Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **2019 Massachusetts Conference on Volunteerism** held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in Worcester. Designed with nonprofit professionals in mind, this conference will equip you with the real-life skills, tools, and networking opportunities needed to best engage volunteers at your organization.

We are excited to announce that Points of Light CEO **Natalye Paquin** will give the keynote address, and more conference updates are on the way! Stay tuned for the workshop RFP release and registration info. For more information regarding the conference, please contact Lindsay Rooney at lrooney@mass-service.org or 617-542-2544 x212.

We had an absolute blast at the **2018 Massachusetts AmeriCorps Opening Day**! Held on Friday, November
2 at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury, the event convened over 1,000 Massachusetts AmeriCorps members serving with dozens of programs across the state.

This year's Opening Day speakers included Director of AmeriCorps Chester Spellman; Steve Barney of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service; and MA State Representative-elect Jon Santiago. After the AmeriCorps members took the AmeriCorps Pledge, they participated in service projects throughout Boston with organizations like Cradles to Crayons, Pine Street Inn, and The Greater Boston Food Bank.

You can check out photos from Opening Day at our Facebook page as well as the video below featuring some of our favorite moments.

Learn more about AmeriCorps in Massachusetts.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK RFP RELEASE COMING SOON

Is your organization interested in planning a volunteer service project this spring? Maybe you would like to revamp your current volunteer program by holding a volunteer fair, purchasing volunteer management software, or doing a marketing campaign. Keep an eye out for the 2019 National Volunteer Week RFP release later this month!

MSA will offer the National Volunteer Week mini-grants to organizations that either
engage volunteers in a service project during National Volunteer Week (April 7-13, 2019) or conduct a capacity-building initiative to enhance volunteer programming. These are matching grants of up to $3,500. For questions regarding National Volunteer Week funding opportunities, contact Lis Lohmueller at elohmueller@mass-service.org or 617-542-2544 x221.

MSA is currently accepting applications for the Commonwealth Corps Program Manager position! This dynamic, full-time staff member will be responsible for the oversight and management of the Commonwealth Corps program.

Each year, up to 50 Commonwealth Corps members from very diverse backgrounds serve with approximately 20 partner agencies across Massachusetts. Primary responsibilities of the position include overall program implementation, member and host site management and support, training for members and host sites, and supervision of the Commonwealth Corps Program Assistant.

View the full position description and application instructions.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, with priority to given to individuals who apply by Friday, November 23rd. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Our 2018-19 Commonwealth Corps program is in full swing. This year’s 32 members have already provided over 9,500 of direct service and capacity building across the Commonwealth, in conjunction with 17 partner agencies. Learn more about the members and partner agencies by checking out the Commonwealth Corps.
This year also marks the **10th anniversary of the Commonwealth Corps**, which was established by Governor Deval Patrick and his partners in the state legislature in 2007. Since then, the Commonwealth Corps has engaged 1,000 members in service and remains the only service corps program in the country focused solely on state residents. Stay tuned for our 10 year overview report in a couple weeks!

Interested in becoming a Commonwealth Corps partner agency for the 2019-20 program year? We will be releasing the RFP in mid-December.

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**2018 FALL TRAININGS SERIES**

Don't miss our final workshop in the 2018 Fall Training Series: **Affordable Marketing for Nonprofits**. This free training will teach attendees how to promote an event or cause by covering key skill areas like pitching a story and creating a campaign.

**Tuesday, December 4**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**UTEC Hub for Social Innovation**

15 Warren Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Cost: FREE

The training will begin with an introduction to the process and a case study example of a successful nonprofit campaign. Throughout the session, attendees will have the opportunity to learn through hands-on exercises, presentations, and Q & A. Participants will walk away with the tools to run a successful promotion.

Affordable Marketing for Nonprofits will be facilitated by **Shoshanna Kelly**. Shoshanna is a Creative Director and writer from the Boston area. She started her path at Boston University and has gone on to work with many Boston agencies and companies. From Mullen to Digitas, she has had the opportunity to build campaigns for Fidelity, Buick, Bank of America, Panera, and Keurig. These experiences have turned her into the sassy, experienced powerhouse she is.

More recently Shoshanna has had the opportunity to engage with nonprofits in her city, helping to launch an initiative for childhood hunger and support a concert series for Symphony NH.

**REGISTER HERE!**

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