



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2017

-----GREATER BOSTON-----

Office of Neighborhood Services - City Hall (Boston)

Love Your Block - Boston Shines

When: Friday, April 28th and Saturday April 29th, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Designated locations in Downtown, Chinatown, BackBay, Northend/Westend, Beacon Hill, Charlestown, East Boston

Project Overview: Love Your Block is a strong anchor to promote, increase and provide volunteer opportunities across Boston. Boston Shines is a long standing example of how volunteerism can impact a community. Love your block will offer volunteers the opportunity to spruce up your neighborhood or a neighborhood you care about this spring during National Volunteer Week. Teams will meet at designated locations to get tools, tshirts, and supplies and then spread out across the city to their clean-up site from 9am – 1pm.

Registration: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-services/love-your-block-neighborhood-cleanups#sponsorships>

New England Aquarium

Service at Sea: A large scale Boston Harbor Island cleanup

When: Saturday, April 29th, 9am-3:30pm

Where: Meet at Long Wharf pier at 9am for introductions and embark on a boat at about 9:30am. Boat will stop in Hingham (Hewitt's Cove) at about 10:15am to pick up additional volunteers in the area, if needed. Volunteers will arrive on Grape Island at about 10:30am and clean various locations of the island until about 2:30pm before the boat heads back to Hingham and Boston. At 3:30pm, volunteers will meet at the Aquarium for a short appreciation event (ice cream social)

Project Overview: The New England Aquarium is teaming up with the National Park Service and Department of Conservation and Recreation to conduct a large-scale cleanup on one or more of the outer Harbor Islands. These islands are often inaccessible to large-scale cleanups due to the high costs of transportation. Volunteers will visit a new island, learn about threats to our local National Park, and have a meaningful, positive impact on wildlife habitat while participating in clean-up efforts. New volunteers will be welcomed into the Aquarium's volunteer community, allowing them to sign-up for future conservation projects that take place throughout the summer.

Registration:

http://serve.neaq.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Details_Page?id=a0Co000000FKPcmEAH

Boston Cares

Boston Cares Global Youth Service Day

When: April 23rd, 10am-1pm

Where: Boston Green Academy – 20 Warren St, Brighton

Contact/additional info: www.bostoncares.org/gysd

Project Overview: Boston Cares will engage 150 volunteers aged five and older in a hands-on service project developed by the Teen Advisory Council, in partnership with ServiceWorks, the City of Boston, Mass Service Alliance, and the Boston Green Academy. Volunteers will come together to create composting and garden kits for Boston Housing Authority residents and provide improvements to the Boston Green Academy grounds, enhancing their gardening, composting and recycling programs.

Registration:

https://www.bostoncares.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Details_Page?id=a0CA00000mzFNR

Project Citizenship

Brockton Citizenship Workshop

When: April 29th 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: The Family Center, 1367 Main St, Brockton, MA 02301

Contact/additional info: volunteer@projectcitizenship.org

Project Overview: Volunteers will join Project Citizenship at an all-day event to support a free Citizenship clinic in Brockton. This clinic will help individuals complete their citizenship application. Volunteers will assist with a number of duties during the day, and the organization is in need of Haitian-Creole speaking volunteers to work directly with the clients!

Registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13EWYPEg4Y7e8MvYqVpHc4www01aV9tB1WpiFMm1OW5s/viewform?uiv=1&edit_requested=true

Charles River Watershed Association

18th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 29th, 9:00am – 12:00noon

Where: Designated locations along the Charles River

Project Overview: Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) will hold the 18th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The cleanup will serve as the closing event of National Volunteer Week, where CRWA will engage volunteers in one of the nation's largest one-day river cleanups. The Cleanup will provide individuals with a tangible connection to their local rivers and establish a group of stakeholders who care about improving the health and sustainability of their local environment. The communities served will benefit from clean parklands which will encourage recreation bordering a healthy, riverine ecosystem free from debris and litter.

