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2009 Bay Area Volunteer Awards!

The Volunteer Center celebrates
National Volunteer Week
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Everyday brings us news about the state of our economy, regional and national political jousting, local and worldwide calamities, and the positive stories that connect us to others and bring us hope for the future.

Sometimes it's hard to weed through the gloom and doom to find the stories that illustrate goodness and hope. How can you break-through the "woe is me" attitude and find the "wow, that's inspiring" moments? The Volunteer Center's 2009 Bay Area Volunteer Awards!

Each spring The Volunteer Center celebrates National Volunteer Week by recognizing outstanding volunteers, nonprofits and businesses at a signature event highlighting volunteerism: Hats Off! A Celebration of Volunteer Heroes!

With a click of your mouse you can vote for your favorite nonprofit to win the **Volunteer Choice Award**.



2009 Volunteer Choice Award, Sponsored by:
 Recognizes volunteers' favorite nonprofit decided by an online popular vote - cast your votes until May 1, 2009

Think you can set aside an hour of your time to recognize work being done in your community? Great! Submit nominations for any or all of the following awards:

2009 Community Spirit Award

Recognizes the achievements of outstanding individual volunteers

2009 Excellence in Nonprofit Volunteer Management Award

Recognizes nonprofit organizations that effectively engage volunteers in the meaningful work that they do

2009 Nonprofit Board Leader Award

Recognizes the achievements of outstanding nonprofit board members

2009 Corporate Community Champion Award

Recognizes the outstanding volunteer leadership and achievements of a corporate officer

2009 Corporate Community Involvement Award

Recognizes a business that operates an outstanding employee community involvement program

We heard that you need more time! Even though the March 6 deadline has passed, The Volunteer Center has extended the the Volunteer Awards nomination deadline. Nominate someone you know by **March 16, 2009** and [vote online for your favorite nonprofit](#) until Friday, May 1 and celebrate with us at Hats Off! It's easy, and it feels good!

The Board Match 2009 Breaks Records

THE BOARD MATCH Held on January 13, 2009 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm at Moscone South, The Board Match event featured over 114 nonprofit organizations from across the Bay Area who brought their leadership to talk to interested candidates about serving on their organization's board of directors.

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Fun and Useful Fact:

Did you know that volunteers give **twice** as much money as non-volunteers?!

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Responses from the 700 candidates in attendance were overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting about how important and necessary they found the event. Most of the participating nonprofits found candidates interested in connecting with their organization's board of directors, and many nonprofits found multiple candidates who want to bolster their board of directors!

If you're interested in board service, The Volunteer Center can help! Board Match Plus provides ongoing services in board member recruitment and matching. For information about Board Service Information Sessions and Online Board Matching, please [click here!](#)

"Where else can someone go to find out about Board Service opportunities with so many different non-profits under one roof? This should be a 'must attend' event for all business leaders interested in strengthening our communities."
--Brian Maxwell, HR Director, Deloitte Services LP.

Athletes*Serve



Help us recognize amazing volunteers in our community. Nike is partnering with HandsOn Network, and The Volunteer Center Serving San Francisco and San Mateo Counties to honor four outstanding young people in San Francisco who are improving our community through volunteer service and sports.

We are looking for Gamechangers - individuals or groups of volunteers - between the ages of 13 - 25 who are doing something special. Selected winners will be recognized at an awards celebration at their local NikeStore on April 25th and receive a \$150 in-store Nike ID experience. In addition, Nike will make a \$1,000 contribution in their name to the organization or school where they volunteer in honor of their leadership through service.

Please complete the attached nomination form, or visit www.nikegamechangers.com for all the details and to complete an on-line nomination form. Don't delay. Nominations are open March 1 - 27th.

To download a pdf file of the nomination form, [click here!](#)

BACVC Member Spotlight - AAA and AAA Volunteers

The Volunteer Center's Bay Area Corporate Volunteer Council (BACVC) engages businesses in supporting the nonprofit sector through employee volunteering and advises them on how to tie those efforts to their philanthropic goals, corporate social responsibility strategies and business success.



Take a community need -- educating children about traffic safety, building homes for Habitat for Humanity, restoring the SF Maritime Museum at Hyde Street Pier, riding bikes down the Pacific Coast Highway to raise funds for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, teaching Junior Achievement to elementary school students. Add a spirited group of AAA employees. And, what do you have? AAA Volunteers.

