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Volunteerism Comes **ALIVE**

A newsletter celebrating volunteerism and nonprofits in our community.

Volunteer Recognition Events in April

ALIVE Center Open House

In preparation for **National Volunteer Week**, the ALIVE Center invites all nonprofit agencies, their staff and volunteers to an Open House.

DATE: Monday, April 17th

TIME: 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: ALIVE Center.

A light lunch and dessert will be served. Come on out to meet, greet and nosh. *We look forward to seeing you!*

VJA Recognition Ceremony

Volunteers in Action will be hosting their annual Recognition Ceremony for community volunteers.

DATE: Tuesday, April 18th

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: State Street United Methodist Church
1011 State Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky

All nominees will be recognized for their contributions with a memento and certificate. Award recipients will receive trophies. For more information about how you can nominate a worthy candidate, please contact Cheryl Kirby-Stokes at 270.782.0653 or Anne Grubbs at 270.842.4281.

Volunteer Fair

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the ALIVE Center will be hosting their annual Volunteer Fair.

DATE: Wednesday, April 19th **TIME:** 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. **LOCATION:** Greenwood Mall, Community Room

If your agency would like to reserve a table to display program information and volunteer opportunities, please contact Cheryl Kirby-Stokes at 270.782.0653 by April 1st. Refreshments will be served.

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Welcome to our inaugural newsletter!

April is National Volunteer Month, so we've got lots of great event information geared towards nonprofit agencies and volunteers. Keep in mind Volunteers in Action's Recognition Ceremony, the ALIVE Center's Volunteer Fair, and don't forget about the FREE workshops hosted or conducted by the ALIVE Center staff. We're always open to suggestions about our services, so please feel free to comment about our newsletter. Let us know if there's something we need to add. In closing, many thanks to all the nonprofit agencies and volunteers for the support and resources they provide to the Bowling Green-Warren County area!

Cheryl Kirby-Stokes, Director

Nonprofit Community Calendar
March-April-May 2006

- 03/21 Crimestoppers Breakfast
- 03/25 Mini Marathon 5K Walk/Run
Family Enrichment Center
- 03/30 Women of Achievement Awards
Bowling Green Human Rights Commission
Candlelight Vigil at Lost River Cave
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- 04/01 Arbor Day
City of Bowling Green
Great Teddy Bear Run
Barren River Child Advocacy Center
- 04/7-8 Relay for Life
American Cancer Society
Southern Kentucky Book Fest
- 04/21-04/23  National Youth Service Day
- 04/22 Mini Corvette Challenge
Junior Achievement
Area 5 Special Olympics
Bowling Green City Parks & Recreation
- 04/23-04/29 National Volunteer Week 
- 04/29 WalkAmerica
March of Dimes
- 05/06 Bark in the Park
Barren River Long Term Care Ombudsman
 Join Hands Day
- 05/20 BB&T All-American Soap Box Derby
Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green
- 05/23 Kaleidoscope Youth Showcase

For more information on these community events, visit www.alivebg.org or call 270.782.0082.

To promote your nonprofit's fundraising event in our next newsletter and on our community website, please contact Cindy Gaffney, Information Coordinator, at 270.782.0082 or email cindy@alivebg.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ADMISSIONS IS MAY 20, 2006

Volunteers in Action

Volunteers in Action is a group of Volunteer Coordinators from area organizations dedicated to promoting volunteerism in the BRADD region. Our mission is to offer workshops and networking opportunities for nonprofit directors and coordinators, as well as a Spring Volunteer Recognition Event. VIA meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. Meeting sites vary from month-to-month, so please feel free to contact Cheryl Kirby-Stokes (270-782-0653) or Anne Grubbs (270-842-4281) for more details. All nonprofit agency representatives, staff and volunteers are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you!

GRANT SPOTLIGHT:

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center collects and publishes information on thousands of foundations and charities in the United States. They also conduct research on trends in the grant making field and provide material to the public through regional libraries and through Foundation Center Cooperating Collections. We are fortunate to have an area cooperating collection right here at Western Kentucky University. You can access the Foundation Center database free of charge at Helm-Cravens Library.

Even more exciting, a national **Foundation Center** representative will be in the area and presenting a **FREE workshop on Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m.** on how to search for grant information using the Foundation Center resources located at WKU. The workshop will take place in the Orientation Room of the Kentucky Building with free parking adjacent to the building. If you are interested in attending please contact Bryan Carson, WKU Libraries, at 745-5007 or bryan.carson@wku.edu. For more general info you can also contact ALIVE Center, Tracy Harkins, Grant Facilitator, at 782-0824.

