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OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS WEEKLY LISTSERVE

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Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth. - *Mohammed Ali*
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Thanksgiving Baskets

This year, the Office of Volunteer Programs is continuing its annual Thanksgiving basket drive, and we are looking to YOU to help! Each year, OVP compiles care packages containing food to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for families in need. Grab some friends, your RSO, your dorm floor, or Greek house and make this holiday season special for a family in need. Please contact Brittany Koteles at koteles2@gmail.com for a full list of supplies or an approximated number of baskets your group could contribute. If you contribute 3 baskets or more, each contributing member will receive a free meal at Chipotle! Baskets must be dropped off in 288 Illini Union by 5pm Wednesday, November 18.

Holiday Toy Drive, November 11th - December 9th

Make a difference and help brighten the holiday season for children in the local community. Student organizations, individuals, and university staff may sponsor a child by purchasing toys and gift cards costing no more than \$15. The toy drive will run from November 11 to December 9. The organization that contributes the most toys will win a prize!! Email OVP@illinois.edu for specific gender and age groups. All toys should be delivered by December 9th to the Office of Volunteer Programs Illini Union Room 288.

Alternative Spring Break Info Nights

If you are interested in doing a Fall trip with Alternative Spring Break, participants are still needed for the Fowler Center, Indianapolis Peace Institute, and Operation Breakthrough! Please check them out at illinoisasb.org. Email co_directors@illinoisasb.org if you are interested! If you can't do a Fall trip but are still interested in ASB, come to our Spring Info Nights to learn more about ASB and see what trips we're sending this spring! Info nights are Monday 11/2 at 6pm in Latzer Hall, Wednesday 11/11 at 5pm in Murphy Room, and Thursday, 11/12 at 6pm in Latzer Hall; these rooms are located in the University YMCA. You'll get a chance to talk to current board members and get all of your questions answered! Spring applications will be

available on www.IllinoisASB.org; Site-Facilitator applications are due November 30th, general applications are due December 7th!

YWCA Annual Shadow Day Volunteer, November 11th

The YWCA of the University of Illinois needs 15-20 volunteers for our annual Shadow Day on Wednesday November 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Area high school students will follow University of Illinois students around to their classes to give them a taste of what college life is like. If you are interested please contact Gia at gialewis@ywcauofi.org or 217-344-0721

Champaign Park District Arts Day at the Springer Cultural Center, November 11

On Wednesday, November 11th, the Champaign Park District will be having their first ever Arts Day at the Springer Cultural Center. This program is in conjunction with our Schools Out Day Programming. We could use volunteers and several capacities including assisting instructors and crowd control and the hours are from 12:45pm to about 5pm. If any of you are available to stop by only for a few hours, we could really use a lot of help. Contact David Genty if you are interested, david.genty@cparkdistrict.com.

Volunteer for SmileHealthy Fundraiser, November 14th

SmileHealthy is a local non-profit based in downtown Champaign that provides dental care to lower income families. Volunteers are needed for their fundraiser tailgating event on Dad's weekend on November 14. It'll most likely be located near E-14, and volunteers will be selling raffle tickets for gift certificate prizes, handing out pamphlets, and having a good time. If you or your organization is interested email Dharmesh at dbpatel3@illinois.edu.

Champaign Downtown Association Holiday Decoration Volunteers, November 21st

The Champaign Downtown Association is looking for volunteers on Saturday, November 21st starting at noon to help with the setting up of holiday decorations. There are around 200 poles to decorate and a tree to assemble. We can have everything up in a matter of hours if we get 20-30 people in groups of 2. They would need to bring pliers, gloves, appropriate clothing for cool to cold weather and ladders if they have access to them. Contact info@downtownchampaign.com.

Salt & Light Babysitter Volunteer

The Salt & Light ministry, 1512 W. Anthony Dr., Champaign, is in need of a daycare/babysitter on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1pm for their church services. If interested contact Melany Jackson at meljackson@yahoo.com or 816-820-6872

LINC Service-Learning Courses for Spring 2010

Consider registering for a new course entitled LINC-Learning in Community. As a result of this course, you can expect to improve your project skills and to contribute to an important problem that benefits a nonprofit organization. LINC is a service-learning course in which teams of students work on real projects proposed by community partners. There are 16 sections of the class for spring 2010 (ENG 298, TR, 12:30-1:50, 3 credit hours), with a wide range of community partners and project opportunities. For more about the course, including a listing of partners and their projects, see <http://linc.illinois.edu>

Volunteer at Carle Hospital

Volunteer at Carle Hospital for Spring 2010! The deadline to apply for the spring term is November 15 by 5p. The application can be found at www.carle.org/volunteering, and any questions can be directed to Brian Barnes at Brian.Barnes@carle.com

Apply for the Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service

The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications for our Summer 2010 Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service in Washington, DC. This academic internship program focused on the nonprofit sector is held in partnership with Georgetown University and provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable professional experience. If you apply by the early deadline of December 4 to receive a 5% discount on tuition. If you are interested check out the website www.DCinternships.org/IPVS or email ehill@tfas.org.

Youth Mentors Needed

The Mental Health Center is currently looking for mentors for the program in Rantoul. Mentors will be matched with a youth between the ages of 9 and 13 and will meet with them for one hour a week for the duration of the school year. Male mentors are greatly needed! If you are interested please contact Samantha Schneider at sschneider@mhcenter.org.

The Illini Union Office of Volunteer Programs is located in Room 288 of the Illini Union (up the south stairs and to the left).

We are open Mon – Thur 9AM – 7PM and Fri 9AM-5PM. Stop by and let us help you find a volunteer opportunity that fits your interests and schedule.

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