AAA Volunteers is a network that provides AAA employees the special opportunity to join the company in its commitment to community service. AAA Volunteers provide visible and important resources to the community. And AAA Volunteers is also a terrific way to engage AAA employees. Employee Engagement is huge at AAA. Volunteerism is reaping rewards that go beyond serving the company, bettering the company's reputation, and addressing community needs.

By volunteering, employees are learning new skills, demonstrating and living the company's values, strengthening AAA's reputation in the community, collaborating better with other divisions and departments, improving morale and deepening employee engagement, and having fun.

For more information about AAA Volunteers, please go to

For more information about TVP placements, please go to www.aavolunteers.org.

TVP Volunteer Spotlight - Mary Mac

The Volunteer Center's Transitional Volunteer Program (TVP) provides vocational counseling to people with mental health disabilities. TVP places clients in volunteer jobs as a means of transitioning to a life of work - more than 120 placements per year.



Mary Mac is an exceptional TVP volunteer who has been working with the AIDS Emergency Fund as an administrative volunteer for well over a year now.

Mary was recently recognized at the AIDS Emergency Fund volunteer appreciation party, receiving an award for her outstanding performance and dedication to her volunteer work. Joanie Juster of the Aids Emergency Fund reports that without Mary's commitment an incredible amount of necessary and important work would pile up. "We just love Mary here," Joanie says, "We just don't know what we would do without her."

To find out more information about hosting a TVP volunteer at your nonprofit, please contact Matt Miller, Vocational Counselor, at 415-982-8999 Ext 245 or by email: mmiller@thevolunteercenter.net.

NVLC Member Spotlight - Shelter Network of San Mateo County

The Volunteer Center's Nonprofit Volunteer Leaders Council (NVLC) provides a platform for Bay Area nonprofit professionals to access the resources they need for volunteer program development and management, facilitates a forum for these professionals to tap into a peer network for support, and provides a venue for cross-sector interaction with its sister-council the Bay Area Corporate Volunteer Council.



Shelter Network was founded in 1987 to provide a comprehensive coordinated network of housing and social services for the homeless residents of the San Francisco Peninsula. Initiated by a broad-based community response to the plight of homeless families and single adults, Shelter Network is a model of community involvement. Since the beginning, the community's residents, religious congregations, businesses, and local government organizations have contributed considerable talent, hours, and dollars to Shelter Network.

Shelter Network has many great ways to volunteer and make a difference. There are individual volunteer opportunities available, as well as corporate group opportunities and even youth volunteer opportunities. Given Shelter Network's wide network of locations, programs and support services, it is very easy to get involved in solving the problem of homelessness on the Peninsula. Your participation will not only provide you a deep sense of meaning and community, but it will create a lasting impact in every life you help.

To get connected, contact: Lynnelle Bilsey, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@shelternetwork.org or [click here to see Shelter Network's profile and the volunteer opportunities they have available!](#)

FYI - Upcoming Dates!

[The Nonprofit Forum](#)
March 11, 2009
Redwood City, CA

[BACVC General Meeting](#)
March 24, 2009
9:00 - 11:00 am
Mountain View, CA

[International Corporate Citizenship Conference](#)
March 29 - 31, 2009
San Francisco, CA

San Francisco, CA

National Volunteer Week
April 19 - 25, 2009

Nonprofit Technology Conference
April 26 - 28, 2009
San Francisco, CA

Hats Off!: A Celebration of Volunteer Heroes
Ordinary People, Extraordinary Action
New Date: May 6, 2009
San Francisco, CA

NVLC General Meeting
May 8, 2009
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
San Mateo, CA

Creating and Running a Successful Volunteer Program
May 13, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
San Francisco, CA
[Register!](#)

Engaging the Business Community
June 10th
San Francisco, CA
Registration Open Soon!

National Conference on Volunteering and Service
June 22- 24, 2009
San Francisco, CA

Creating and Running a Successful Volunteer Program
August 11th, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
San Francisco, CA
[Register!](#)

NVLC General Meeting
August 14, 2009
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
San Francisco, CA

Bay Area Volunteer Leaders Forum
September 2009, TBD
Topic: Day-long joint BACVC/NVLC Council Conference
San Francisco, CA

United Way of the Bay Area Week of Caring
September 2009
San Francisco, CA

Save The Date for The Board Match 2010!

THE

BOARD MATCH

January 12, 2010
Moscone South
San Francisco

The best way to explore nonprofit board membership in the Bay Area.

We can't wait to see you there!

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