Kohl's: A Community Partner

As a family-focused company, Kohl's dedicates its charitable efforts to improving health and educational opportunities for children nationwide. Kohl's invites youth-serving agencies to post a volunteer opportunity at Kohl's. *Every time five Kohl's employees volunteer for an agency or event, that agency receives \$500.*

For more information about the local program, please contact Lorri Siewert at Lorri.Siewert@Kohls.com

**MILLIONS OF
YOUNG PEOPLE
WILL CHANGE THE WORLD
ON NATIONAL & GLOBAL
YOUTH SERVICE DAY!**

**National & Global
Youth Service Day 2006
is April 21-23**

Millions of youth will participate in National & Global Youth Service Day, the largest service event in the world, on April 21 - 23, 2006. They will tutor young children, engage in disaster relief, register new voters, educate their communities about good nutrition, distribute HIV/AIDS prevention materials and meet many more community needs through their service.

National & Global Youth Service Day supports youth on a life-long path of service and civic engagement, and educates the public, the media, and elected officials about the role of youth as community leaders.

We hope you'll join us!

If you would like to plan a service project for National & Global Youth Service Day, contact Leah Tibbs, Youth Development Coordinator, for project ideas at 782-0812 or leah@alivebg.org.

SAVE THE DATE...

It's almost time for the
3rd Annual Teen Summit

This year's event is scheduled for
Saturday, June 3rd, 2006
at the
**Downing University Center (DUC)
& South Lawn on Western's campus.**

As always, this event is FREE to attend
for youth ages 12-17.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be
provided. We will again have break out
sessions on topics selected by
young people, as well as a
talent show to end the day.
CASH PRIZES will be awarded
to top finishers.

For more information, contact Leah Tibbs,
Youth Development Coordinator,
at 782-0812 or leah@alivebg.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

ANNOUNCING...

Human Resources Workshop

Are you the person responsible for the Human Resources function within your business or organization? Don't have the budget to hire a full time HR professional?

Join us for a FREE question/answer forum with area Human Resource Professionals. The individual panel members' expertise will include employment, safety and workers compensation, benefits and compensation and general HR.

DATE: April 19, 2006
**LOCATION: Community Room,
Bowling Green Chamber Office**
TIME: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Questions may be submitted in advance to Lisa Fields at lfields@casoky.org. This will allow our panel members to prepare for the types of questions that may be asked.

Confirm your attendance by calling Lisa Fields 782-3162 or emailing her at lfields@casoky.org.

Co-sponsored by the Workforce Development Committee (Small Business/Non-Profit Subcommittee) & the Southern Kentucky Society of Human Resources Management (SKYSHRM)

University of Kentucky

Nonprofit Leadership Initiative (NLI)

The NLI Introduces Your Online Source for Affordable Job Posting!

NLI is proud to announce its partnership with Opportunity Knocks, the leading nonprofit job website in the country.

The Opportunity Knocks Job Center is designed to help nonprofit employers and qualified job seekers connect easily. The service is free for job seekers and provides nonprofits with affordable listings on a site focused solely on the nonprofit community. There is even an added discount for NLI *Nonprofit Network* members! Call us at (859) 257-2542 today to learn more!

Visit the Opportunity Knocks Job Center at the Nonprofit Leadership Initiative website: www.kynonprofits.org.

List your employment opportunities on the ALIVE Center website!



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The services the ALIVE Center provides to nonprofit organizations include posting volunteer opportunities, community events, employment opportunities, youth development, and grant services as well as providing meeting space and equipment (tables & chairs) free of charge.

Watch for our next newsletter in June 2006!

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Remember to send us your event news.

ALIVE Center

Upcoming Workshops...

- 03/28** Even I Can Plan A Special Event
By Tracy Morris, Events by Design
- 03/30** Microsoft Excel Basics
By Cindy Gaffney, ALIVE Center
- 04/13** Introduction to QuickBooks
By Chris Bixler, WKU,
Small Business Development Center
- 04/20** Making Grant Proposals More Effective
By Tracy Harkins, ALIVE Center
- 04/25** Board Development
By Patty Alford & Leigh Pierce,
Girls, Inc.
- 04/27** Cash Flow: Secrets to Success
By Rick Horn, WKU,
Small Business Development Center

~~Workshops are FREE to nonprofit staff~~
 To register, contact Cheryl Kirby-Stokes at
 782-0653 or email cheryl@alivebg.org.

ALIVE CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cheryl Allen, Community Action
 Anne Grubbs, Community Education
 Larry Howlett, Center for Nonprofit Management
 Jim Jones, Community Partner
 Tonya Mathews, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce
 Katrina Phelps, Western Kentucky University

We would like to recognize these individuals for their support of the ALIVE Center.

PLACE YOUR LOGO / PICTURE HERE!

We will feature one of our local nonprofit agencies in each newsletter to inform our community about the services you provide that help make Bowling Green a great place to live, work and raise a family.

If you are interested in promoting your organization in the newsletter, please contact Cheryl Kirby-Stokes at 782-0653 or Cindy Gaffney at 782-0082.

Did you know...

316 meetings were held at the ALIVE Center by nonprofit agencies in our community in 2005. Almost 4,000 individuals attended meetings here and saw your brochures in our Conference Rooms.