

# January - February 2010 Training News



## Greetings National Service Partners!

This bi-monthly training newsletter provides information you will need for planning ahead to attend upcoming trainings to support your professional development. Selected training resources and grant deadlines are also listed.

Please note: If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any Volunteer Florida-sponsored training, contact Dee Wilder with your request at 850-410-3452 at least one week prior to the event.

### Training News and Upcoming Deadlines & Events

**Florida AmeriCorps State & National programs to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service – January 18, 2010!** Some of the AmeriCorps service projects that will commemorate *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., DAY* are listed below. To join these service projects, please contact the AmeriCorps Program Director or the contact person listed below:

#### **MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF!**

1. **AmeriCorps Serving Suncoast Seniors**, will join RSVP Sarasota and RSVP Manatee for a *Green Living Expo* for Sarasota/ Manatee Counties. Contact: Katie Pernicone, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 941-953-5965.
2. **AmeriCorps Community Resource Navigators**, Osceola County on Aging, joins Osceola Co. Volunteer Center and City of St. Cloud Parks & Recreation for neighborhood beautification. Contact: Connie Bellanceau, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 407-933-9525.
3. **Teach for America Miami-Dade**, joins Teach for America Jacksonville to conduct canned food drives at 32 schools and donations to shelters/food pantries on MLK Day. Contact: Michelle Paul, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 786-245-8412.
4. **AmeriCorps Polk Reads**, AmeriCorps Clearwater, AmeriCorps Mentoring Solutions, and AmeriCorps FL State Parks will conduct *Serve to Preserve* park clean-up at Hillsborough River State Park. Contact: Vicki Ginda, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 863-519-8638.
5. **Legacy Corps** (Easter Seals South Florida, Inc.), Hands On Miami and Hands On Network Citizen Action AmeriCorps will paint and provide sustainable landscaping at community gardens. Contact: Karen Lopez, Coordinator, at 305-547-4751.
6. **AmeriCorps Great Explorations** at Great Explorations Children's Museum, and Florida H.I.P.P.Y. Corps will provide MLK readings and food distribution at St. Petersburg Free Clinic. Contact: Shelly Lee, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 727-821-8992, Ext 214.
7. **AmeriCorps Goodwill GoodWorks!** and AmeriCorps Gadsden Reads will provide outdoor clean-up at the African American Cultural Center in Panama City. Contact: Susie Arce, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 850-522-3900.
8. **AmeriCorps Trinity Church** and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami will complete several partially built homes with Habitat for Humanity. Contact: Andrea Fletcher, Coordinator, at 786-888-3329.
9. **AmeriCorps Community Stepping Stones** and AmeriCorps Hillsborough Reads will provide neighborhood clean-up with USF students in Sulphur Springs. Contact: Diane Kyle, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 813-932-2396.
10. **Literacy AmeriCorps Palm Beach** and FAU Conversation Corps will conduct a cross-cultural literacy event for immigrant families on Dr. King's work. Contact: Audrey McDonough, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 561-279-9103.
11. **AmeriCorps Red Cross Lee County**, Lee County RSVP and AmeriCorps Serving Suncoast Seniors will prepare and feed homeless persons from three organizations. Contact: Karen Prohaska, AmeriCorps Program Director: 239-278-3401.
12. **AmeriCorps Red Cross Greater Miami** will join with HOPE Worldwide to conduct a Fire Safety and prevention campaign. Contact: Catalina Bermudez, AmeriCorps Program Director, at 305-728-2534.
13. **JumpStart Tallahassee** at Florida State University and VolunteerLEON will provide literacy activities for low-income preschool children in Tallahassee. Contact: Lori Siese, Coordinator, at 850-644-4555.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING TRAININGS:**

**March 22-23, 2010** – Raise Your Voice for Service Learning Conference, Florida Service-Learning Leader School Recognition, Tallahassee. Contact Joe Follman for more information at [jfollman@hfp.ufl.edu](mailto:jfollman@hfp.ufl.edu) or 850-922-7545.

**April 7-9, 2010** - AmeriCorps Program Directors Meeting (location tba). Location and registration will be announced on the Volunteer Florida website, [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org), by February 15.

### **2010 Volunteer Management Training Series (VMTS) to be offered at Florida Volunteer Centers:**

Do you manage volunteers for your employee volunteer program or nonprofit agency? Receive your Volunteer Management Certificate by participating in the Volunteer Management Training Series in 2010. This course will be conducted at various times by Florida's Volunteer Centers. Interested AmeriCorps Program Directors are encouraged to participate in the trainings below to build essential skills and knowledge, and should contact Dee Wilder at 850-410-3452 if you need assistance with registration fees.

