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## **iVolunteer Calendar**

*Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities & Special Events on and off campus*

# *September*

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**Worldwide Day of Play for Kids**

**Saturday September 24, 2011**

**11AM-3PM**

**Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta State University**

**David S. Waller Unit**

Food, games, bounce houses, entertainment from greek organizations, children vs. adult races, and so much more! Come enjoy this day filled with fun!

*Want to volunteer?*

**Arrive at 9AM**

**Valious Smith, Special Projects Coordinator**

**Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta, Inc.**

**[vsmith@bgcvaldosta.org](mailto:vsmith@bgcvaldosta.org) or 229-242-0676**

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**VSU Monthly Blood Drive**

**Sponsored by VSU ROTC and American Red Cross**

**Tuesday September 27, 2011**

**12:30-5:30PM**

**VSU Student Union Ballroom**

***Take the time to give blood and save LIVES!!!!***

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## HELP SOMEONE LEARN TO READ

Literacy Volunteer Program

We need volunteer tutors!

LEARNERS: CALL 333 -7515 (leave your name and number).

Literacy Bowl...our fundraiser. You may still pledge/donate to improve adult literacy. Send a check to LVP, 221 S. Ashley Street, Valdosta 31601

(If you are interested in learning more about this fundraiser, e-mail [daltobello@sgrl.org](mailto:daltobello@sgrl.org).)

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## Help Deliver Meals for Homebound People

*The Break Bread Together Ministry of First Presbyterian is in need of volunteers who can help sort and/or deliver meals on the weekdays (Monday-Friday, except holidays). Presently, we have a waiting list of those in need of meals, but are unable to handle the requests without additional volunteers.*

*If you, your church group, or civic organization is interested in assisting with this important ministry to the Valdosta community, please contact Susan Sheridan, Break Bread Coordinator, at 229-249-0779.*

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## Rivers Alive Clean-UP Saturday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

KLVB will be hosting Georgia's 20th annual Rivers Alive clean-up. We have 7 locations in which volunteers can be assigned to help clean up our local rivers and streams. This year we have **multiple sites conveniently located near campus** for easy student volunteer access. Any person or organization that would like to volunteer with River Alive is asked to contact either Aaron Strickland [atastrickland@valdostacity.com](mailto:atastrickland@valdostacity.com) or Kelli Cody at [KLVBintern@valdostacity.com](mailto:KLVBintern@valdostacity.com) and we will place student volunteers at one of our 7 locations.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Jacobs' Ladder Therapeutic Riding Center** in Hahira needs volunteers to help with special needs riders.

Please call Leslie at (229) 794-1188.

See the website for a lot more information:

<http://www.jacobsladderriding.com>

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***Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Georgia*** is accepting volunteer and client applications for both of its One-to-One mentoring programs!

Big Sisters are waiting for little girls in the Valdosta area (Ages 5 to 14 who lack two involved parents/guardians in the home). Big Brothers are needed as well !

***If you would like to be a member of the Valdosta board, call the number below.***

To be referred, please contact Enrollment and Matching Manager Melinee Calhoun, 866-614-4215, <http://www.southgabbbs.org>

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### **Volunteer at Dolly Parton concert with the Zeta's**

**Zeta Phi Beta graduate chapter Zeta Sigma Zeta will be at Wild Adventures volunteering for the Any students in search of community service please join us and we will be more than happy to sign off on hours for you.**

**Contact Loren Bass at [lbass@valdosta.edu](mailto:lbass@valdosta.edu) for more details and to confirm your assistance.**

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## Valdosta Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

If your group is interested in helping to take pledges for a run or promote a talent show please come out and support your local MS Support Group at the monthly meeting.

Please send an email to us at:  
[valdostamssupportgroup@gmail.com](mailto:valdostamssupportgroup@gmail.com) or check out our  
new website [www.valmssgroup.com](http://www.valmssgroup.com)

## Join the advocates for mental health services in Georgia –

2011 has become increasingly challenging for persons needing services for mental illnesses and addictive diseases, and for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities in the State of Georgia. DBHDD Planning Board advocates are currently becoming very active with our Community Service Boards, Georgia Alliance on Mental Illness, law enforcement, county commissioners, the courts, consumers and other stakeholders to speak with one voice for the survival and improvement of access to DBHDD information and services in our region.

Interested persons may contact Linda Floyd at [lfloyd@valdosta.edu](mailto:lfloyd@valdosta.edu) .

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**American Cancer Society**  
**1-800-227-2345**  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

There are many resources through these avenues and the 800 # is "live" 365 days a year, 24 hours a day!!

The American Cancer Society in this area is looking for volunteers to help with the Road To Recovery and Reach To Recovery Programs.

A Reach To Recovery volunteer needs to have completed their treatment for breast cancer in order to be trained as a Reach To Recovery volunteer.

**Reach to Recovery** for women in this area who have had breast cancer, a program designed to help them cope with their cancer experience and assists with transportation to and from treatment.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these programs, please contact Ashley Braswell at 229-834-0709 or 1-800-227-2345.

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## Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful

is a non-profit organization always looking for volunteers to help out on various environmental and beautification projects and events all through the year. For a list of upcoming events and dates, please visit the Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful website at: [www.klvb.net](http://www.klvb.net)

The Adopt-A-Road program is an ongoing community service opportunity offered through Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful for organizations and businesses to adopt a portion of a road to keep clean throughout the year.

