope that these pledges will inspire others in the community to also donate their time by serving the needs of local nonprofits. Anyone can pledge hours on the Volunteer Center's website or contact us for more information.

Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day was held Saturday, October 22nd, and was a great day for giving back! Projects held included building the Spook House at Lubbock Boys and Girls Clubs, helping with the Pumpkin Walk at Lubbock Memorial Arboretum, and planting flowers and making holiday cards for military men and women at the Volunteer Center. **The day was a success with about 100 volunteers** coming out on this Saturday to serve the community.

More National Days of Service to come in 2012! Your help is always needed. Contact us for details.



Making Holiday Cards for Soldiers at the VCL



Building a Spook House at Lubbock Boys & Girls Clubs



Helping with Pumpkin Walk at the Arboretum

first nonprofit internship fair

The Volunteer Center partnered with the Texas Tech Career Center for the **first Nonprofit Internship Fair**, held October 26th at the Career Center.

Ten local nonprofits attended, giving the 37 students who participated many opportunities to discuss internships. The event was held to help local nonprofits get connected with students to find interns.

The event was a success, and we look forward to having it again in the Spring!

Attendance to the Invested Intern workshop is a prerequisite for agencies to participate in the fair. Visit our website for upcoming dates and details.



Ronald McDonald House



Science Spectrum



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YOUTH & CHILDREN VOLUNTEERISM

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youth in service

At our Celebration of Service Luncheon each spring, a video is shown highlighting projects from the school year.

Congratulations to the following schools whose projects have been selected for this video!

- All Saints Episcopal
- Estacado High School
- Heritage Middle School
- Meadow ISD
- Plainview High School

united way youth division

UWYD has been busy this fall! Students have shopped with the Boys & Girls Club during the Kohl's Kids Spree, built bookshelves with Literacy Lubbock for families of the Parenting Cottage, spent time with children at Women Protective Services' Mentoring Night, and planted flowers at the Volunteer Center for Make-A-Difference Day.



They have many more projects planned for this spring with United Way agencies, and are excited to be continuing to serve!

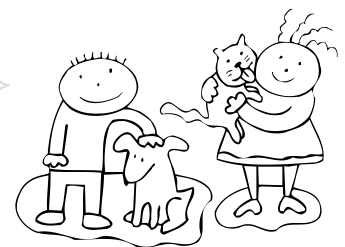
From the Heart a family volunteering program

A number of children and their families are already volunteering together through From the Heart!

Over 15 local organizations have opened their doors to From the Heart and created volunteer opportunities for children 12 & under and their families. These opportunities even include projects families can do together at home! Children receive a game board to track their volunteer time, which they can redeem for special recognition at the Volunteer Center! Game boards and a brochure of opportunities are now available for download at the Volunteer Center's website.

Sign up to receive a monthly family e-newsletter today!

From the Heart is a year-round program, so you can start anytime! Visit our website, call, or email to learn more.



This program is made possible in part by Pizza Hut/Taco Bell. We appreciate your support, thank you!



Emerging Leaders 2011

Besides our leadership development programs, we offer a number of workshops throughout the year!

Topics vary from Grant Writing and Volunteer Management to Technology.

Visit our website & click -EVENTS for more information!

Agency Partners

Memberships are available to all nonprofit agencies in our community

Contact us to learn about the wide range of benefits we provide to help strengthen your organization.

VCL Talk and Brown Bag Luncheons are some of our networking events.

Call for details & upcoming dates!

At the Heart

Strengthens the partnership between the Board President & Executive Director/CEO for the overall benefit of the organization.

Emerging Leaders

Equips & engages young professionals in connecting with their best volunteer fit.

Introducing Creating High Performance Teams

A new program for anyone who wants to strengthen their team. Businesses, organizations, & interested individuals are invited to participate!

Find the right leadership development experience for you!

Registration for each of these programs is available! Contact us for details. Visit our website for a brochure.

These programs are made possible through generous funding from the Helen DeVitt Jones Foundation

A Helpful Partnership

By Jennifer Tran, VCL Intern

Community Partners of Lubbock, an agency partner of the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, utilizes volunteers to make their programs function. With several successful programs, Paige Belew, the coordinator, relies and depends on her volunteers to make sure that the programs are a continued success and the children Community Partners helps are taken care of.

To help with this never-ending need, the nonprofit set up a web listing on the Volunteer Center's Volunteer Connection website. This has allowed them to find Rainbow Room, Operation Baby Watch, and Life Books volunteers. Community Partners has even had two people join its Board of Directors because of recommendations from the Volunteer Center.

"I estimate we get 40 percent of our volunteers and referrals for service projects from the Volunteer Center," Paige said.

The 60 active Community Partners' volunteers are the main reason the nonprofit is running. Paige only works 20 hours a week and would not be able to keep the Rainbow Room organized and up-to-date without the help of volunteers. They have also helped her with programs such as Operation Baby Watch. Without this program, foster children who are hospitalized would have to sit by themselves in

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the hospital. These children need someone to be by their side to comfort them, and Operation Baby Watch provides that someone.

Paige has also found several other benefits from the Volunteer Center. She has attended several of the **workshops** that the center holds including the Invested Intern workshop. Paige also enjoys attending Brown Bag Lunches because it gives her and other nonprofits the opportunity to talk about experiences. "It's so easy to share what's working with other nonprofits at the lunches," Paige said. Held every other month, the **Brown Bag Lunches** are networking opportunities for Volunteer Center nonprofit agencies to share ideas, learn what is happening in the community, and provide advice. It is a casual lunch in which the attendees bring their own lunch and the center provides drinks and dessert. Free consultations like **VCL Talk** are also available to every agency partner.

An agency partner since 2009, Community Partners of Lubbock has continued to flourish with the help of programs and volunteers that the Volunteer Center has been able to provide. Contact the Volunteer Center to learn how your organization can become an agency partner.



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Winter Newsletter

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*Let's keep
in touch!*



Workshops & Consultations



Youth Volunteerism



Groups & Family Volunteerism

Be a part of the Volunteer Center's Community Engagement efforts!

YES! I want to help connect volunteers with needs and empower area nonprofit agencies. ✂

Gift Amount: \$35 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

Contributions to the Volunteer Center of Lubbock are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Email: _____

May we publish your name in our contribution list? _____ Yes _____ No

If you'd like to make this gift in memory/honor of a person, please fill in the bottom part.

Would you like to be added to the Volunteer Center mailing list?

- Yes
- No, thank you.

Please, mark the information you'd like to receive via email:

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- Youth e-Newsletter
- Agency Partner e-Newsletter
- Volunteer Center Dashboard
- Volunteer Center News

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