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Dear friends,

Snow, snow, and more snow! Winter blahs have settled over Volunteer Maryland, but our members and partner organizations keep smiles on our faces, and strengthen our commitment to service. With the hope of spring just around the bend, this issue looks at the rise of volunteerism and what your organization should be considering when creating a volunteer program. We also included some good information concerning an event sponsored through one of our fantastic VISTA sites called Money Power Day.

The deadline for application from organizations hoping to host a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator is March 26. Look for details below.

In the past 18 years, Volunteer Maryland has had the opportunity to work with and support over 500 AmeriCorps members and organizations. As we travel around the state, we are often asked about past VMC and VISTA members, and find out some really great updates. We are happy to share it with you. Travels, jobs, babies and more!

Enjoy!

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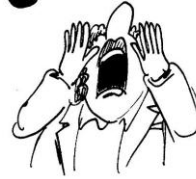
Volunteer Maryland builds stronger, healthier communities by developing programs that meet critical needs in the areas of poverty, education, human needs, public safety, homeland security, and the environment.

Through our AmeriCorps programs, Volunteer Maryland provides resources in volunteer program management and nonprofit capacity building.

Volunteer Basics

2009 was an interesting year for the field of volunteerism and service. In the midst of a deep and challenging recession, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act was passed to expand national service and create a volunteer generation and social innovation fund and, throughout the country, the rate of volunteerism rose. In October, the Entertainment Industries Foundation worked with major television shows and networks to promote volunteerism through storylines and public service announcements. In addition, a recent report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics demonstrated that both the number of volunteers and the rate of volunteering increased in 2009.

Volunteers!



What does this mean for your organization? Find out [here](#)

VISTA Site Offering Financial Planning Help at Money Power Day

On March 13, 2010 Baltimore CASH Campaign, a Volunteer Maryland Sponsor Agency, is hosting their annual Money Power Day. Find out how to access free tax prep, credit reports and more [here](#).

Site Applications Due March 26 for the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator Program



Volunteer Maryland is accepting applications from

organizations interested in developing more effective volunteer programs. Volunteer Maryland's goal is to help your agency provide more services to your clients and community, improve the quality and effectiveness of your volunteer program; and increase your organizational capacity to manage a volunteer program.

[Click here to download an application.](#)

For information concerning the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator Program, contact Patrice Beverly at pbeverly@volunteermaryland.org, or 410-767-6231.

Alumni News



The motto for AmeriCorps is "Getting Things Done". Here at Volunteer Maryland, we know that doesn't stop once you trade in your AmeriCorps grays for whatever it is you traded them in for. So this is the place to let your fellow VM alums know what is happening in your life. So let us know what is going on with you. Send all of your updates to Patrice Beverly at pbeverly@volunteermaryland.org.

In this [alumni news update](#), we hear from former VMCs and our first VISTA Leader.

AmeriCorps Networking Event

Are you currently an AmeriCorps member? Ever wonder what other AmeriCorps members are doing across Maryland? A networking event is in the planning stages for May 13, 2010 with opportunities to meet other AmeriCorps members, and gain valuable resources. More details to follow!



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