For more information on events, meetings, Adopt-A-Road, or signing up to volunteer, call or email Aaron Strickland at (229) 671-2499 or [astrickland@lowndescounty.com](mailto:astrickland@lowndescounty.com)

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## Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities:

**New volunteer opportunity:** Serve as receptionist in the Habitat office on Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday and Friday.

### Family Supporter

Family Supporters must have good people skills and understand the difference between empowering and enabling and understand the importance of confidentiality.

Supporters will be a friend and information source for our Habitat families. They will assist families throughout the entire process of becoming homeowners by answering questions, helping plan Dedication Celebrations, providing follow-up explanations of Homeownership Skills class materials, and identifying other community resources. Once a family moves into their new home the Supporter will maintain contact during the first year as family faces the challenges of homeownership.

Training is provided for Family Supporters.

**Office Angels (Monday–Friday 9am–4pm):** Answer phone, Greet visitors, Perform office duties

**ReStore (Tuesday–Saturday 9 to 4):** Display, sort & price stock, Assist customers, Test & repair large appliances

**Jobsite (Tuesday–Saturday 8am–4pm):** Help build houses, Serve as Site Host/Hostess, Paint, Landscape, Provide meals, Clean up

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**Serve on a committee:** Church Relations, Construction, Family Selection, Family Support

**Lunch providers for worksites needed**

**Dinner site volunteers needed for campus groups coming during their spring breaks.**

For more information, contact Richard Hart: 242-3468, 563-1253 or Christine Nash: 245-1330 ext. 27, [volunteerhabitat@bellsouth.net](mailto:volunteerhabitat@bellsouth.net)

For more information visit our website: [www.valdostahabitat.org](http://www.valdostahabitat.org)

To volunteer contact Volunteer Coordinator by e-mail: Christine Nash, [volunteerhabitat@bellsouth.net](mailto:volunteerhabitat@bellsouth.net) or phone: 229-245-1330, ext 27.

## **Habitat ReStore**

...is open to the public every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It is at 2010 East Cypress St. For sale are donated new and used home improvement materials, furniture, appliances, and much more. Donations to the store are tax deductible. All sales proceeds benefit Valdosta-Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity and are used to help further the mission of building affordable housing for people in need.

**Workers needed for ReStore...must be able to withstand variations of temperature...**

For more information, call the store manager, Bill Ray, at 229-247-8513.



**Volunteer at Second Harvest of South Georgia,  
a member of Feeding America**

Food Bank volunteer hours are as follows:  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday- Wednesday  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday

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9:00 AM -12:00 noon Friday  
8:00 AM -12:00 noon, one Saturday a month (please call for dates)

Special appointments should be made for groups of ten or more.

We are always in need of volunteers.

Please call to schedule all volunteer work and/or for more information at 244-2678 ext.  
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## **Mildred Hunter Community Center**

All participants must pay an annual membership fee for the Mildred Hunter Community Center.

**The membership fee is as follows:**

**Adults 18 and up: \$30.00 per year**

**Seniors 50 and up : \$12.00 per year or \$1.00 per month**

This membership fee will give you access to all of our recreational programs. Memberships will not cover evening instructional programs (Sewing Classes, Computer Classes, Karate Program, or Basketball Leagues). All participants must also complete and sign an active membership waiver form before participating in any center activity or program.

For more information contact Andre Newson @ 259-5437 or 259-5407.

If you would like to register in classes at the center, or **serve as a volunteer** contact Andre Newson at the Mildred Hunter Center, 229-259-5407 or 259-5437

### **Programs offered:**

**Homework Assistance**, a tutoring program for the youth in the City of Valdosta that helps in excelling in academics. This meets Monday-Thursday afternoons from 3:00-5:45 and Friday afternoons from 3:00-4:45.

**African Culture & Dance Class** is a learning program taught by Iye Kargbo designed to teach about the African culture and show different styles in dance to children ages 5-12. This program meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00-6:45.

**Marching Pride Drill Team**, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, This program helps young men in all communities to learn and build self-esteem, character and motivation. Age group is 7 to 16.

**Phazes Modeling Troupe**, is a posing program for teenagers in middle school and high school designed to show basic modeling skills. This program starts 1/27/11, meets Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:45 & Saturday mornings from 11:30-12:30.

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**Young Ladies' Circle of Ambitions** provides guidance, mentors, and cultivates young ladies into successful women. The young ladies will participate in group mentoring that will include guest speakers, workshops that are educational, and community service that promotes healthy living and productive lifestyles. Program meets twice a month, from 11am-12pm.

**Intervention Guidance Mentoring Program** is a mentoring program for youth and teenagers ages 11-18 to help in dealing with life, goals, conflict, and character to become model citizens. This program meets the every Tuesday evening beginning at 6.

**Senior Health Education** involves walking, exercising, and interacting with other seniors to give them a chance to listen to guest speakers and about remaining in good health. Michael Foster and Courtnee Hawkins are coordinating this class. Program meets twice a month, Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00am-11:00am.

**Senior Social** is a socializing program for older participants to come together for eating, fellowship, and/or playing Bingo for tallies. It starts 1/26/11, and meets on the last Wednesday from 11:30-12:30pm.

**Free Sewing Classes**

Monday and Tuesday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM -Ages 15 and older