



Kara Runquist receives a pen to recognize her contributions of original art to fund-raisers.

VolunteerNOW' Priorities for 2007 Stress Growth.

One development toward that end will be the implementation of Community Liaison Council of community leaders, scheduled to begin in February. Another priority is the implementation of a Corporate Volunteer Program that will be tailored to specific needs within the community with the goal of developing long-term sustainable volunteer strategies.

VolunteerNOW Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

On January 25, 2007, VolunteerNOW celebrated the completion of its third year at the Macomb Area Volunteer Center. The board of directors and coordinator were on hand to recognize major supporters from the previous year. Those in attendance were acknowledged as playing a significant role in the growth of VolunteerNOW, and received an engraved gift as a token of appreciation. Those recognized were:

- WIU Volunteer Services in its partnership with VolunteerNOW.
- IIRA for its role in providing an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer as Coordinator.
- The United Way for continuing grant support.
- Many local businesses and individuals for financial and in-kind support



Ryan Pridemore of Colchester newly elected board member talks with Phoebe Bormet

Board Members

Elected:

Jerry Carlson
Bob Fischer
Nancy Jameson
Mary Kubasak
Phoebe Bormet
Kim Daudelin
Noel Flynn
Tim Hallinan
Therese Pircon
Lin Stults
Dean Zoerink
Ryan Pridemore

Officers For 2007:

Pres; Jerry Carlson
Vice Pres; Bob Fischer
Sec; Nancy Jameson
Treas; Mary Kubasak

Check Our Updated Website

Infobahn has recently updated the website to make it more user friendly: Check it out at: www.volunteernow.info

More VolunteerNOW News

VolunteerNOW website:

An important part of the volunteer matching process. The website recording over 10,000 "hits" during 2006. Here are the newest non-profit agencies registered during 2006:

- Friends of the Macomb Public Library
- EF Foundation for Foreign Study
- Warren County Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Loaves and Fishes
- Friends of Argyle

Agencies: Keep Your Information Up-To-Date

Please review your entries on the VolunteerNOW website:

- New volunteer opportunities
- Do you have annual events?

Questions? Call

VolunteerNOW at 309-836-

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22: VolunteerNOW will host it's annual fundraiser dinner, raffle, and silent auction at the Secret Garden. Enjoy live jazz, great food, and win great prizes! Reservations can be made with the Secret Garden.

April 20: Come to a party! VolunteerNOW and MOSAIC are teaming up to host a community-wide party at St. George's Episcopal Church, from 5-7pm.

April 15-21: National Volunteer Week. VolunteerNOW is looking for one-day community volunteer projects for 10-30 volunteers.

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VOLUNTEERNOW SUPPORT-2006

Financial Contributions from:
WIU IIRA Americorp VISTA
Volunteer Program

Macomb Area Businesses

Private Donations

Annual Fund Raising Dinner
Grant from The United Way
Grant from A.E. Finley
Foundation of Raleigh, NC

Your contribution can be mailed to VolunteerNOW at address in right column.

VolunteerNOW is starting its fourth year. Much has been done in the past three years; largely through the hard and dedicated work of the VolunteerNOW board, the support of Macomb Area businesses, community leaders and citizens. Also, The relationship with WIU continues to grow and be an important contributor to the VolunteerNOW program and activities. The financial support and leadership of our Peace Corps and Vista Volunteer coordinators, through the IIRA of WIU has significantly contributed to the quantity and quality of our progress.

VolunteerNOW has worked diligently to support the Service Agencies in their need for volunteers. We will continue to work with them to better identify their needs and to encourage volunteers to become involved to the betterment of the Macomb Area. We will continue to promote volunteerism and its value to all.

VolunteerNOW will continue to call on the talents of community and WIU leaders in the future to work with us as we strive to meet all community needs. We will also call upon the business community to consider ways to become more involved in volunteer activities. Numerous volunteers are doing much to support many Macomb Area needs. However sixty volunteer needs identified by fifty-two service agencies indicates that there is more to do. Check it out on <http://www.volunteernow.info/>