

The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago is devoted to enriching lives through community volunteerism. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency, we are the largest suburban volunteer center in the state of Illinois, and part of a national network of volunteer centers that function as community clearing houses and agents for social action. Since its inception in 1969, our agency has been initiating, leading, supporting and promoting local volunteer programs. Our broad service area serves 53 towns and villages, with a total population of over 1,600,000 residents, and volunteers come from all age brackets, youth to senior citizens, and from all walks of life.



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CENTER**
of Northwest Suburban Chicago

2009-2010 Invitation for Agency Membership

The Volunteer Center members receive:

- *Increased Visibility*
- *Professional Development Opportunities*
- *Networking Opportunities*
- *Technology Assistance*
- *Financial Savings*
- *& Much More!*

**Fostering Excellence in
Nonprofit Organizations**

The **Mission** of The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago is
“to enrich lives through community volunteerism.”

We do this by:

- Promoting volunteerism
- Connecting volunteers to community needs
- Building capacity for effective volunteerism through training and consultation
- Initiating programs and collaborating with community stakeholders where volunteers are involved

Membership provides benefits for your organization’s most important resources:

- *Your Staff*
- *Your Volunteers*
- *Your Volunteer Programs*
- *Your Board*



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What **Member Agencies** are saying about their connections with **The Volunteer Center**

“It has been a true delight to affiliate with The Volunteer Center! We’ve met wonderfully talented, committed and interesting people through the Center’s volunteer matching program, and each individual has made a significant impact in our ability to serve these vulnerable siblings of children with cancer – these SuperSibs! The technical support we’ve received from TVC has helped us stay operational and productive as well. Truly, Thank you for bringing such terrific volunteers to our organization.”

Beth Gauthier—Program & Volunteer Coordinator SuperSibs!

“The Volunteer Center is a wonderfully diverse resource for Volunteers and Volunteer Administrators. I depend on them for valuable support from their volunteer referrals, professional enrichment through workshops and technical support, as well as opportunities to interact and share with other volunteer professionals. Most importantly, they provide partnerships that promote service, life enrichment and good citizenship. I honestly feel like they are an extension of my organization, despite the fact that they are involved with hundreds of agencies. The professionalism and dedication of the staff can’t be beat. It’s an honor to work with them.”

Eva Donaghue—Manager, Volunteer Services LifeSource



A Special Invitation to Non-profits:

The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago invites organizations to invest in membership and take advantage of our effective volunteer recruitment, technology and management support services.

Receive one year of membership benefits for only \$300.

Enjoy the benefits of membership. Contact one of our expert program managers to start the registration process.

- by phone: **847-228-1320**
- or by e-mail:
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Online payment options for membership fees and workshops are now available
www.volunteerinfo.net

Benefits of Membership!

Volunteer Recruitment and Referral to your organization via

- Volunteer Referral Services
- RSVP-Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
- Court Appointed Service Elective (CASE)
- Youth in Action
- Special Days of Service and Holiday Listings

Increased Visibility for Your Programs

- Placement of volunteer opportunities on our Center's website, www.volunteerinfo.net
- Special listings in the Featured Needs section of our website
- Opportunity listings on the national online searchable database 1-800-Volunteer.org
- Exclusive recruitment in *The Daily Herald*
- Monthly and special promotions to area corporations, community groups and school service clubs
- Promoting your volunteer and board member opportunities to local businesses through agency fairs, e-newsletter and others
- Email blasts to all past volunteers
- Showcasing your agency during our Helping Hands in Action community education classes on volunteering

Professional Development & Continuing Education

Training designed to keep agencies current with best practices for effective volunteer and nonprofit management and ensure effective use of volunteers and time.

- Attend half day professional development workshops for nonprofit professionals
- Volunteer Management Training Series certificate program is offered twice yearly in a 3 day format
- Ongoing 1-800 online database training and support; informal phone consultations
- Discounts for on-site Board training
- Access to extensive library for nonprofits

Value Included Benefits:

- Complimentary attendance for any 2 Professional Development Workshops and a 50% discount for unlimited additional workshops for volunteer management staff. Non-member price to attend a half day workshop is \$60.
- Full access to our online networking and assistance from our technology professionals as well as opportunities to share information on subjects of interest with our 140+ partner agencies.

"Ask Bob" Technology Assistance

Wish you had an in-house technology guru? Whether you need a complete technology overhaul or just have a quick question, we can provide the non-profit technology expertise your agency needs. Examples of free or discounted services include:

- Technology planning and consulting network
- Installation and training
- Nonprofit software/hardware links
- Software/database support

Value Included Benefits:

- (4) hours On-Site, Phone or Email Technical Support with 50% discount on additional hours. (Priced up to 75% less than all other tech squads.)

On-Going Volunteer Recognition

Highlight the impact your volunteers make in your organization and community through media coverage, awards and multiple online and print communication channels.

- Outstanding volunteers recognized each year at a special event
- Monthly articles are written and shared
- RSVP members receive targeted newsletters and are invited as our guests to attend an annual recognition event.

Membership is available to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, public/governmental agencies and proprietary health care facilities; all are invited and encouraged to become members.

More Resources...More Savings...
More opportunities...