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# Volunteerism Comes **ALIVE**

*A newsletter celebrating volunteerism and nonprofits in our community.*

## National Opportunities to Volunteer

### National Youth Service Day April 20-22, 2007

This day serves to empower young people, highlighting their ongoing contributions to their communities and mobilizing their energy, commitment, and idealism through sustainable service. For more information, go to <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>.

### National Volunteer Week April 15-21, 2007

This week is to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels. The ALIVE Center will be having a pre-celebration with our **4th Annual ALIVE Center Volunteer/Job Fair**. Contact us at 270-782-0082 if you'd like to reserve a table to display your agency's volunteer opportunities, internships or job openings.

### Join Hands Day Youths and Adults Volunteering Together May 5, 2007

A day of volunteering that brings youth and adults together to improve their own communities. For ideas, please go to the ALIVE Center website at [www.alivebg.org](http://www.alivebg.org) to find volunteer opportunities for youth and adults. We currently have over 160 opportunities listed. For other ideas, you can visit <http://www.joinhandsday.org/scripts/home.cfm>.

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### *Greetings from the ALIVE Center!*

We're heading into our busiest time of year, but we want to make sure we recognize the agencies and volunteers that make Warren County such a great place to be. So join us for the 4th Annual ALIVE Center Volunteer/Job Fair on April 4th at WKU's Diddle Arena, and we'll also be hosting our second Recognition Luncheon on April 12th at the ALIVE Center. More information will be getting to you soon via email and snail mail, so keep your eyes peeled. We're looking forward to seeing you!

**Cheryl Kirby-Stokes**  
Director



## Nonprofit Community Calendar

### March - May 2007

- 03/01 Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
Various activities throughout the month.  
Contact Hope Harbor at 270-782-5014.
- 03/10 BRIMS Regional Bridge Building Championship.** For more information, call 270-843-9779.
- 03/16 AARP Chapter Meeting** 270-782-3904  
Sleep Deprivation/Restless Leg Syndrome
- 03/19-23 Kentucky Library and Museum Spring Break Day Camp.** For more information, call 270-745-2594.
- 03/31 Total Fitness Connection's Run & Walk for Children, benefiting Family Enrichment Center.** For more information, call 270-781-6714.
- 03/31 Riverview at Hobson Grove Easter Egg Hunt.** For more information, call 270-843-5565.
- 04/18 18th Annual Houchens Industries/ Boys & Girls Club Charity Golf Classic.**  
For more information, call 270-843-6466.
- 04/21 Mini-Corvette Challenge.**  
For more information, call 270-782-0280.
- 04/23 WKU's Cultural Enhancement Series present Azar Nafisi.** For more information, call 270-745-5204.
- 04/23 Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra presents The Essential Porgy and Bess.** For more information, call 270-846-2426.
- 04/24 CASA Justice Served Luncheon.** For more information, call 270-782-5353.
- 04/26 Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra present The Glory of Symphony and Voices.** For more information, visit [www.bgwso.org](http://www.bgwso.org).
- 04/28 Lost River Cave Earth Day Clean-Up.**  
For more information, call 270-393-0077.
- 04/28 March of Dimes Walk America.**  
For more information, call 270-746-5411.
- 04/06-22 Public Theatre of Kentucky's production of Cotton Patch Gospel.** For more information, call 270-781-6233
- 05/03-06 Fountain Square Players production of Wait Until Dark.** For more information, call 270-782-2787.

For more information on these community events, visit [www.alivebg.org](http://www.alivebg.org) or call 270.782.0082.

# KOHL'S

expect great things



**Attention all youth service organizations! The A-Team at Kohl's Department Store wants to volunteer for you!**

Kohl's A-Team provides associates the opportunity to volunteer their time with youth-serving non-profit organizations. Kohl's will provide grants in the amount of \$500 for every five associates they have at a volunteer event.

The A-Team at Kohl's Department Store volunteered at 18 events for fiscal year 2006, raising \$9500.00 for local Bowling Green agencies!! They would love to be able to double it for 2007!!

If you would like for A-Team members at Kohl's to volunteer with your youth-serving organization, contact Lorri Siewert at [lorri.siewert@kohls.com](mailto:lorri.siewert@kohls.com) and be eligible for at least \$500!



