Volunteers Needed for Independent Health Foundation’s Good for the Neighborhood Events in Niagara County

Independent Health’s Good for the Neighborhood hosts this event four times a year at the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building, 3001-9th Street in Niagara Falls. One or two volunteers are needed to help at each of the upcoming events on:

Thursday, March 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM
Thursday, May 23 from 5:30-7:30 PM

About 100 people attend these events and the volunteer can provide our Emergency Preparedness materials and an incentive gift as well as talk to the families about how to be better prepared for an emergency or disaster.

If you are interested in helping at either of these events, please contact Valerie Haseley, Niagara County Project Coordinator, at 205-0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu. Thank you.
We're looking forward to some wonderful spring events with the City of Buffalo Public Schools! Border Community SERVICE just attended a health and safety fair at the George E. Blackman School in February and we are looking forward to attend informational festivals at The Build Academy, Lydia Wright and East High in the near future.

We’re also taking part in the March 14th Good for the Neighborhood event located at 151 Vermont Avenue from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Good for the Neighborhood is an Independent Health initiative that offers communities one stop shopping for healthy living information and educational information. Attendees can get health screenings, cooking demonstrations and literature and giveaways from various organizations. If you've never had the opportunity to attend a Good for the Neighborhood night, stop on by! We’re proud to be a part of these events in both the City of Buffalo and in Niagara Falls!

BCS is also planning on visiting Pine Harbor Apartments in March. It’s been several years since we’ve been there so we’re looking forward to once again visiting. We’re also already signed up for the Clean Sweep initiative and the Bidwell Farmers Market, both which will be starting shortly!

Please let me know of any other opportunities for presentations in the City of Buffalo. We’re always looking to spread the preparedness word.

Every year, it's the same range of emotions — dismay at losing an hour of sleep on the weekend, then joy once you realize you'll be seeing daylight more and more often. Yes, daylight saving time is almost here!

The date for the spring time change is March 10, 2013, when at approximately 2 a.m. clocks will switch to 3 a.m. and the world will become a brighter (or at least hopefully sunnier) place in the morning.

Welcome spring!!!
During the month of February, a presentation on FEMA’s “Ready Campaign” was given to case managers at the Niagara County Community Action Program in Niagara Falls. The employees were provided information on emergency preparedness, which they can use for their own families and educate their clients as well.

On March 5th, Supervisory Agent Christopher L. Griffiths with the Niagara Falls Border Patrol Station gave a presentation that provided a clear understanding of what the Border Patrol mission is and how it is accomplished locally. The presentation also helped raise awareness of border safety issues in our area. This was a well attended event by both CERT members and community members.

Please contact Valerie Haseley at 716.205.0076 or vhaseley@niagara.edu if you would like to have a presentation scheduled with your group.

SMART Training

The following information has been provided by Pati Aine Guzinski
If you are interested in attending any of these upcoming sessions, please contact Pati Aine

SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - March 2013

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Dates may change due to participation in community events / drills/ exercises.
All classes will be held at the Erie County Fire Training Academy
3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

In an effort to facilitate an optimum training environment and experience, class size may be limited.

Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Every effort will be made to send out session specific information, including the pre-registration form, at least 2 weeks before each session.

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