

# Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley



16 Years  
Serving the  
Cedar Valley!

# Volunteer Link

Mobilizing people and resources to solve community problems.

## Calling All Non-profit Organizations!

Are you associated with an organization needing volunteers? The state of Iowa is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for individuals who volunteer. Let's get the nearly one million individuals volunteering in the state to help you!

As of July 2011, the VCCV is accepting registration of all 501(c)3 organizations that need assistance with the recruitment of volunteers. With this free service, all agencies registered are able to post opportunities on the VCCV's online database. This database has thousands of visitors each year and allowed the VCCV to match nearly 4,000 people last year. As an agency of the VCCV, you will receive access to the online database, trainings, networking opportunities with other non-profit professionals, participation in volunteer fairs and partnerships with area schools, programs and clubs. Some benefits with your online account include:

- Quick and easy posting of volunteer opportunities
- World wide access by potential volunteers to see and respond to agency opportunities
- Built in function for ongoing communication between volunteers and agency

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- Tracking reports that recap postings, responses, volunteer hours, and much more!
- Gift Connections to list needed goods and services
- Post news items and community spotlights
- Disaster Management tool to help plan disaster preparedness and the
- Coordination of volunteers in time of disaster.

Don't waste time or resources...get started with the VCCV today! Contact [Anne\\_Nass@vccv.org](mailto:Anne_Nass@vccv.org) to register your non-profit organization today!

volunteer solutions

## Changes for VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the backbone of the Cedar Valley! Due to a recent change in the VCCV's online database, we would like you to rejoin us at our new site: <http://volunteer.truist.com/vccv/volunteer> and create an account under *Volunteer Login*, [Not registered? Sign up now.](#)

For more information on the changes the VCCV is undergoing, please contact Anne Nass at 272-2087 or [Anne\\_Nass@vccv.org](mailto:Anne_Nass@vccv.org).

## Board of Directors 2011/12

The staff of the VCCV wants to acknowledge the 2011/12 Board of Directors:

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### In the Spotlight - Waterloo Senior Center



Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging coordinates

services for persons who are aged 60 and over to allow them to remain in their home and to maintain the independence they desire utilizing available funds to serve the most persons possible. The

Waterloo Senior Center is an agency of HVAAA. The Waterloo Senior Center utilizes volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. Volunteers age 18 and over are needed to deliver hot meals to homebound, frail, and elderly residents in Waterloo.

Volunteers will provide their own vehicle and auto

insurance. Mileage is not reimbursed. A valid driver's license is required.

Contact the VCCV at 272-2087 for more information.



### In the Spotlight - Western Home Communities

Western Home Communities is a charitable Christian service organization that assertively creates fulfilling lifestyles for seniors, their families and our employees.

Western Home Communities is a Continuous Care Retirement Community offering active lifestyle residences as well as retirement communities for independent living, assisted living, nursing facilities and

a dementia specific assisted living residence.

Western Home Communities has volunteer openings available for those who enjoy crafting. You will be working closely with Western Home Communities Leisure Services employees as you assist individual and groups of residents with craft projects. Additionally, if you like to be out and about in the community and provide assistance so others may

too, working as an Excursion Assistant



may be the perfect opportunity for you! Your role would be to assist residents and employees in boarding one of our Western Home buses, assisting with doors, wheelchairs and walkers if necessary and providing social companionship for residents on the excursion. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

## Mark Your Calendar!

The Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley will be offering free training on Volunteer Solutions for all member agencies. The trainings are scheduled at UNI, WRC 154 Computer Lab, on Tuesday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m. The training will be no longer than 1½ hours and will include the “how to’s” of agency registration and posting volunteer opportunities.

Register by emailing [Anne\\_Nass@vccv.org](mailto:Anne_Nass@vccv.org) no later than August 4.

## UNI Volunteer Fair

The VCCV would be delighted to have your agency join us for this collaborative effort between the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley and UNI's Non-Profit Leadership Alliance on Thursday, September 1 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Maucker Union. Last year's event attracted more than 50 non-profit agencies from the Cedar Valley area and over 300 students.

The Volunteer Fair is a wonderful opportunity for your organization to connect with students, matching your

specific volunteer needs to students' skills and personal interests. Agencies may recruit students for one-time or semester-long volunteer opportunities, internships or employment. This is a great chance for you to take advantage of valuable one-on-one contact with UNI students, faculty and staff.

**Registration information is attached. Please complete the form and return it via email to**

[Lauren\\_Finke@vccv.org](mailto:Lauren_Finke@vccv.org).



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## Waterloo's National Night Out

Help stop crime!

Join Waterloo's Recognized Neighborhoods

August 2nd, 5:30 p.m. until ???

Non-profit and private sector participation and support is welcomed

For more information contact Neighborhood Services at 291-9145

## Join the VCCV as a Business Partner

At the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley, we believe corporate initiatives that give back to the communities in which they operate and where their employees work and live, are reinforced by their alignment with an excellent volunteer and philanthropy program.

The Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley is the primary resource for workplace-based volunteering and for engaging more companies and employees effectively in volunteer service. We help businesses develop and manage effective employee volunteer programs that meet company priorities, address employee interests and meet real community needs. Throughout the Cedar Valley, we are working with our corporate partners to improve lives and create positive change in local communities.





# 9/11 Day of Service

Remember.

