

THE VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

News for Volunteer Managers from **HandsOn NUNC**



Connection OPPORTUNITIES

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We're happy to share these items of interest from around our local network. Please e-mail us any opportunities you would like to be featured in future editions! (*The Nonprofit Connection* usually goes out during the first ten days of the month.)

Funding OPPORTUNITIES

+ **Truliant Federal Credit Union is offering mini-grants** which provide operating funds for projects or programs of community and faith-based, non-profit organizations that serve "underserved" groups and/or low-to-moderate income areas. This might be an excellent opportunity to find funds for your volunteer program! Grant applications are available in person at any Truliant branch after May 15th. **Grant applications are due July 15th.** For more information, go to their [website](#) or contact [Marjorie Rorie](#) at 1-800-822-0382 ext. 2054.

+ **Funding Available to Engage Youth in Service!** The Department of Interior has released a list of grant opportunities around engaging youth in service. You'll find a complete listing of opportunities and the application form [here](#).

Other OPPORTUNITIES

+ **Z Smith Reynolds Foundation is accepting nominations for the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award**, which recognizes North Carolinians for making a difference in the areas

Dear Amy,

I don't know about you, but it's been a pretty busy Spring here at HandsOn. We were excited to host our **NC Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service Breakfast** on April 23rd, where we welcomed more than 100 attendees and honored 34 wonderful volunteer nominees and winners during a lovely event at Salemtowne. One of our winners was nominated by **Bethesda Center for the Homeless**, and there's a great story and picture on their [homepage](#). (If you have pictures from the event, we'd love it if you'd [e-mail](#) them to us.) The stories our winners shared were especially moving, and I know we all came away inspired. Personally, it was one of those events that makes me feel very blessed to be able to get up each day and work with volunteers and organizations that make such a difference in our community!



Also on the volunteerism front this month, I'm getting ready to attend the **NCAVA Statewide Conference, May 13th-15th** in Boone. I'll be presenting two sessions there--one on **Building Your Career in the Nonprofit Sector** and another on **MySpace, Facebook and Twitter: Social Networking 101**. More information and registration can be found on NCAVA's [website](#).

As we head into the summer, we'll be getting more and more calls in our office from parents looking for volunteer opportunities for their young adults. **If you have summer opportunities for youth--esp. those ages 13-15--please e-mail them to me ASAP!** Even if you put them up on [the portal](#), I want to make sure I have my own quick reference list ready to go for these calls. (I got my first one earlier today!)

After such a busy Winter and Spring, I hope many of you will take the time to relax over the Memorial Day weekend, and have some great vacations planned over the next few months! Remember, you can't charge others up if you're not recharged yourself!

of advocacy, **personal service** and race relations. Each award comes with a grant of \$25,000, of which \$5,000 is awarded to the recipient and \$20,000 is distributed to tax-exempt, charitable, North Carolina organizations selected by the recipient. Wouldn't it be great if one of "your" volunteers won this prestigious award? Learn more about the awards and the nomination process [here](#); **nominations are due June 1st.**

+ Help Out With Third Annual Bike Safety Day! Organized by Work Family Resource Center, Winston-Salem Police Department, and Safe Kids Forsyth, this event will be held on **May 30th, from 10 am until Noon, at Little Stars of Bethlehem Preschool** (just off Jonestown Rd.) This collaborative event educates children on bike safety. Volunteers will be helping to fit and distribute helmets free of charge to help kids in need ride safely! **E-mail Hayluri "Luly" Beckles, or call 761-5100** for more information.

+ The Winston-Salem Journal offers low-cost ad space to nonprofits! Looking for additional ways to recruit volunteers? On the last Sunday of each month, the *Winston-Salem Journal* will run a Non-Profit listings ad with ad sizes that are 1x2 (1.833"w by 2"h) in full color for only **\$48.00**. You can view a copy of what the Non-Profit Listing ad will look like [here](#); if you have any questions or think your nonprofit might be able to take advantage of this opportunity in May, **call Charlene Brown-Farris at 727-7494.**

HandsOn JOIN / GIVE NOW

HandsOn NW NC invites nonprofits to financially support our mission to build the capacity of local nonprofits and increase volunteerism. In exchange, our supporting organizations receive a variety of special benefits and opportunities. [Join HandsOn and Become a Supporter](#)

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We welcome financial contributions from businesses and individuals at any level.

All the best,

Amy Lytle

Executive Director

Opportunities Needed for Jerusalem Project of River Oaks Community Church!

Monday, July 6th - Thursday, July 9th

9 AM to 4 PM (or half-days, morning or afternoons)

Location: YOURS?!?

River Oaks Community Church has begun organizing the Jerusalem Project, its week-long service day camp for youth in the middle and high school, and they're hoping that your organization will have some exciting projects for them!

While the camp will have between **40-50 students from 6th to 13th grades** participating, your organization doesn't have to accommodate all them. They are willing to split up into **2 or 3 groups each day**, and the projects can take either all day, or you can choose to engage a group for either just the morning or afternoon--whatever makes the most sense for your organization and service project.

The students will be supplying their own adult supervision, but the nonprofit will have to be willing to supply whatever materials might be needed. They are very flexible when it comes to the type of project--landscaping, sorting materials, whatever--as long as it is age appropriate. You can learn more about the camp [here](#).

As always, please submit possible projects along with contact information via [e-mail](#).

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 22nd!

Working Together Without Falling Apart: Best Practices in Collaborations

Tuesday, May 19th, 8 AM - 11:45 AM

Location: Wake Forest University School of Law, Worrell Hall (see [map](#))

Collaborate, collaborate, collaborate! In these tough times, it's like a mantra that nonprofits hear over and over again. But how can you make sure that a collaboration really will be in the best interest of your organization? Join Steve Virgil, a Wake Forest Law professor and the director of their Community Law and Business Clinic, as we discuss some of the pitfalls to avoid and some of the key principles to keep in mind as you seek to work together with other nonprofit partners. You'll also hear from your peers about some unique collaborations going on in our own backyard!

[Give to HandsOn](#)

Cost: **\$20 for Supporting Organizations**
\$30 for all others

(Includes continental breakfast and extensive take-home materials.)

(Not a Supporting Organization of HandsOn? Click [here](#) to become one today!)

[Register Now!](#)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Value of Volunteer Time Increases to \$20.25 Per Hour!

Independent Sector has released its updated estimate of **the value of a volunteer hour for 2008** (the most recent year for which data is available.) Based on the average cost of non-farm labor as determined by a yearly presidential report, this dollar amount is viewed as the industry standard for estimating the economic impact of a volunteer program to an organization. So plug **\$20.25** into your calculations and be sure to let you senior staff and board know the value that your volunteers (with your professional support) bring to the bottom line!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Salem College Launches New Certificate Program!

We're pleased to announce that Salem College will be launching their own Nonprofit Certificate program this fall, targeted to working professionals in the field. This is a fantastic opportunity for those of you who are looking for some deeper professional development than the traditional one-day workshop, and the classes will be geared to entry and mid-level professionals. Unlike Duke University's Certificate Program in Nonprofit Management, Salem College's new program will offer credit-bearing courses that will be open to certificate and degree students alike. These courses will be available on two schedules, one in semester-long classes offered several days a week, the other in an accelerated seven-week program offered one night a week and supplemented with online learning. You can read more about the program in [this recent article](#) that ran in the Philanthropy Journal and then be sure to check out [Salem's website](#) for more details!

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