



Friday Night Facts

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism Registration

Registration is now open! Visit our [Eventbrite](#) page to register for the 2011 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. Get your Early Bird ticket today to save your spot and some money too. You don't want to miss out.

Commissioner Highlight

Maggie Stevens: Campus Compact, Indianapolis



Tell us about your first volunteer experience:

I don't remember one specific first volunteer experience, but I do remember when I was in third or fourth grade, having an "adopted grandmother" through my Girl Scout troop that we used to visit at a local nursing home. She always had Chips Ahoy Chewy Chocolate Chip cookies for us to enjoy when we visited. Since I did not grow up near any of my grandparents and only saw them a few times a

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September 11 – National Day of Service and Remembrance

Resources and tools available to assist you in coordinating an event [available here](#)

year, it was fun to have a grandma that I could visit every couple of weeks. I don't remember any one visit in particular, but I always remember how much I enjoyed the time we spent in her room visiting, playing games, and eating cookies. It wasn't until I became much older that I realized that the time we spent with her was just as important for her as it was for us.

Tell us about how you promote volunteerism and service in your community:

I feel fortunate that I am able to promote volunteerism and service as part of my work every day. As the Executive Director of Indiana Campus Compact, I work every day to live our mission and support "higher education's efforts to develop students into well-informed, engaged citizens." Every day, at Indiana Campus Compact, we have the opportunity to engage with students, faculty, staff and administrators across the state to help them partner with their communities in projects and programs that will challenge and educate students AND strengthen their communities and the lives of individuals of all ages who live, work, study and play in those communities.

Outside of work, I try to raise my children to understand the value of giving back to your community. I have already taken both of my kids (4 and 7 years old) to service projects where they can help in an age appropriate way. I don't think anyone is ever too young (or too old) to volunteer. In the past year, we have volunteered together by packing meals, raising money by walking in a charity 5K, and making cookies for a local shelter.

What is a key challenge related to volunteerism?

I think that some of the biggest challenges are getting people started in volunteering. It is rare that someone participates in a volunteer activity and leaves saying that they would never do it again. Many people don't think that they have enough time or the right skills to make a difference. The reality is that everyone has something to give – it is about taking the time to find the right place to volunteer and share your gifts.

Learn more about the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism and read bios of Commissioners [here](#)



AmeriCorps Indiana

Indiana's AmeriCorps programs are now recruiting participants for the 2011-2012 program year. You can learn more about

available service opportunities by referring to the AmeriCorps [website](#). Click [here](#) to find out what AmeriCorps is doing in your own community.

Also...

The OFBCI will be hosting a training for their AmeriCorps programs on September 22nd in Indianapolis. This training

will be provided for the fiscal staff of AmeriCorps State programs and will be an orientation for new programs and provide important updates for returning programs.

Fiscal Fact

An in-kind contribution is a non-cash input which can be given a cash value. Basically, it is a donation. In-kind contributions should be verifiable from the recipient's accounting records, meaning entered into the general ledger and supported with documentation. How do you document an in-kind contribution? Your organization should consider utilizing an In-Kind Contribution Form that details the name of the donor, the date of the donation, a description of the donation, and the estimated value of the donation.

Inclusion Infusion

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 was the first "rights" legislation to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities. This law only applied to programs conducted by Federal agencies, those receiving federal funds, such as colleges participating in federal student loan programs, Federal employment, and employment practices of businesses with federal contracts. The standards for determining employment discrimination under the Rehabilitation Act are the same as those used in Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The purpose of the ADA of 1990 is to extend to people with disabilities everywhere the civil rights protections similar to those already available to people on the basis of race, color, national origin, and religion through the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Promote disaster preparedness in your community: host a COAD info session

To promote the Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Development Grant, the Indiana OFBCI is looking for public interest in this funding opportunity and seeking host locations for information sessions about the COAD grant. Suitable locations should meet the following criteria:

- Should possess a meeting room that can host 10-30 people comfortably
- Should have access to parking for those 10-30 people
- Should either possess a projector and screen, or possess the capacity to facilitate use of a projector and screen that OFBCI staff may bring
- Should be located in such a way that there is easy access to the location from a major highway or freeway

- Should have some interest in learning about or participating in the COAD Development Grant Program

The COAD Development Grant is available to organizations that possess a network or are willing to be connected with other organizations for the purpose of meeting disaster preparation, response, and recovery needs. In addition, these organizations must be willing to facilitate deliverables in the following core areas:

- Identifying local disaster shelters and housing stock
- Identifying trained personnel who may help during response / recovery
- Planning / revising local disaster recovery plans
- Participating in discussion-based exercises to talk through disaster recovery plans

[Read more about Indiana VOAD, volunteer response, and COADs](#)

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To volunteer your location or for more information on the information sessions, please contact Derek Trovillion by [email](#) or by phone at 317-234-4031.

DID YOU KNOW?

As of June 30, 2011, SEA 590 requires an organization seeking a grant of more than \$1,000 from the State of Indiana or political subdivision to enroll in the e-Verify system operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (U.S. Department of Homeland Security). Indiana's new law also applies to contracts awarded by the State as well as other employment-related aspects. For more information, please check out this [FAQ](#). For more information on enrollment in e-Verify, please visit the USCIS' [website](#).