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Volunteer Update
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Hello Volunteers!

I've been here as the Volunteer Coordinator for only one month now, but in that one short month, I've been privileged to meet volunteers every week! Whether you are a new volunteer with AIDS Network or a long-time supporter, it never ceases to impress me how generous and willing you are with your time!

Special attention this week goes, again, to the client support services requests. There is one client, in particular, who is very eager for technical assistance on his laptop. And a new request this week from Rock County- a client will buy your ticket to Great America in exchange for a ride there. Sounds like a great day to me!

I wish you a safe and fun weekend,

Katie Childs
Development and Volunteer Coordinator

Quote of the Week

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.

- Carl Jung
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[ACT 8: Register Today!](#)

26 days until ACT 8- the Wisconsin AIDS Ride!!! **July 29th through August 1st** are destined to be four of the best days of your year. If you haven't yet registered, visit www.actride.org today to learn more. We are looking for **CREW**, who are there all four days, making sure everything about the ride—from dinners, to camp set-up, to crossing highways- runs smoothly (except the bikes, [Willy Bikes](#) takes care of that!) Last year, ACT 7 raised over \$300,000 for AIDS Network and we're hoping to surpass that record setting total again this year. Check out www.actride.org for more details about the ride, including registration info.

For those of you out there who can't commit to all four days of the ride, don't worry! You can be a **day volunteer**, coming out to help for a few hours at opening ceremony, camp, pit stops, and/or closing ceremony. To register as a day volunteer, contact me at kchilds@aidsnetwork.org or download our day volunteer form [here!](#)

[Front Desk Shift Openings](#)

Substitute list: Thank you to the volunteers who have already volunteered their names or our sub list! We need to create a "substitute list" of volunteers often available mid-day and willing to be called when the scheduled volunteer has to cancel at the last minute. If you are willing to have your name on the sub list, please email me. We greatly appreciate it!

Also, we are looking for volunteers to cover the following shifts:

- Wednesday, July 7, 5:00-6:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 14, 10:00 am -1:00 pm

Please contact me at kchilds@aidsnetwork.org if you are free and available!

Volunteer Reports

Each year, AIDS Network volunteers perform thousands of invaluable hours of work in outreach, client services, special events, and office support for the organization. For monitoring and evaluation purposes, we ask that you please submit **a report of your volunteer hours** at the end of each month. Information from volunteer reports is summarized anonymously for our funding sources so we can let them know about the excellent work our volunteers do on behalf of the agency. Volunteer reports also provide you a forum to comment on the quality of your volunteer experience and to offer suggestions for new programs and activities. You can fill out the quick, convenient online form **here**.

Client Support Services

- 1) A client about 20 miles east of Madison is looking for some help maintaining his lawn and garden. He's struggling with chronic fatigue and could really use some help with raking, brush removal and some landscaping/planting projects. Let **me** know if you're interested in helping out. Thanks!
- 2) Have a truck? Ready to help move a mattress? We have a volunteer with a mattress and a client who needs it. If you can help bring them together, please let **me** know!
- 3) Handy around the house? A client on the East Side is looking for some help with home improvement projects in his apartment. If you can lend a helping hand, let **me** know. Thanks!
- 4) Computer savvy? We have several computer/technology requests:
 - There is a client who is looking for a bit of help with learning his way around his new computer and Windows Vista.
 - We also have another client who would like to create a web site and is looking for someone to teach her about Photoshop 7 and Dreamweaver CS3. She has been trying to learn on her own, but would like some assistance.
 - A client is having some issues with his laptop and is in need of assistance. Let **me** know if you can help with any clients. Thanks!
- 5) We have a client in Madison who is currently seeking employment, but would like some help updating his resume and perhaps teaching him some basic computer skills. If you are interested in helping, please contact **me**. Thanks!

6) A client on the South Side of Madison needs some help around her house with laundry and other basic housekeeping activities. If you are available to help, contact **me**. Thanks!

7) There is a client who lives on the East side off of Sherman Ave that is looking for a ride to a mental health appointment on July 16th. His appointment is at 8am and needs to be there at 7:45am for registration. The appointment is on Science Drive (West side of town). Please let **me** know soon if you're available!

8) Live in Beloit? Willing to drive to Beloit? One of our clients in Beloit needs help moving some furniture. Both a truck and labor are needed. The furniture is being moved within Beloit. If you are willing and able, please let **me** know!

9) We have a client who needs a new bed, preferably king or queen size because of his height. If you are getting rid of, or have an extra, mattress and box spring set, please let **me** know!

10) There is a client in Rock County who loves to go to Great America, but cannot drive. He will pay your way if you drive. Up for it? Contact **me**!

Prevention and Outreach

If you haven't already checked it out, visit the AIDS Network [Prevention blog](#) for articles and links to all things preventative!

Food Pantry Opportunities

Tuesday Inventory Restocking Volunteers (lifting required!)

Our food pantry has been a vital resource for our clients since opening last August, surpassing our expectations. With demand high, we consistently need to replenish our pantry levels and are looking for a few volunteers to help on a regular or occasional basis with unpacking deliveries from Second Harvest Food Bank and restocking our pantry. Deliveries are on Tuesdays, but not every Tuesday. We are looking for volunteers to cover shifts from around 8:30-10 a.m. and 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (or until restocking is complete). Let **me** know if you're able to help. Thanks!

Substitute volunteers needed!

1) August 11th, from 3:00-6:30. Duties involve filling food pantry orders. Light lifting is required.

2) Another substitute is needed for Wednesday, July 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Please email **me** if you are available. Thanks!

Wednesday Drop-In Prevention Volunteer Group

Feel free to stop by from 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday to help AIDS Network prepare prevention materials in fun, relaxed atmosphere. See you next week!

HIV/AIDS Empowerment Project in Rwanda

One of our volunteers in Madison works alongside micro-businesses in Rwanda that employ women with HIV/AIDS. They are looking for some places to ship and sell hand-crafted baskets. Any potential contacts or recommendations would be appreciated. For more details please contact Christina Roberts at [**christina@madisonvineyard.com**](mailto:christina@madisonvineyard.com). Thanks!

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