

VOLUNTEER NETWORK NEWS

JFS Is 'Booming' In Volunteers This Season



Volunteer Opportunities

- **Marketing Volunteers** Needed for GEM program.
- **Volunteer Cooks** Needed to prepare a meal for frail individuals. **Perfect for someone who enjoys cooking!**
- **Volunteers to Knit or Crochet** Needed for simple projects to help warm those in need. Crafters welcome!
- **Administrative Volunteers** Needed to help out with projects in office.
- **Tutors/Mentors** Needed for FutureNet Program.
- **Friendly Companion Visitors** Needed to visit elderly or physically challenged clients.
- **Woodworker** with materials needed to build bookshelves for clients transitioning back into the mainstream community from nursing homes.

It's an exciting time to volunteer at JFS. The community, especially individuals from the Boomer generation have really heeded the call of civic engagement and gotten involved with JFS this year. Our volunteer hours are growing at a rapid rate. As of the printing of this newsletter, we have over 1000 volunteer hours on record for 2009!! **We are making a difference in people's lives.**

One of our volunteers' latest endeavors is our new **GEM** (Growth Education and Mental Fitness) knitting and crocheting group (**Knit Knuts and Knovices**) that meets on Fridays from 10:30 am-12:30 pm in the Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center. We are partnering with the **RSVP** (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) and becoming a *Carewear* site. *Carewear* is an RSVP program where handmade items, that have been knitted or crocheted, are donated to multiple organizations serving people in need. New knitters and crocheters are welcome to join the group.

Our **SILVER** (Support for Independent Living and a Vital, Energetic Retirement) volunteers have been busy trying to improve the lives of people who want to age-in-place. Volunteers have assisted in our surveying of the three communities; They have been gathering people's perceptions of whether or not there are resources available to 'age-in-place' in the community. We also have individuals generously giving of their time to serve on a **SILVER** advisory committee, a grass-roots effort to effect changes that will make the community more 'elder-friendly'. One of their focuses is assurance calls to elders who live alone. The committee is searching for volunteers to go through the *Contact Delaware* caller assurance training. If you're interested in making phone calls, please contact the JFS volunteer network at (302) 478-9411 ext. 129.

JFS is also involved in Delaware's Coming Of Age, another resource for Boomers looking to connect and become actively engaged in civic projects in their community. Check out their website: www.de.comingofage.org

Our Thanks to

... **Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School** students for cooking up kosher delights to give to needy clients

... The multiple volunteers that pitched in and helped behind the scenes with our Friends Campaign: **Michelle Greene, Sheila Grant, Chuck Ostroff, Maureen Vogel, Joann Callagan, Ellen Resnick, Gerry Resnick, & Joe Goldberg.**

... and special thanks to **Inder Kainth** and **Chuck Ostroff** for delivering Rugala to help raise funds for JFS programming.

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VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Volunteers from Brandywine H.S.



Emmanuel Dining Hall –
Volunteers behind the scenes



Emmanuel Dining Hall –
Volunteers



Emmanuel Dining Hall –
Volunteers

JFS would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the organizations that generously provided gifts to our clients in need during this winter holiday season by adopting families through our **Helping Hands** program. This made it possible for 16 families to really have something to celebrate, in a time of great personal struggle. Many thanks to: **Campbell & Levine, LLC, Monzack, Mersky, McLaughlin, & Prowder, PA, Reed Smith, LLP, Saul Ewing, LLP, Woloshin, Lynch, Natalie, & Gagne, PA** & a number of **anonymous donors**.

For over 20 years JFS volunteers have provided a wonderful meal to clients of the Emmanuel Dining Room. On December 25th, JFS continued this tradition of service with the Ministry of Caring serving up a delicious supper at the soup kitchen. This year 35 individuals took the time to warm the hearts and bellies of Delawarean's in need with a warm meal and some holiday cheer. JFS would like to extend a big thank you to...

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Mike Bailey
Sam Bailey
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Ruth Balick**

There continue to be more projects and opportunities just waiting for someone to step in and help. The more volunteers we have the more we can achieve. **Let's work together to put your passions and skills to use. Become part of a fun & dedicated team of volunteers that are changing lives.**

"We are here to change the world with small acts of thoughtfulness done daily rather than with one great breakthrough."

-Rabbi Harold Kushner,

Author of Why Bad Things Happen to Good People

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