

Vision



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a brand new academic year! We are looking forward to an exciting fall semester with many opportunities here in Volunteer Services. Before going any further, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Stephanie Strauser and I am

the new graduate assistant for Volunteer Services. I received my undergraduate education in psychology at Waynesburg University. While at Waynesburg, I was a part of Habitat for Humanity and volunteered with various organizations. My

alternative spring breaks took me to a deaf school in Mexico and Belize, where I helped create a literacy camp and build a playground. I am anticipating a great year here and I look forward to meeting you. Please feel free to visit the office at any time!

September Events:

9/5/09– Kings Gap Volunteer Work Day 9:00-12:00	9/11/09– National Day of Service	9/21/09– South Mtn. Restoration Center Runs to 11/17/09
9/9/09– Volunteer Service Fair 11:00-2:00	9/14/09 & 9/16/09– Big Brothers Big Sisters Informational Meeting	9/26/09– Kings Gap Volunteer Work Day 9:00-12:00

Fairs, Fairs, Fairs!

The starting theme in the VSO has been fairs! The first fair was the new faculty mid-way, held on August 26th, where we were able to meet brand new faculty and discuss ideas for service learning. New faculty member, Karen Johnson, who is the Associate Director of the Learning Center, will be getting her students involved by incorporating a service component in her classes. Our hope is that other faculty members will follow her lead and also decide to take advantage of service learning opportunities.

The Activities Fair was an-

other success with beautiful weather and a good response from students. There was a lot of interest in both on campus mentoring programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Ship to Ship. At the end of the day, 71 students had signed up for general interest in volunteering. It was exciting and encouraging to talk with so many students who want to make an impact in the lives of others. We are looking forward to seeing what these students will achieve throughout the course of the year.

On September 9th we held our second annual Volunteer

Fair in the CUB. There were 19 different community organizations represented, along with 10 on-campus groups. Students were able to talk directly with project supervisors to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Many of the service sites have the potential to become internships for students and could eventually lead to employment. Volunteer hours give students a chance to network, build skills, and develop a sense of civic responsibility.

We are overwhelmed with the success and high turnout of these three events.



Above: Students learn about ways to make a difference at the Volunteer Fair.

New VISTA

My name is Marie Hathaway. I am a recent SU graduate and the 2009-2010 AmeriCorps VISTA in the Volunteer Service Office. VISTA stands for Volunteers in Service to America. The VISTA program places volunteers at organizations throughout the country to develop and coordinate community volunteer programs. I primarily coordinate the Ship to Ship mentoring program and the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania. Ship to Ship is a mentoring program

that pairs Shippensburg University Students with Shippensburg High School students and encourages the younger students to volunteer in their community, appreciate diversity, and plan for post-secondary education opportunities. The Scholars in Service to PA is an AmeriCorps program that gives an educational award to students who successfully complete 300 or 450 hours of community service in one year. While these two programs are my main focus, I

also help the Volunteer Service Office plan events, recruit and place volunteers, and work with faculty members to develop service learning projects. Having grown up in the town of Shippensburg and graduated from this university, I feel strong ties to both communities. My goal for this year is to help people and organizations from the town and the university reach out to one another and grow together.



“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr

Big Brothers Big Sisters Gets Underway

Hi, my name is Amanda Pine and I am this year’s Big Brothers Big Sisters Coordinator for Shippensburg University. I am thrilled to be working with BBBS this year, and we are already starting off strong with the cooperation of two of the area schools, Nancy Grayson Elementary and

James Burd Elementary. We are hoping to get the ball rolling with match-ups as soon as all of the paper work is filled out. We had such a tremendous response at the Activities Fair, held on Sunday, August 30th, that we may need to pair two ‘bigs’ up to every ‘little’ until we have more children.

My goal this year is to have the bigs and littles matched-up by the end of the fall semester so that we can begin mentoring by the beginning of the spring semester. I look forward to having a great year with BBBS.

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October Events:

10/3/09 – Kings Gap Volunteer Work Day 9:00-12:00	10/9/09 & 10/23/09 Friday Night Out YMCA 6-9pm	10/17/09 - YMCA Dodge Ball Refs 8am-4pm
10/3/09 – The Silence of Mary Home Service Trip	10/10/09 -10/13/09 FALL BREAK	
10/3/09 - Rails to Trails 5k & Hike	10/15/09 – The Arc Social	

For more info about any September or October events, contact vso@ship.edu

