

The Workbench – May 2007

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National Conference on Volunteering and Service Philadelphia, PA * July 16-18, 2007



Taking place July 16-18 in the historic city of Philadelphia, the National Conference brings together more than 2,600 movers & shakers from the nonprofit, government, & business worlds dedicated to improving communities through service & volunteering.

The theme of this year's conference, "The Power of We," proudly declares the power of collective action to solve serious social problems—a hallmark of America's character since our founding.

Convened by the Corporation for National and Community Service & the Points of Light Foundation, the National Conference on Volunteering and Service is the largest annual gathering of volunteer leaders in the United States. It is an event you do not want to miss!

Learn more & register to attend at www.volunteeringandservice.org.

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM DECLARES MICHIGAN'S AMERICORPS WEEK



Governor Jennifer M. Granholm declared the week of May 13, 2007, as Michigan's AmeriCorps Week. The first-ever AmeriCorps Week marks a historic milestone as the 13,500th Michigan's AmeriCorps member takes the pledge to "get things done for America." Nationally, the 500,000th AmeriCorps member will be sworn in.

AmeriCorps Week is a nationwide effort to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible.

"AmeriCorps members are truly 'walking the walk' in our communities," said First Gentleman, Daniel G. Mulhern. "They are rolling up their sleeves and leading by example. They are addressing challenging issues and bringing hope to those in need."

AmeriCorps Week activities are happening throughout Michigan including Detroit, Grand Rapids, Benton Harbor, Lansing, Muskegon, Holland, Marquette, Charlevoix, Ionia, Williamston, and Houghton. Projects range in scope from a children's book drive to remodeling a women's shelter to dune restoration. All projects will showcase the power of AmeriCorps members and alumni, as well as educate people about the role, impact, and importance of AmeriCorps in our communities.

Visit www.michigan.gov/mcsc for additional information.

THE 2007 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS JUNE 20, 2007 * DETROIT

Celebrate the contributions of Michigan volunteers with Governor Jennifer M. Granholm on Wednesday, June 20th at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Governor Granholm will honor the awards finalists during a ceremony entitled, "The Miracle of Volunteering."

The 2007 Governor's Service Awards will be a theatre-style event with The Miracles as the featured performers. Other local musical artists and performers will also pay tribute to the honorees.

For more information about the Governor's Service Awards, visit www.michigan.gov/mcsc or call (517) 373-4200.

The 4th Annual Urban Service-Learning Institute August 2-3, 2007 * Detroit

Co-sponsored by Wayne State University, Michigan Campus Compact, and the Michigan Community Service Commission, this two-day event focuses on applying the principles of service-learning in urban environments.

Join other professionals working in urban settings to discuss service-learning outreach and application techniques designed to help students achieve academic excellence and become strong community leaders.

Learn more at www.nylc.org



The Workbench's Three - Month National Service Planner



To see Michigan's complete 2006-07 National Service Calendar, visit
www.michigan.gov/mcsc

MAY 2007

- 5 *Join Hands Day* (www.joinhandsday.org)
- 13-20 *AmeriCorps Week* (www.americorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek)
- 14 MI Nonprofit SuperConference Pre-Conference Seminar: *Lobbying Rules for Nonprofits*, 1:00-4:00pm, Lansing Center (www.mnaonline.org/conf2007/preconference.asp)
- 14 MI Nonprofit SuperConference Pre-Conference Seminar: *Continuous Program Enhancement = Sustainability*, 1:00-4:00pm, Lansing Center (www.mnaonline.org/conf2007/preconference.asp)
- 15-16 Michigan Nonprofit SuperConference: *Surviving and Thriving Through Seasons of Change* (www.mnaonline.org)
- 16 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Meeting, 2:00pm, Lansing Center (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 22-24 CNCS Resources Now! Institute, San Francisco, CA (Campaign Consultation, 1-877-243-2253 x37, Cook@CampaignConsultation.com, register online at www.regonline.com/122159)
- 28 *Memorial Day*
- 29 *Approaching Funders for Supporting Advocacy*, Detroit (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, www.mnaonline.org)
- 31 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director and Member Council Joint Conference Call, 10:00am, (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)

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- 6-7 Michigan's AmeriCorps Russ Mawby Signature Service Project, Detroit (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
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- 14 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 20 Governor's Service Awards, Fox Theatre, Detroit (Kathie Vasilion, (517) 373-4200, www.michigan.gov/mcsc)
- 20-21 Sustainability Symposium for Michigan's AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve grantees, Detroit (Tara Gilman, (517) 241-2553, gilmant@michigan.gov)
- 27-28 Mentoring Sustainability Training, Novi (Mentor Michigan / LEARNS, Kathie Vasilion, (517) 373-4200, vasilionk@michigan.gov)

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- 27 Michigan's AmeriCorps Member Council Meeting, 11:00am-3:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)

*If you or your agency would like information about upcoming events included our three-month National Service planner, please contact Megan Sargent at sargentm1@michigan.gov or (517) 241-3494.