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Volunteer News

You protect. You encompass. You embolden. You empower.

Hello Friends,

April brought more than showers to Vista Maria's campus last month! We had an amazing Volunteer Week, with 55 volunteers contributing 165 hours of service! You really showed up for us and completed several big projects, from painting and landscaping to delivering treats and inflating a sea of purple balloons.

During Volunteer Week and all throughout the year, we are so grateful to have an amazing corps of dedicated community members who will answer the call and show up to help Vista Maria and our kids, whenever you are needed! Thank you for always saying "yes"!

Even after a busy Volunteer Week, we're not slowing down! There is a lot of great stuff on the horizon, so be sure to read on for more info about how you can be involved.

Jessica

Jessica Marcetti, MA, CVA
Senior Manager, Community Engagement

Volunteer Opportunity: George Blaha's High Hopes Golf Invitational

Each year, volunteers are what make our fundraising events successful!

Help us raise funds to support our life-changing programs by volunteering at this year's High Hopes Golf Invitational.

Are you available to help on May 15th?

We need volunteers to:

1. Sell raffle tickets



[Contact Maddie Phillips](#) for more info!

2. Assist with golf games (dart board, longest drive, and golf canon)
3. Pack up and move auction items

[Or Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Volunteer Opportunity: Campus Beautification



Looking for a great team-building exercise for your corporate or social group? Come to Vista Maria and help us keep our facilities beautiful and comforting for our youth. Projects could include weeding, mulching, planting flowers, painting (indoor and outdoor) and a variety of other needs around campus.

To best support our facilities team, projects are available with at least 30 days' notice, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, for at least 4 hours.

Contact Maddie Phillips at 313-271-3050 ext. 221 or mphillips@vistamaria.org.

Volunteer Opportunity: Recreation Supplies Organizers for Rose Hall

We are looking for a volunteer who loves to organize that can keep our recreation closet tidy and well stocked with art supplies, games, and independent leisure resources in one of our residential halls.

The volunteer requirements:

- Local and able to travel to campus in Dearborn Heights
- Available once per week from the hours of 9am-5pm and Monday-Friday
- Able to stand, bend, and lift up to 20 pounds



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Donation Needs: Large Duffle Bags & Face Cleanser

There are two products we currently need:

Duffle bags

They must be brand new and at least 60L capacity. Help our kids move on to their next chapter with enough room to pack their important belongings!

Face Wash

We have some sensitive skin on campus that needs extra care. Help us provide the right products for our kids' skin, so they can feel their best!



Both of these items (and more!) are available on our Target & Amazon lists:

[Shop Target](#)

[Shop Amazon](#)

SOAP Up Troy Hotel Outreach Event



Hosted by MAP's Troy Community Group!

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Bridge Community Church

5700 Rochester Road Troy, MI 48085

*We will be visiting hotels throughout Auburn Hills and Pontiac.

[Register Now](#)

Join us to educate hotels on how to spot signs of human trafficking and hand out bars of soap with the national human trafficking hotline number along with missing children posters. About 80% of all trafficking occurs at hotels/motels, and many victims will see a bar of soap in their room, which could be a lifeline to freedom.

We will label hotel bar soaps and deliver them to select area hotels, along with missing children's posters and critical information about identifying human trafficking.

All volunteers must be trained (provided on-site) and at least 16 years of age to attend the outreach with parental permission.

Welcome Megan!

Last week, we welcomed our new CEO, Megan Zambiasi, in style! Our youth created a personalized welcome banner for her, and we jammed out to some Motown tunes while Megan had a chance to meet and greet with our staff and volunteers. It was a perfect ending to an inspiring Volunteer Week!

To see more great pictures like this, you can follow Megan on Instagram:

[@fearlessheartsvm](#)



Volunteer Spotlight: Volunteer Week 2023!

How could we choose just one volunteer group to highlight this month? During Volunteer Week, we had 55 volunteers contribute 165 hours of service to Vista Maria! We are so grateful for your zeal and your dedication to the youth and families we serve!



New & Happening at Vista Maria:

Family Driven Youth Engagement

Family engagement benefits all youth and their families. Youth achieve better results with a strong, loving, and caring support system. Involved and engaged parents create home environments that encourage learning and high self-esteem. Youth also show higher aspirations and motivation when their families are involved. We strive to find a permanent family environment for all our children because we believe everyone deserves a family.

Families are
the *experts*
on what is
needed for
their families
to thrive



Check out our new video to learn more about our Family Driven Youth Engagement Model and how our treatment team is helping youth and families achieve their goals.

Save Our Dates!



Join us at one of our signature events this spring and summer!

Whether you play a round of golf, join us for dinner, or volunteer to help make each event a success, we hope to see you there!

Visit vistamaria.org/events to register or learn more!

Upcoming Events:

George Blaha's High Hopes Golf Outing

Monday, May 15, at Tam-O-Shanter Country Club

Ford Purchasing Golf Outing

Monday, June 5, at Dearborn Country Club

Fearless Heart Gala

Thursday, July 13, at One Campus Martius

Women Fore! Women

Tuesday, August 8, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center

Empowerment Lunch

Tuesday, September 12, at the Detroit Athletic Club

Dolly Drive

Thursday, October 12, at Detroit Shipping Company

Stay in Touch!

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