***Local Volunteers are Encouraged to  
Join the 9/11 National Day of Service  
and Remembrance Initiative***

***Opportunities are Available for All  
to Get Involved***



Through the nationwide 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance initiative, the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley is joining hundreds of other organizations around the country that are planning to commemorate Sept. 11 with community-based service programs.

The Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley is partnering with the Cedar Valley Arboretum and Botanic Gardens to provide a family-friendly volunteer activity in remembrance of the Sept. 11 attacks. Volunteers will plant trees and shrubs as well as take part in beautification of the gardens at the Cedar Valley Arboretum in Waterloo. The event will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate and preregistration is requested.

“The Volunteer Center is excited to see this day become a powerful motivator for engagement in our community as we strive to make the Cedar Valley a great place to live,” said Lauren Finke, Director of the Volunteer Center.

To register for the Volunteer Center’s 9/11 Day of Service activity, contact the VCCV by calling (319) 272-2082 or emailing [information@vccv.org](mailto:information@vccv.org).

Individuals interested in commemorating Sept. 11 through service and volunteerism can also visit [www.911day.org](http://www.911day.org), the official site of the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance initiative, and explore and support charitable causes of interest, find volunteer opportunities and post personal good deeds.

## **Do Something Clubs Need Activities**

The ‘Do Something Club’ is dedicated to giving youth the tools and support to bring their unique vision to life. “Do Something” works with young people to shape beliefs and behaviors about participation before negative attitudes and cynicism develop.

The "Do Something Club" will be starting in September and is in need of hands on activities.

‘Do Something Club’ is looking for projects. Each participating agency needs to provide the supplies for the projects that students will work on. Materials can be picked up and taken to the schools. DSC can sort, package, create, stamp, group, and organize. With each project students are educated about the agency and its purpose in the community. Agency fliers for students are encouraged so they can share their work with teachers and parents.

Questions may be directed to Jean Seeland, Program Director at 272-2087 or [Jean\\_Seeland@vccv.org](mailto:Jean_Seeland@vccv.org).



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**Our Mission**

The mission of the VCCV is to promote and support effective volunteerism; to serve as the resource and coordination center for volunteers and a catalyst in building coalitions and community partnerships.

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volunteercenterofcedarvalley.  
blogspot.com/!](http://volunteercenterofcedarvalley.blogspot.com/)

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**One Time Opportunity**  
**Camp Hope**  
**August 1 - 5**  
ASPIRE TRP

**First Aid Booth**  
**August 5 - 7**  
American Red Cross

**Watermelon Days**  
**August 6**  
Cedar Valley Volunteer  
Emergency Club

**Iowa Irish Fest**  
**August 5 - 7**  
Iowa Irish Fest

**Ticket & Merchandise Sales**  
**August 13**  
Cedar Valley Derby Divas

**Open House Volunteers**  
**August 14**  
ASPIRE TRP

**Parade Walkers**  
**August 20**  
American Red Cross

**5K Route Guides**  
**August 27**  
NewAldaya Lifescapes

**Thunder In The Valley**  
**August 27 - 28**  
Kiwanis Club Waterloo

**Long Term**

**Camp Helper**  
Waterloo Leisure Services

**Meals on Wheels**  
Waterloo Senior Center

**Creative, Crafty Creators**  
Western Home Communities

**Ambassador**  
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

**Hospice Volunteer**  
Allen Hospice

**Spanish Interpreter**  
Alternative's Pregnancy Center

**Speaker**  
Birthright

**Member Agencies**

Allen Hospice  
Allen Hospital  
Alternatives Pregnancy Center  
American Red Cross — Hawkeye Chapter  
Aspire Therapeutic Riding Program  
Back to School Project  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Birthright  
Black Hawk County Conservation Board  
Boys and Girls Club  
Boy Scouts of America  
Care Initiatives Hospice  
Catholic Worker House  
Cedar Bend Humane Society  
Cedar Falls Historical Society  
Cedar Falls Senior Center  
Cedar Falls Tourism and Visitors Bureau  
Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
Cedar Valley Derby Divas  
Cedar Valley Hospice  
Cedar Valley United Way  
Cedar Valley Volunteer Emergency Club  
Country View  
Department of Human Services  
Exceptional Persons, Inc.  
Family & Children's Council  
Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center  
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois  
Grout Museum District  
Hartman Reserve Nature Center  
Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging  
Iowa Legal Aid Society  
Iowa State University Extension – Black Hawk Co.  
Iowa's Bravest  
Iowa Irish Fest  
Jesse Cosby Neighborhood Center  
Lutheran Services of Iowa: Waterloo  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa  
Mallard Point Retirement  
NewAldaya Lifescapes  
Newel Post Adult Day & Respite Services  
North Star Community Services  
Northeast Iowa Center for Independent Living  
Northeast Iowa Food Bank  
Operation Threshold  
Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
Pathways Behavioral Services  
People's Community Health Clinic  
Pet Pals  
Quakerdale  
Ridgeway Place Assisted Living  
RSVP  
Salvation Army  
Silos & Smokestacks  
Strayer-Wood Theater  
The Job Foundation  
Together for Youth  
Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley  
Waterloo Center for the Arts  
Waterloo Community Schools  
Waterloo Community Schools Foundation  
Waterloo Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Waterloo Jaycees  
Waterloo Leisure Services  
Waterloo Senior Center  
Waverly Senior Center  
Western Home Communities  
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare  
YMCA  
YWCA