Registration: <http://www.crwa.org/cleanup>

Community Farms Outreach, d/b/a Waltham Fields Community Farm

MSA Service Day in Learning Garden and Fields

When: Saturday, April 29th, 9:00am – 12:00pm (optional lunch until 1:00pm)

Where: Waltham Fields Community Farm, 240 Beaver Street, Waltham 02452

Contact: Marla at marla@communityfarms.org or 781-899-2403 x4

Project Overview: Saturday, April 29th will be a special service day at Waltham Fields Community Farm. Volunteers will help get their quarter-acre Learning Garden ready for a season of educational farm-to-table activities, while also learning about growing healthy local food using organic methods. A separate group of adults and families will work with the Assistant Grower and farm staff planting in the fields. After working for the morning, all are invited to stay for an outdoor lunch. Speakers will address the concept of a community farm, growing food in an environmentally sound manner, and how to become more involved locally to help all community members have access to fresh, local food regardless of income.

Registration: <http://communityfarms.org/index.php/involved/calendar-of-events>

<https://communityfarms.z2systems.com/np/clients/communityfarms/event.jsp?event=517&>

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.

Volunteer - Lend a Hand for Hope

When: April 23rd – 29th

Where: 234 Barnum Road, Devens MA

Project Overview: Loaves and Fishes will be undertaking a number of recruitment activities during National Volunteer Week to increase their volunteer capacity to assist clients at the food pantry. Highlights include filming their current volunteers in a recruitment video to be launched during National Volunteer Week. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Loaves & Fishes contact them at the link below!

Registration: <http://loavesfishespantry.org/volunteer/ways-to-help/>

Students Helping Children Across Borders, Inc.

Working for Worcester

When: Saturday, April 29th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Worcester City Hall Common, 455 Main Street, Worcester, MA (dispersed after to service sites)

Contact: Dan Haverty, djhave17@g.holycross.edu

Project Overview: For Working for Worcester's Fifth Annual Build Day, we will mobilize over 1,000 volunteers to work at over 20 sites around the city to build, repair, and improve recreation and wellness spaces. The day begins with a rally on City Hall Common from 8:00am to 10:00am where volunteers will check in, get their shirt, get some food, and hear from some of our community leaders. After the rally, volunteers will meet with their site leaders and will move to their respective sites. Depending on which

site you are assigned, a volunteer will do anything from building a playground to painting a school to cleaning a park to constructing garden boxes. Working for Worcester will provide lunch, snacks, and refreshments to all volunteers. Each site ends at a different time depending on the what is being done, however most sites are finished by 3:00pm. You can also register on our website!

Registration: https://massservice.galaxydigital.com/event/detail/?event_id=36166

Growing Places

Sustainable Communities

When/Where: Monday, April 24th - Friday, April 27th Locations vary (Leominster, Fitchburg, Clinton)
Dates/times to suit volunteer availability

Contact: Janet at (978) 598-3723 x802 or emailing Janet@growingplaces.org

Project Overview: Volunteer will participate in two environmental education events to promote the new Greening the Gateway Cities volunteer positions, a new volunteer celebration and Leadership Volunteer Orientation, and the construction of gathering spaces, bulletin boards and storage sheds to support the function of four community gardens. Growing Places is hoping to engage 75+ volunteers, to assist in improving access to the resources people need to make healthy living choices and live in healthy communities.

Registration: <http://growingplaces.org/ways-to-give/volunteer-job-descriptions/>

Rebuilding Together Worcester

Rebuilding Together Worcester Work Weekend

When: Friday, April 28th 1-5 pm; Saturday, April 29th 8am-5pm; Sunday, April 30th 1-5 pm

Where: Puritan Ave., Rodby St., Mill St., and Cheyenne St. in Worcester, MA

Contact: rtwvolunteers@gmail.com

Project Overview: Rebuilding Together Worcester (RTW), an all-volunteer organization, provides critical repairs and renovations for low-moderate income homeowners and nonprofit facilities in the City of Worcester, because every person deserves to live in a safe and healthy home. As many as 300 volunteers will gather April 28-30, 2017 to paint, patch, fix leaks, rewire, insulate, build ramps, and reduce the risk of falls in 7-8 homes of low-income seniors and families in Worcester. The goal at each project site is to leave the homeowner and their family with finished improvements and repairs that address safety, mobility, energy efficiency, and quality of life.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerRTW2017>

United Way of Central Massachusetts

National Volunteer Week 2017

When: Thursday, April 27th, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Hanover Insurance Group 440 Lincoln Street Worcester, MA

Contact: Kerri Sandberg, Kerri.sandberg@unitedwaycm.org

Project Overview: Volunteers will work together to 1) assemble healthy, shelf stable meals and other food items to be delivered to local food pantries 2) organize food drives during National Volunteer Week to help address the pressing issue of hunger and homelessness in the Worcester area.

