

## The Latest News from

ASTD Greater Atlanta, Community Involvement Group

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### Looking forward to a fall season full of volunteer opportunities!

Got news? [Submit](#) your news to share with our group.

### CONFERENCE CALL HIGHLIGHTS

#### September 17, 2010

- ✓ **Cecil Fricano** gave an update on the background of upcoming volunteer projects with Habitat for Humanity Atlanta including a Word class for Habitat staff to be taught in late October or early November and a computer education class for homeowners scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. **We need help with these projects!** If you want to get involved, email [Cecil](#).
- ✓ Greater Atlanta ASTD incoming President, **Mark Myette** spent some time listening in to the conference call to get a firsthand feel to what the group does. He then explained what he hoped would be the continuation of great support for community services within the Chapter. He expressed heartfelt appreciation for our dedication and effort. He also noted that recently the chapter was recognized by ASTD National for efforts around our community involvement - specifically, we were awarded a Chapter Excellence Award. He will be accepting the award on behalf of the chapter at the Leadership Conference coming at the end of this month.

**Don't forget to join us for the next conference call scheduled for Friday, October 15, 9-9:30 am.  
Toll-free dial-in number: (888) 295-6951, Conference code: 7851936107**

### ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS & EVENTS -THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

#### Food Drive Update



Our food drive is up and running now. We are on our way toward our goal of 600 items donated by our 600 members to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Here is where we stand: to date we collected 21 items from SIGs & 26 items GIGs and 215 from the last Chapter meetings, bringing us to almost half way to our goal.

**Want to participate in the Food Drive?** Simply bring non-perishable food items to any ASTD gathering whether it's a SIG/GIG or Chapter meeting so your contribution can be included in our overall count. Donations will be then brought to the next chapter meeting. After each Chapter meeting, an assigned person from the Community Involvement committee will take the donations to the ACFB.

We will keep you updated via the ASTD website and ongoing Chapter meetings throughout the remainder of the year with our progress against our goal.

Finally, we ask that register for the December 9<sup>th</sup> Volunteer event at the ACFB. We will once again be sorting items to help keep the product rescue center distributing food during the holidays and throughout the year. Thank you in advance for you participation

**Mark your calendars!** On December 9, 2010, ASTD Chapter members will participate in a volunteer event at the ACFB. See how the donated food is distributed through the product rescue center. Not only does the center distribute food during the holidays but all year long. Plan to join us on this day of service. For more Information, contact [Susan Johnson](#). --Contributed by Susan Johnson

**View all** ASTD Greater Atlanta volunteer opportunities on the new and improved [ASTD Chapter website](#).

## **RESOURCES, LINKS & ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Employers may be overlooking an important side effect of turnover: losing the knowledge of Millennial Generation workers. Read [Focusing Knowledge Retention on Millennials](#) on Workforce Management.

In Bloomberg Business Week, read: [6 ways CEOs can inspire creativity ways](#).

How to design a training program that works. Read the article on [SmartBlog on Workforce](#).

Down with fun: The depressing vogue for having fun at work from the Economist online. [Read the article](#).

There are several myths that persist about performance. Read [Dispelling Performance Myths](#) on Talent Management online.

Read the article on Management Excellence: [You're good, but do you have it in you to be great?](#)

*Have a resource or article to share? Group members are welcome to [submit](#) their links.*

## **POSTSCRIPT!**

Don't forget to join our **ASTD Community Involvement [LinkedIn group](#)**, a subgroup of ASTD Greater Atlanta to view the latest news from the group, post your news, and keep up with the conversation.

**We need reporters! Attending an ASTD SIG or GIG event?** Let your group members know what happened and get them interested in participating. [Submit](#) a brief update of the event to be included in a future newsletter. **Attending a volunteer event?** Share your pictures and give us a [brief update](#) to be included in a future newsletter. Share your excitement!

**Call for your submissions.** Would you like to submit an article, whitepaper, event, or information to be included in the twice-monthly ASTD Atlanta Chapter E-Blast? Email [Karen Sieczka](#) for more information on submission guidelines or to submit your items.

*Group members are welcome to submit news, articles, and information for distribution in the group news at any time!*

**"SEE" YOU NEXT MONTH!**