

Joe 15 Team collecting hats, scarves and gloves for seniors

Good morning, Prince William. I know we've only had a few cold mornings but here it is, Nov. 1, so the consistent cold weather is right around the corner. Those fabulous kids with the Joe 15 Team are collecting hats, scarves and gloves specifically for seniors. Do you knit? Or want to pick an item up on sale or have a gently used item to share? Think of it as a present for your grandma. Let's give our seniors a warm wish for the winter. Please call Debbie at 703 895-1606 or visit the Web site at www.thejoe15team.org for more information.

Can you read this? You know so many adults can't but the volunteers at Literacy Volunteers of America are addressing these needs and finding solutions one person at a time. The next training is this Saturday with a follow-up on Nov. 21. Please call Vicki at 703-670-5702 so she can give you all the tools to help another with their literacy skills.

It's that time of year and the wonderful folks at Securing Emergency Resources Through Volunteer Efforts Inc. are just swamped. Come meet Jan at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 10 for the next volunteer orientation to learn all the ways you can help this lovely organization and tour their facility. Please call Jan at 703-367-6742 to register.

The wonderful folks at Streetlight Ministries continue to need help serving the Wednesday evening warm meal to the homeless as well as manning the food and clothing pantry. Volunteers are needed Wednesday evening from 5 to 9 p.m. for dinner and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the pantry. Please call Bonnie at 703-491-2288, Ext. 231, to be part of this solution.

Habitat for Humanity has lots of Brush with Kindness projects under way. They always needs some skilled and talented folks to help with various fix-up jobs but they also have lots of opportunities for everyone else. Those opportunities include helping with data entry and doing community outreach and education. Come join in the fun on Nov. 14 at the City of Manassas Neighborhood Conference by manning the display. Shifts are 9

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a.m. to noon or noon to 3 p.m. This is a neat community event held each year at the Boys and Girls Club in Manassas with lots of people, exhibits and speakers. Please call Traci at 703-369-6708 for more information.

Nov. 21 is National Family Volunteer Day acknowledging families helping others and community agencies providing volunteer opportunities for the entire family. The wonderful folks at Northern Virginia Family Service are planning a number of projects at all their offices throughout the Northern Virginia communities. Please call Anna at 703-219-2192 to get the specifics for the Prince William Area.

Last but certainly not least – my colleagues in D.C. desperately need volunteers to help with H1N1 flu clinics. If you work in D.C. or can hop on the Metro in the evenings please e-mail Shirley at Shirley.hall@dc.gov. The positions include line support, greeter, data entry and other non-medical jobs. These clinics are throughout the District and they would love to have you during peak periods of 5 to 9 p.m. Please visit the Web site at www.servedc.gov.

If you are looking for other opportunities, please don't forget to call my wonderful team:

» Diane can help senior volunteers with **Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP)** opportunities at 703-369-529, Ext. 207.

» Shelley can help with **1-800 volunteer opportunities** at 703-369-5292, Ext. 201.

» Sue can help you with the **Medical Reserve opportunities** available in **Disaster Preparedness** at 703-369-5292, Ext. 204.

» Bonnie can help you with all other opportunities available in **Disaster Preparedness** at 703-369-5292, Ext. 202.

Also visit volunteerprincewilliam.org.

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