**HandsOn Jacksonville, Inc.** will conduct Volunteer Management Training on consecutive Thursdays on February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2010, 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the University of Phoenix. To register, please complete the [VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TRAINING APPLICATION FORM](#). Also offered is a 3-hour training on "Roles and Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards," on February 10, May 12, August 11, and November 10, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the HandsOn Jacksonville office, 6817-1902 Southpoint Parkway, Jacksonville. To register, contact Nancy Davis Knight at [nancy@handsonjacksonville.org](mailto:nancy@handsonjacksonville.org), or [Click Here](#) for more information and to download an application form.

### **Disaster Training News!**

**COOP Tip #17** –Does your program have a written plan for your "Continuity of Operations" (COOP) in the event of an emergency or disaster? If not, talk to your host organization today about developing your COOP. The most important element of any COOP is the safety of members, staff and community volunteers. Make sure everyone knows the locations of fire extinguishers, first aid kits and personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves, and evacuation procedures for their service sites. Members may go to "Get a FAMILY Plan" by visiting <http://floridadisaster.org/> and following the simple instructions for making a family disaster plan. Have them print their plans, then schedule a short Corps meeting to review and compare them so you know what to expect from each member during a disaster.

### **VOLUNTEER FLORIDA Training Vouchers are still available for CPR/First Aid Trainings!**

Volunteer Florida continues to provide AmeriCorps programs with CPR/First Aid Training Vouchers to help with the cost of American Red Cross required trainings for AmeriCorps members. To request training vouchers (a \$25 credit towards the training fee), AmeriCorps program directors should schedule their member training with the nearby Red Cross Chapter and complete a Voucher Request Form available from Erin Pantoja at Volunteer Florida, (850)-414-0095, or [erin@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:erin@volunteerflorida.org), or see the Volunteer Florida website at [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org).

### **Other Service and Training Events:**

**Give a Day, Get a Disney Day!** In 2010, HandsOn Network and Disney Parks want to inspire one million people to volunteer a day of service through the Give A Day. Get A Disney Day. program that celebrates good works by giving each qualified volunteer a free one-day admission pass to a theme park at Disneyland® Resort or Walt Disney World® Resort, free. When you sign up to volunteer a day of service with a participating organization (and your service is completed and verified), you'll get one day admission to a Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park, **FREE!** Go to [www.disneyparks.com](http://www.disneyparks.com), search for volunteer opportunities made available through HandsOn Network, and sign up for a day of volunteer service. Go to [www.HandsOnNetwork.org/Disney](http://www.HandsOnNetwork.org/Disney) for more information.

## January

National Mentoring Month - [http://www.mentoring.org/mentors/national\\_mentoring\\_month](http://www.mentoring.org/mentors/national_mentoring_month)

January 18 - MLK Day of Service - <http://www.mlkday.gov>; or see the Volunteer Florida website at [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org).

January 27, 2010 – Florida Service-Learning Leader Schools announced.

[www.fsu.edu/~flserve/awards/sl\\_leader\\_schools.html](http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/awards/sl_leader_schools.html)

## February

February 7, 2010 - Souper Bowl of Caring - <http://www.souperbowl.org>

## March

March 24-27, 2010 - **The 21st Annual National Service-Learning Conference**; San Jose, California.

<http://nslc.nylc.org/>

## April - May

April 2010 – Florida Learn & Serve Application workshops around the state

May 14, 2010 –2009-2010 Florida Learn & Serve Proposals and Applications due. Go to:

[www.fsu.edu/~flserve/apply/apply.html](http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/apply/apply.html)

## **Grant Opportunities, Contests and Announcements:**

**February 22, 2010** Application Deadline for [Miley Cyrus and Youth Service America Launch Global Grants Program for Young Volunteers](#) Miley Cyrus is partnering with Youth Service America to mobilize teens through Get Ur Good On, a social network that brings together youth to support each other in their mission to do "good" in their communities. "People my age are making positive contributions to their communities every single day," said Miley. "My generation is one that cares about the environment, about hunger, and about human rights. We use the Internet, videos, and even music to raise awareness of these issues to our friends and family," continued Cyrus. "I'm excited to see so much energy to do 'good' from teens." Youth interested in sharing their stories about volunteering and community service, learning about important issues, and making civic-minded friends can visit [www.GetUrGoodOn.org](http://www.GetUrGoodOn.org). Upload videos that show how teens have made a difference in their local, national, and global communities. Get Ur Good On Grants are available for youth-led service initiatives on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Available to children and youth around the world, YSA's Get Ur Good On Grants will award one hundred (100) \$500 grants to support projects addressing critical community needs such as poverty, education, and environmental sustainability. Grant applications are due February 22, 2010. To learn more, visit [www.YSA.org/gran](http://www.YSA.org/gran).

