

# February 2018 Volunteer Newsletter

## **Message from the Manager**

For most, every new year brings a new set of goals. These goals consist of things we want to try for the first time, things we want to continue but maybe do more or better, and things we want to quit or fix from last year. This is true of the GCC Volunteer Services Department as well. We have been busy brainstorming things that we want to try out, taking a look at things that worked well, and things that have been challenging.

During the last few days of January our department attended volunteer meetings in the Food Pantry and Older Adult programs. We took away some valuable feedback and now we would like to ask all of you to help us make sure our volunteer experience is as awesome as our volunteers!

Our AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator Michelle will send an email to all active volunteers this month that includes a link to a survey. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your input and feedback will help us as we set our goals for 2018. Everyone that participates in this survey can also choose to be entered for a chance to win a Goodman Volunteer t-shirt (pictured in the October newsletter).

\*Volunteers who participated in the January program meetings will not receive this email.

As always, thank you for your time, work, and dedication – without you nothing we do would be possible!

*Tara*

## **Upcoming Special Events**

**Winter Baseball/Softball Skills Camps** – this is an opportunity to teach co-ed 4K – 3rd grade youth the fundamentals of hitting, catching, and base running along with good sportsmanship.

Saturday Feb. 17, 24 & Mar. 3

9 – 11 am

Goodman Community Center

\*we prefer volunteers who can commit to all three sessions but will work to accommodate those who cannot.

**Girls Inc. International Women's Day** – this is an opportunity to help support our Girls Inc. “Smart, Strong, Bold” programming by setting up pre-event decorations, displaying projects completed by the girls, and program resource information.

Thursday, Mar. 8

3:30 – 5 pm

Overture Center (201 State St. Madison)

\*Assisting in this role may qualify you for a discounted ticket to this fundraising event.

### **Current Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities**

We are currently looking for substitute kitchen helpers in the Older Adult meal and substitute delivery drivers in the Food4Thought/ Thea's Table programs.

Please follow this link for a list of additional volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.goodmancenter.org/volunteer>

If you are interested in any of the roles listed please email us at [taraw@goodmancenter.org](mailto:taraw@goodmancenter.org)

\*\*PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW THE HYPERLINKS ON THE PAGE, these links are meant for new volunteers whom are not currently engaged with GCC.

**WISH LIST:** If your cupboards are too full of coffee mugs and you are looking to get rid of few..... feel free to donate them to the Senior Lunch program.

Our participants prefer mugs (vs. cups) because they are easier to handle and won't spill as easy. The more mixed matched they are the more fun.

**February Birthdays** – Please join us in wishing the following Goodman community members a happy birthday this month!

**Volunteers:**

Rebecca Hotynski (Girls Inc.) – 2/2  
Marylynne Mehl (Preservation) – 2/2  
Gail Underbakke (Food for Thought) – 2/3  
Danielle Zerbe (Events) – 2/4  
Anitra Hovelson (Euchre/Development) – 2/6  
Paul Husting (Older Adults) – 2/7  
Katie Reinemann (Girls Inc.) – 2/8  
Jane Spindler (Thanksgiving) – 2/8  
Mai Thao (Pantry) – 2/8  
Nancy Dodge (Food for Thought) – 2/10  
Jody Weyers (Events) – 2/11  
Peter Silver (Older Adults) – 2/11  
Kate Sweet (Pantry) – 2/14  
Mary Manering (Administrative/Food For Thought) – 2/17  
Marcia Wright (Food for Thought) – 2/18  
Shaylea Stensven (Community Meal) – 2/20  
Gretchen Rixie (Pantry) – 2/22  
Mary Tinberg (Seed to Table) – 2/25  
Bernie Isaac (Older Adults) – 2/27  
Samual Brindley (Cleaning & Building Maintenance) – 2/28  
Tiasia Wilhelmi (Events & Fitness Center) – 2/29

**Staff:**

Howard Hayes, Male Youth Programs Coordinator 2/1  
Pedro Dominguez, TEENworks Student 2/4  
Jenny Pressman, Director of Development 2/8  
William Kiesling, TEENworks Student 2/8  
Harvey Marks, Receptionist 2/12  
David Schmelzer, Custodian 2/14  
Lisa Jacob, HR Director 2/18  
Demarco Ward, TEENworks Student 2/19  
Boubacar Sangare, TEENworks Student 2/23  
David Kelley, Afterschool Specialty Teacher 2/25