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State Secretary Karen Baker to Speak at The Forum!

By: [Damien Chacona](#)

On September 25, 2009, thought leaders in community engagement from the Bay Area Corporate Volunteer Council and the Nonprofit Volunteer Leaders Council will convene for a day of insightful discussion on the latest developments in the field of volunteerism.

Keynote speaker Karen Baker, California's Secretary of Service and Volunteering

will open the day-long cross-sector Bay Area Volunteer Leaders Forum! Participants can expect to leave the day with practical ideas and tools to implement in their programs immediately.

Immediately following the Bay Area Volunteer Leaders Forum is The Volunteer Center's Open House! Come join TVC and your colleagues to wrap-up the day with a glass of wine! Forum registration is not required to attend the Open House, but an RSVP is, so for more information and to RSVP, please [click here!](#)

Space at the Forum is limited, so [register early!](#)

Back to School: Youth Volunteering!

By: [Kristen Kramer](#)

The Volunteer Center is frequently asked about opportunities for youth volunteers and for opportunities to help youth. With school back in session, we'd like to take this opportunity to present you with youth-related engaging volunteer opportunities currently available!

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Fun and Useful Fact:

Over 441,000 more young adults (age 16-24) volunteered in 2008 than 2007, representing an increase from about 7.8 million to more than 8.2 million.

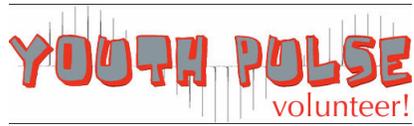
TVC Wishlist

Conference table
Digital camera
Fan
USB Jump drives
Laminating machine
New phone system
Portable Projector
Shredder
Vacuum Cleaner

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[Click here](#) to see an updated list of organizations whose volunteer programs are supportive of and are currently seeking youth volunteers of all ages. Oftentimes these are also great projects for families or groups! Agencies that work with young volunteers are also generally flexible with scheduling projects that work around students' already-busy schedules.

Additionally, [click here](#) to view great opportunities where adults can help serve our community's youth! These organizations work with volunteers of all ages, but they also need adults who can fill leadership roles for their youth programming.

 Lastly, if you'd like to hear about monthly highlighted nonprofits where youth can serve and be helped, please subscribe to our Youth Pulse newsletter [here!](#) Young, old or somewhere in between, we're confident that the right volunteer opportunity is available for you. To get involved, [browse our database](#) often, start volunteering at different organizations and see which will be the best fit!

'Tis the Season for Holiday Volunteer Opportunities!

By: [Damien Chacona](#)

Alert to Volunteer Managers: We all know that the winter holidays attract more volunteers than any other season. That's why this year, we're calling  for nonprofit holiday volunteer opportunities early! As always, we'll be tagging and sorting holiday volunteer opportunities in our online Holiday Guide, to ensure that volunteers find them easily.

Thanksgiving's closer than you think, so don't delay! Get your ducks (turkeys and geese) in a row, determine your volunteer needs for this holiday season and [get online](#) early to make sure you have the volunteers you need when you need them!

TVC's November Newsletter will include a link to the Holiday Guide, so make sure your organization doesn't miss the boat!

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BACVC Member Spotlight - United Business Media LLC

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.

United Business Media LLC is thrilled to share the success of the Everything Channel Events team's XChange '09 from August 17-20 in Washington, D.C. In partnership with the nonprofit organization, The Framsyn Initiative, which identifies students in underserved communities who've expressed an interest in technology and technology careers. Twenty students between the ages of 15 and 17 from the states of North Carolina; New York; Maryland; Washington, D.C. and Iowa were selected to participate. Thanks to sponsorship/funding provided by Microsoft, the students were provided with transportation to the event (some flying for the first time!), rooming, meals and vouchers for their first set of technical certification exams.



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Thanks to the generous donations of Microsoft, Intel, Samsung, and other technology manufacturers, the students had an opportunity to build their own computer systems and in effect, built the very computer lab they would be training in! During the course of the event, the students attended the IBM, HP and Microsoft world premier addresses, a general session on the relevance of social media in business and an IPED session that focused on the growth opportunities in a down economy. Several of our solution provider/system builder attendees joined the system-building session offering their help, experience and guidance. One student was proud to share that he had collected more than 100 business cards, and several were linking in, on facebook and twittering with new mentors and contacts.

Our first Future Tech Leaders program was an overwhelming success and many, many, MANY vendors and solution provider attendees asked how they can help and support the initiative. It was a considerable effort and we needed a dedicated staff on the program pre-event and on site. To view a video recap of the event, [click here](#) and enjoy!

To learn more about the Bay Area Corporate Volunteer Council, please [click here!](#)

TVP Volunteer Spotlight - Phillip L.

By: [Matt Miller](#)

The Volunteer Center's Transitional Volunteer Program (TVP) provides vocational training 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.

Phillip L. is a computer whiz, and since his first meeting with a Transitional Volunteer Program (TVP) counselor, he has shared his love of computers with others. Phillip came to TVP with a small laptop, speaking enthusiastically about the power and speed of his new hardware. It was immediately apparent that Phillip was meant to volunteer with technology.

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After that initial meeting, Phillip was quickly connected with the Community Technology Network (CTN), and for the next six months, Phillip has been volunteering in the Hunters Point/Bayview computer Lab teaching community residents basic computer skills and performing website editing for CTN. His drive and dedication has literally opened up the world of technology to many who may have never had the chance to learn how to operate a computer. Phillip is another inspirational transitional volunteer making a profound impact in our communities.

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.

FYI - Upcoming Dates!

Nonprofit application for The Board Match is Open!
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The Volunteer Center is recruiting a Marketing Intern for The Board Match event!
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United Way of the Bay Area's Week of Caring 2009
September 13-19, 2009

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