

Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County E-News

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1. **Brown Bag Lunch Series – March 18th at Bates Legacy Center**

Join Anne Arundel Community Action Agency for the monthly brown bag lunch series held on the third Thursday of every month. The series is not only about information sharing but forging connections throughout the community and helping us make a greater impact on the issue of poverty in Anne Arundel County.

On Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 12-1 PM, the topic is “Homelessness.” Presenters are: Howard Dunkley, Program Manager, Lighthouse Shelter, Christine Poulsen, Program Manager/Community Initiatives, Anne Arundel County Social Services and Charlene Thomas, Homeless Liaison, Anne Arundel County Schools

The doors for this series open at 11:30 so feel free to bring your lunch. The series is open to the entire community. The new home for the series is the Wylie H Bates Legacy Center on Smithville St. in Annapolis. For more information contact Kristen Komlosy at 410-626-1900 x1030 or KKomlosy@aceoc.com

2. **AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities**

- **Participate in an Overview Webinar on March 10th** while at your desk. Learn about the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) and AmeriCorps in this one-hour webinar (presentation on your computer and audio through your phone). There will be an overview of the GOSV's services and of AmeriCorps in Maryland. Develop understanding of what AmeriCorps is, if it is a good fit for your organization, and how to access AmeriCorps members and/or funding. The session is targeted to employees of government and nonprofit organizations. The webinars are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday from 10-11:00 AM.
- **Learn to use eGrants on March 26th**. If you plan to apply for an AmeriCorps grant, you will be required to use the eGrants online system operated by the Corporation for National and Community Service. On March 26, 2010 the GOSV is offering a training on using eGrants to review the basics of this system to assist you with your grant submission. Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Location: West County Library in Odenton, MD.
- **AmeriCorps Grant Technical Assistance Session on March 31st**. Meet GOSV Staff at this in-person session focusing on AmeriCorps funding opportunities. Learn about the current AmeriCorps grant due on April 26, 2010. The AmeriCorps grant will be discussed and general guidelines will be reviewed. This session is targeted to employees of nonprofit and government agencies. Time: 10 AM to Noon. Location: West County Library in Odenton, MD. For more information about all of these opportunities see: www.gosv.state.md.us/

3. Impact of BRAC and Fort Meade Growth on Local Nonprofits, April 8, 2010

As we see the arrival of the first BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) organizations at Fort Meade in 2010, it is easy to take for granted the fact that the Fort Meade Region will be gaining significant numbers of high paying jobs during a time when many areas of the country and state are losing jobs.

Join the Coordinators of Volunteers of Anne Arundel County (COVAAC) and Anne Arundel Council of Community Services (AACCS) on Thursday, April 8, 2010 to discuss the impact of growth in the Fort Meade area on the nonprofit sector, health and wellness, human services, volunteerism and the capacity of the nonprofit sector to meet the needs of families as they relocate to our region. Our special guest, Robert C. Leib, Special Assistant for BRAC/Education, Office of John R. Leopold, Anne Arundel County Executive, will help us to understand the impacts on the nonprofit sector and what the BRAC process means for local human service agencies.

Meeting information: Thurs. April 8th, 8:30 – 10:45 am, Sales and Service Training Center at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD 21076. Free but space is limited. Please RSVP to Fay Mauro, Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County, 410-897-9207 or fay@volunteerannearundel.org

4. Stay Exempt- Tax Basics for Exempt Organizations

Visit the redesigned and expanded StayExempt website at www.stayexempt.irs.gov. New features include links to *News and Information* and *Quick Links* to items of interest. The popular virtual workshop covers the basics that exempt organization managers need to know and mini-courses address many additional exempt organizations tax topics. Whether you want to apply for exempt status, deduct charitable contributions or complete your annual information, you can find a course to help you on StayExempt.