**Kohl's Cares for Kids program seeking youth nominations...**

Take the opportunity to recognize and reward youth volunteers who give back to their communities.

Individuals ages 21 or older can nominate young people between the ages of 6 and 18 who have not graduated from high school by March 15, 2007. To nominate a deserving youth for volunteer work they have done in their communities, complete a nomination form online at [www.kohlscorporation.com](http://www.kohlscorporation.com). Nominations must be received by the end of the business day on March 15, 2007. This award is for individual youth only. Group nominations will not be accepted.

### ALIVE Center Position Opening

ALIVE Center is accepting applications for an Information Coordinator. Go to [www.wku.edu](http://www.wku.edu) to fill out an online application. The deadline for applications is March 18, 2007.

## Youth News

### A Night at the Oscars!

Congratulations to the award winners at the **2nd Annual Youth Recognition Ceremony.**

The community of Bowling Green applauds you for "Making a Difference."

#### Individual Award Winners

Anthony Brown – Bowling Green High School  
 Brent Davis – Greenwood High School  
 Sean Diaz – Warren East High School  
 Emerald Smith – Richardsville Elem.  
 Trevious Boards – Parker Bennett Curry Elem.  
 Jordan Lyons – Parker Bennett Curry Elem.  
 Nacarius Shannon – Parker Bennett Curry Elem.  
 Antonio Shields – Parker Bennett Curry Elem.

#### Group Award Winners

BGHS DECA Club  
 BGHS FBLA  
 BGHS Renaissance Leadership Class  
 Bristow Elementary Leadership Team  
 Greenwood Baptist Church Youth Group  
 Greenwood Park Church of Christ Youth  
 Riverview at Hobson Grove Jr. Fundraisers  
 Kaleidoscope Arts Program  
 Mt. Olla Baptist Church Youth Group  
 Teen Summit Planning Committee  
 WCHS Youth-In-Action  
 WEMS Tiger Leadership Team  
 Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center

#### Youth Solutions Grant Recipients

Bristow Elementary - Drug Free Week  
 Henry Moss Middle School – Raining Cats & Dogs  
 T.C. Cherry Elementary – T.C. Literacy Project  
 Taylor Chapel AME Church Youth – Computer Lab  
 Day Treatment – Helping Hands of Youth  
 Natcher Elementary – Growing the Greenways

**The Youth Recognition Ceremony was made possible by:**

ALIVE Center  
 Kohl's Department Store  
 Rivendell Behavioral Health Center  
 Academy Awards & Trophies  
 Booth Fire & Safety  
 Pediatric Dentistry of Bowling Green  
 Simpson & Compton Orthodontics  
 Spotlight Youth of BG/WC  
 Western Kentucky University

**THANK YOU!**

### Youth Alliance of BG/WC

The next Youth Alliance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 12pm at the ALIVE Center.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Nancy Bertuleit with Warren County Schools. Nancy will be presenting on The Seven Challenges, a drug intervention program for youth.

For more information on The Seven Challenges: [www.sevenchallenges.com](http://www.sevenchallenges.com).



#### RSVP:

Leah Ashwill at 782-0812 or [leah@alivebg.org](mailto:leah@alivebg.org)

**Lunch will be served!**

### ALIVE Center welcomes our new Americorps Member!

Samantha Sparrow is available to assist youth-serving agencies with the following:

- Coordinating youth volunteerism or service projects
- Providing leadership training using the Start Something curriculum

**Contact Samantha at 782-0966 for more details**

### YOUTH SOLUTIONS GRANTS

The YOUTH SOLUTIONS grant program will no longer be an available funding source through the ALIVE Center. Congratulations to the Warren Central High School, the last recipient of Youth Solutions grant funding, who was awarded \$1000 for a service project benefiting an area food bank.

The ALIVE Center has awarded over \$30,000 to youth in Bowling Green since December of 2004, in support of their wonderfully creative service projects. We have greatly enjoyed seeing the amazing spirit of service within our youth, and we hope that we have helped create a foundation for young people to build upon for a lifetime of service to others.