## **DO YOU NEED HELP SEARCHING FOR FUNDING IN THIS TOUGH ECONOMY?**

*The following websites contain information on grants, scholarships, and other types of financial support:*

**The Foundation Center:** <http://www.fdncenter.org> An independent nonprofit information clearinghouse on grants available throughout the United States with headquarters in New York, and additional libraries in Washington, DC, Atlanta, Cleveland, and San Francisco. The center offers publications, including directories of foundation and corporate grant makers, research advice, custom research, and database searching. The Web site includes online training in grant seeking, proposal writing, and funding research, as well as an online librarian.

**GrantsAlert.com:** <http://www.GrantsAlert.com> This Web site's goal is to "make life a little easier for those who devote their time to searching for education grants and identifying new funding opportunities for their organizations, schools, districts, consortia, and state education agencies."

**Grants.gov:** <http://grants.gov> Allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all federal grant-making agencies, and encompasses over 900 grant programs offered by the twenty six Federal grant-making agencies. It streamlines the process of awarding over \$350 billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits, and other organizations.

**Grantsandfunding.com:** <http://www.grantsandfunding.com> Offers a complete listing of all Thompson Publishing Group publications that focus on grant and funding issues. Subscribers of the group's publications have access to a special section that provides resources such as grant deadlines, highlights of funding issues, and links to related Web sites.

**SchoolGrants:** <http://www.schoolgrants.org> A collection of resources and tips to help K-12 educators apply for and obtain special grants for a variety of projects. The site offers fundraising ideas, sample proposals, grant writing tips, and scholarship information.

**Ongoing** – Applications accepted through July 15, 2010, for Volunteer Florida Disaster Relief Social Services Block Grant funding opportunity for community and faith-based organizations, counties and local governments that provided social services resulting from presidentially-declared disasters in 2008. Made possible through a partnership with the Florida Department of Children & Families, eligible reimbursements include costs for services such as case management, housing assistance, and congregate meals. Check out the Notice of Funding Availability at [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org).

**Ongoing - Volunteer Florida can help national service programs who need FUNDING FOR A MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY** who needs a reasonable accommodation to successfully complete his or her term of service. Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 or [paul@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org).

## **RESOURCES:**

**Year 2 of the Listening Post Project** -- The Listening Post Project is designed to identify the major challenges facing nonprofit organizations in our country and the promising responses nonprofit executives are taking to cope with them. Outlined more fully on the project's web site ([www.jhu.edu/listeningpost](http://www.jhu.edu/listeningpost)), the Listening Post project has been underway for six years in cooperation with a number of leading nonprofit intermediary organizations and their member organizations. The Listening Post Project's surveys are web-based and take a maximum of 20-30 minutes to complete. Organizations participating in the Listening Post Project are typically invited to respond to about three web-based surveys, per year. Benefits of participating in the project include: (1) The chance to participate in project Roundtables, which bring together project participants to talk about project findings in greater depth and share their best practices/experiences; (2) Customized reports after each Sounding, which show how the organization compares to national averages and to peer organizations; and (3) Press templates after each Sounding that participants can use to help disseminate results and to get local recognition for their participation. The first 2010 Sounding, on nonprofit innovation and performance measurement, is scheduled to begin in January 2010. Listening Post staff will contact AmeriCorps State commissions and National Direct grantees to recruit programs for the 2010 Listening Post Project. Organizations that agree to participate will receive further information about the project, including instructions about how to complete the web-based survey. For more information about the Johns Hopkins Listening Post Project, please contact Project staff via telephone at 410-516-4363 or email at [listeningpostproject@jhu.edu](mailto:listeningpostproject@jhu.edu).

**EnCorps** is a set of online resources for AmeriCorps and VISTA program staff targeting **member recruitment, placement, orientation, ongoing training, and transitioning beyond their year of service**. To view this collection of The Resource Center, [www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources), contact EnCorps at [encorps@nwrel.org](mailto:encorps@nwrel.org) or 1-877-250-1615 for more information. To CONNECT and SHARE, consider connecting with the service community through social media tools that can be helpful — and fun! YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT the [Connect page](#) at the Resource Center.

Volunteer Florida wants your help identifying **Best Practices** in national service programs that can be shared to help other programs learn from your experiences. Please submit best practices along with articles, web sites, or innovative resources to Dee Wilder at 850-410-3452 or [dee@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:dee@volunteerflorida.org).

**This training newsletter is available in alternative formats, i.e., Braille, audio formats, large print, and computerized formats. Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 with your request.**