Registration: https://volunteer.truist.com/uwcm/survey/?survey_id=12435889523

-----NORTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS-----

Mill City Grows

Dig In Mill City Grows

When/Where:

Wednesday, April 26th - 10am-12pm @ Boys & Girls Club Greenhouse - 657 Middlesex Street, Lowell

Wednesday, April 26th - 2-4pm @ Our Urban Farm: 230 Middlesex Street, Lowell

Friday, April 28th - 1-4pm @ Our Big Farm - 1001 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell

Saturday, April 29th - 9-12pm @ our big farm - 1001 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell

Sunday, April 23rd - 11am-3:30pm @ Earth Day Parade & Festival in Downtown Lowell

Contact: Lydia Sisson lydia@millcitygrows.org or Francey Slater francey@millcitygrows.org

Project Overview: Project activities hosted by Mill City Grows includes City-wide volunteer recruitment efforts, building a new community greenhouse; building 3 new school gardens; prepping and planting at our Urban Farm. These volunteer efforts will help Mill City Grows provide nutrition education for thousands of children and adults and provide over 25,000 pounds of food for Lowell residents.

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/DigInLowell>

-----WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS-----

Springfield Partners for Community Actions

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

When: April 2017

Where: Springfield MA

Contact: Deborah White at Deborahw@springfieldpartnersinc.com

Project Overview: Leading up to National Volunteer Week, Springfield Partners will work to train volunteers to act as IRS-certified volunteers who will tailor the marketing, recruiting of clients, and tax-preparation services based on the financial practices and social norms of their individual cultures.

Registration: <http://www.springfieldpartnersinc.com/howyoucanhelp/volunteer/>

United Way of Pioneer Valley

Community Grand-Friends Day

When: Tuesday, April 18th – Friday April 21st

Where: Senior Citizen Homes throughout the region (Ludlow, Chicopee, Holyoke, South Hadley, Southwick, East Longmeadow, West Springfield)

Project Overview: United Way of Pioneer Valley seeks to recruit youth volunteers to support local senior citizens at group homes to discover, learn, ask questions, and become familiar with today's ever-changing technology, including cell phones, tablets, and laptops. Events at local senior living homes will take place throughout the week.

Registration: Contact Chris Woods at cwoods@uwpv.org

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Picture Yourself In Service

When/Where:

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 – 12:30pm, Share the Harvest Farm- 276 Gulf Rd, South Dartmouth, MA

Saturday, April 29th, Service Rallies at multiple locations

Contact: Medora LaPlante at southcoastserver@gmail.com or call 508-999-8932

Project Overview: The UMass Dartmouth Leduc Center for Civic Engagement is proud to announce “Picture Yourself In Service” a National Volunteer Week campaign in conjunction with SouthCoast Serves (SCS), a Leduc Center facilitated collaborative of over 40 community based organizations (CBO’s) that fosters service and volunteerism in the south coast region of Massachusetts. The goal of the initiative is to increase the number of youth engaged as volunteers with our partners. We will do this by launching a Picture Yourself in Service campaign that will culminate during National Volunteer Week 2017. Highlights of our campaign include: a #pictureyourselfinservice photo exhibit/social media campaign highlighting volunteers and service members in the Southcoast region, a Service Showcase to kick-off national volunteer week, a mid-week traveling SCS volunteer kiosk that will visit local high schools and two college campuses and culminating with a large scale service rally on Saturday April 29th 2017.

Registration: www.givebacktime.org - search for Leduc Center