



## VOLUNTEER CENTER Membership Benefits

*The Community Thread Volunteer Center serves over 2,500 people yearly through connecting people with opportunities to volunteer, providing training for volunteer program managers, promoting volunteerism and implementing special service initiatives. It serves people in Washington County, MN and Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties in Wisconsin.*

### **Benefits of becoming a member with the Volunteer Center:**

- Find Volunteers – Member organizations may post volunteer opportunities on the Volunteer Center’s online database, 1-800-Volunteer.org, for immediate and round-the-clock exposure.
- Promote Opportunities – Member organizations can request to have their volunteer opportunities included in promotions we send to St. Croix Valley newspapers.
- Volunteer Referrals – The Volunteer Center receives many inquiries from people looking to volunteer; we inform these individuals of member organization opportunities that fit their interests.
- Volunteer Leadership Network – Member organizations can take part in networking and educational meetings with other volunteer managers in the St. Croix Valley.
- Access Resources – Member organizations can tap into volunteer management information through recommended websites and the Community Thread library.
- Online Tools – Member organizations can use 1-800-Volunteer.org for communication with volunteers, tracking hours and reporting on recruitment, volunteer profiles and impact reports.
- Service Initiatives – The Volunteer Center organizes a number of special service initiatives throughout the year; member organizations receive information on these initiatives and have the opportunity to become involved.
  - *Rake a Difference Day* – Member organizations may have their yard raked by volunteers through this special initiative in the fall
  - *Spring Into Service Event* – Member organizations can receive up to 30 volunteers to complete a one-day service project at their site in May, along with trained leaders to help manage volunteers
  - *Student Volunteers* – Through a new partnership with the Area Learning Center, member organizations have the opportunity to host a student volunteer for an entire semester
  - *Skills-Based Volunteers* – In 2010 we will be starting a skills-based volunteer program; member organizations will have the opportunity to be matched with skilled volunteers to do work such as website construction, communications, marketing or data management.
- News and Information – The Volunteer Center partners with the Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration (MAVA), the Hands on Network (HON) and Associations of Volunteer Centers in Minnesota and Wisconsin; member organizations are among the first to know of special initiatives and volunteer trends as publicized by these organizations.
- Communication – Member organizations receive Volunteer Center updates via the quarterly member organization newsletter and the monthly e-Volunteer newsletter.
- National Service Days – Member organizations have the opportunity to connect with National Service Days and join in National Volunteer Week publicity campaigns in the St. Croix Valley.
- Volunteer Recognition – Member organizations are the first to hear about nomination opportunities for recognition event programs, such as the Community Involvement Awards.

#### **Annual Membership Fees**

Nonprofit Agencies	\$25
Nonprofit Agencies with more than one branch/site	\$50
For-Profit Partner Agencies serving community needs	\$50