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but part of our  
community.**

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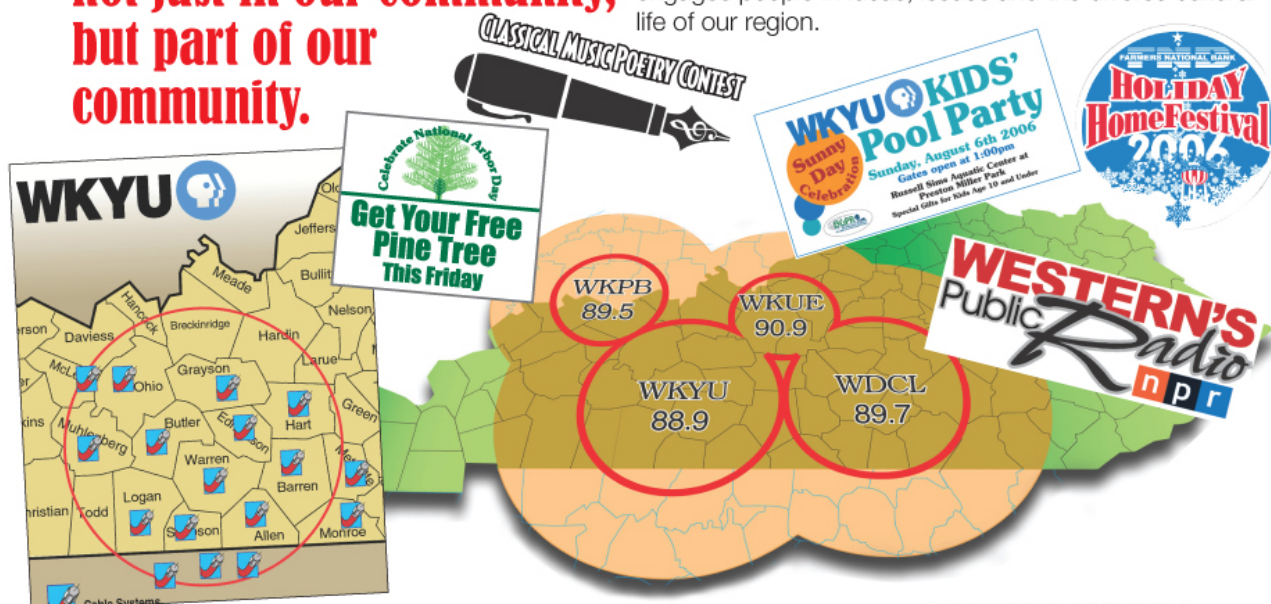
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Through partnerships with numerous organizations, we reach out into the community in a variety of ways, including an annual tree giveaway, kids' pool party, young writers and illustrators contest, classical music poetry contest, and a holiday home festival. Along with local arts and community groups, we promote events and happenings in our area. We work together with our community partners to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

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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 2007!

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

### Did you know...

Due to privacy concerns and HIPAA laws (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), all agencies that work with children and health services are now requiring criminal background checks.

Free criminal background checks for volunteers who wish to work with children and youth are available to nonprofit organizations. The free background checks are provided by the state of Kentucky. The background checks cover all jurisdictions within the state of Kentucky, and may turn up past convictions that signal a volunteer should not be allowed to work with children.

The process for requesting the background check is simple. Administrators or volunteer coordinators complete a single-page form, which is available from the Pretrial Services Department of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The form is available for download at <http://courts.ky.gov> and click on 'Forms Library' or use the links listed below:

#### **VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH YOUTH:**

**PT-55 Youth Leader Request Form (Free)**

<http://courts.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/B923DED0-249A-448E-86F2-B748EEC8565B/0/PT55.pdf>

#### **VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH ADULTS:**

**PT-49 Pretrial Records Check Request Form (\$10 Processing Fee)**

<http://courts.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/130C72E1-A874-400D-8872-309963719F51/0/PT49.pdf>

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Anne Grubbs, Community Education  
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Jim Jones, Community Partner  
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Points of Light Foundation has a volunteer management toolkit that covers the basics on screening volunteers. It offers helpful hints on background checks, questions for interviews and volunteer applications. For a copy go to:

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/resources/details.cfm?ID=10071>

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