



Helping Hands of Rehabilitation

New Orleans Day of Service

November 3, 2010

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PROJECT DEDICATION: This project is dedicated to “the spirit of restoration” in us - for the commitment and strength in deciding to stay, to come back, or to move on in rebuilding & propelling our lives into the future.

The Helping Hands of Rehabilitation are proud to offer two volunteer opportunities in New Orleans, La. on Nov. 3, 2010.

Beacon of Hope (<http://www.lakewoodbeacon.org>)

Provide manual labor and hands-on assistance painting, planting trees, rehabbing homes and maintaining public parks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No volunteer is expected to perform work or labor that they cannot/do not want to do. Specific on-site activity may not be assigned until we arrive in New Orleans.



Helping Hands of Rehabilitation Coordinator: John Meltzer.

Please include \$10 with your registration (payable to Beacon of Hope) to further support Beacon of Hope and defray the cost of supplies.

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Goodwill Industries (<http://www.goodwillno.org/>)

Provide administrative support and job seeking skills training such as researching the hidden job market, resume writing, interview role playing, basic skills assessment, etc. from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This activity will take place at the brand new Goodwill office in downtown New Orleans. Activities are in support of a Job Fair taking place the next day.



Helping Hands of Rehabilitation Coordinator: Enrique Vega.

Free T-shirt for All Volunteers

Each pre-registered volunteer will receive a free Helping Hands of Rehabilitation T-Shirt to readily identify them and serve as a memento. Make sure to indicate your desired shirt size on the Registration Form(s). Thank you, John Meltzer!

Helping Hands of Rehabilitation New Orleans Day of Service Questions & Answers

Do I need to register in advance?

Yes. The registration deadline is 10/4/10. No one may “show up” for service without completing and signing 2 registration forms, as attached. Registration, coordinated by Katherine Dunlap, also establishes a data base to let us keep in touch with one another. Katherine’s contact information is on the Registration Form, below.

How do I register as a Volunteer for the Day of Service?

Please use the “Helping Hands of Rehabilitation” Registration Form below to do so. You must also complete the project-specific registration form for the project you select. On-site activities will be planned according to the number of participants.

What if I register, but something prevents me from participating?

You may “back out” at any time, provided you notify Katherine Dunlap immediately. Please remember, however that each project is designed to have a certain number of volunteers on that day, so a “no-show” may impact the group’s experience as well as the outcome for a potential beneficiary.

May spouses, family members and friends participate?

Yes. Everyone is welcome, provided each person registers individually, i.e., on their own forms. Every volunteer needs to sign a Registration and Liability Waiver in advance. Persons under the age of 18 need the Waiver to be also signed by a responsible adult.

I’m not local, where can I spend the night?

Volunteers must arrange for their own lodging. The Astor Crowne Plaza will have a special hotel rate of \$149 for people that may attend the IARP Forensic Conference. (The hotel registration rate is not yet open or available. Watch for hotel registration update- soon.)

How do I get to the activity location?

To be determined. It is anticipated that some type of “pooling” will occur from the Astor Crowne Plaza, possibly via public transportation, thereby affording participants the opportunity to see New Orleans beyond its tourist corridor.

Do I need to sign up for a whole day?

Project organizers graciously thank any and all contribution from generous volunteers. Group planning, however, is easier to anticipate when our hosts know how many “helping hands” there will be in order to commit to a project, most of which are organized around a specific number of stations, materials and tools for “a day’s work”.

Are meals or water provided?

To be determined. For now, participants must make their own arrangements. If this changes, pre-registered volunteers will be notified. Volunteers that might be able to secure a sponsorship for lunch, water or an after-party are encouraged to contact Bob Paré.

To whom do I make inquiries?

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