

Volunteers in Action Meeting Minutes

Monday September 14, 2009 at 9pm

Discussion and sign up for the following events

This Friday September 18th is Angel's Attic

Volunteers help sort and organize donations, prepare food bags, and assist shoppers this Friday September 18, 2009 from 2:30 to 5 if you are interested in going contact Victoria at vclarizio@m.marywood.edu volunteers are meeting at campus ministry this Friday at 2:30.

National Service Trips applications are due This Friday September 18 for the FALL BREAK TRIPS

This is a great first Service trip opportunity! If you are interested in participating in a Fall Break service trip please download an application from the campus ministry website. Go to the Marywood home page then search campus ministry when you get to the campus ministry home page within the blue box on the left hand side click on service, then service trips, and then in the middle of the white page scroll down below the world map and click on national service trips on the next page click on the national service trip brochure link to read information on the trip and if you wish to apply for the service trip click the link below the brochure link to download an application for the service trip. Or you can contact Amy Fotta at campus ministries or by e-mail at fotta@marywood.edu or Jill Troiano at jtroiano@m.marywood.edu.

Story Hour Friday September 18th

Marywood Campus Ministry and Friends of the Poor coordinate this activity which entails reading a short story to young kids, and enjoying a snack with them. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nikki at nsteiner@m.marywood.edu or Dana Thomson dthomson@m.marywood.edu --- sign up to volunteer for this Friday --- 3pm-5pm (meet a little earlier in the Campus Ministry Office to depart)

This Monday we had guest speakers

Eileen from EOTC mentoring program with Big Brothers Big Sisters

You can make a difference in a kid's life, and be a positive role model. Volunteers are needed for thirty eight kids in 1st grade through 5th. At the Skyview Park Apartment (low income housing) in Scranton for only one hour every Tuesday you will participate in "skill building activities".

Mike Davis with Big Brothers Big Sisters

Discussed the Big Brother Big Sister Organization which is a worldwide organization that has been around since 1904 this is a great opportunity for all majors (education major you can get two clearances paid for). It is only four hours a month that you spend making a difference in a young person life helping them with homework, playing games or just hanging out.

- There is site based which is when you contact the child's parents and arrange a time convenient for you and your little to meet up at the child's house and hang out.
- There is school based which is when you would go to your little's school to hang out
- Big Brother Big Sisters also meets at the Boys and Girls Club in Scranton

For more information you can contact Mike Davis at (570)-347-5616 or by e-mail at lbbbs2@epix.net or if you know you definitely want to join this great organization you can attend the **Mandatory Orientation Meeting** at the Steamtown Mall This Thursday September 17th at 2pm or 7pm at the old Disney store.

ONGOING FOR THE YEAR

Immaculate Conception Church, 801 Taylor Avenue, Scranton seeks volunteers for Sundays, approx 4-6 people needed. Training will be provided.

- To assist youth group director
- Religious Ed Teaching Aid

Contact Lourdes Kranick Tallarico at 961-5211; christking@verizon.com

Volunteers needed **between Sept 26-Nov13** to help with a Trail and Greenway Study

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority to help complete trail surveys --- volunteers work at survey stations at Lackawanna River Heritage Trailheads to hand out surveys, collect opinions and speak to trail users. Volunteers also needed to help input survey data into database.

Trail survey volunteers are needed on Saturdays – Sept 26, Oct 3, Oct 24 between the hours of 7AM-7PM – in three – six hour shifts; Data Entry volunteers could volunteer Mon-Fri between 9AM-4PM in two – four hour shifts

Contact Lindsey Ritchey at LRitchey@LHVA.org or 963-6730 xt 8212

Volunteers needed at **Saint Joseph Mother/Infant Program** in South Scranton to provide babysitting for mothers in order for them to attend weekly house meetings. This program provides transitional housing for new mothers and their newborns up to 2 yrs old who otherwise would be homeless.

- Volunteers needed on Thursday nights – 6pm-8pm
- Volunteers also needed to help babysit for mothers during daytime hours when they have meetings that they are required to attend: times vary, 2-3 hour shifts

Contact Ann Marie Locker at 558-5050 or email amlocker@stjosephscenter.org