

September/October 2011

ASTD Greater Atlanta Chapter Community Involvement Group News

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Conference Call Highlights

September 9, 2011 (No October Call)

Please note: the Community Involvement Group Conference Call time is now 12pm -12:30pm on the second Friday of each month. Toll-free dial-in number: (888) 295-6951, Conference code: 7851936107.

Our next call is November 11th. Add our monthly conference call to your calendar as a recurring appointment to keep up on the latest volunteer opportunities and community involvement projects.

- ☑ Congrats to Jennifer Williams, who was voted in as the 2012 VP of Community Involvement.
- ☑ Thanks again to Susan Johnson for coordinating the Food Drive! At the ACE Conference, we collected 198 items – moving us closer to our annual goal! She gave us some great information about the December ACFB Product Recovery Center event on Thursday, December 1st! Mark your calendars and look for more information and registration at www.astdatlanta.org
- ✓ Many thanks to Karen Sieczka for her continuing efforts with communication around Community Involvement – if you haven't seen the latest newsletter yet, take a look at: http://astdatlcig.weebly.com/newsletters.html
- ✓ Volunteers needed for Goodwill partnership! Cindy Smith continues her efforts to create a partnership with Goodwill – we are working closely with them to create a project plan for offering facilitators and to update their training materials. Carey Garback has offered to help coordinate the project and we need facilitators and other volunteers! If you're interested, contact <u>Cecil</u>. For more information about their Career Centers, visit their <u>website</u>. Also note that Goodwill has a free site for online learning – check it out at: <u>www.gcflearningfree.org</u>

✓ Thanks to Dave Adelman for his volunteerism and participation – he gave a great plug for the rewards of volunteering – thanks!

2012ASTD Atlanta Community Involvement Volunteer Opportunities

2012 is just around the corner and Community Involvement needs you to keep doing all the great volunteering service. Won't you consider one of the great opportunities we have available?

Habitat for Humanity Basic Computer Training Chair

- Lead Homeowner Computer Training Project
- Work as a liaison between ASTD Atlanta and Atlanta Habitat for Humanity
- Manage and maintain communication for Members/Volunteers and Habitat
- Help to Recruit and maintain a team of volunteers\contributors for the Habitat projects

Atlanta Community Food Bank Project Chair

- Coordinate Food Drive collection and day of service events
- Work as a liaison between ASTD Atlanta and ACFB
- Manage and maintain communication for Members/Volunteers and Partners

Community Involvement Communication's Committee Chair

• Coordinate and disseminate all communications for Community Involvement activities

Add leadership and/ or management experience to your resume. Volunteer with Community Involvement; contact Jennifer Williams, 2012 VP of Community Involvement, at (770) 815-3447 or jwilliams@insurancehouse.com for more information on how you can become a volunteer.

Habitat Computer Training

We need volunteers for the Homeowner computer training session on Tuesday, November 29th from 5:00-9:00pm, including:

- (4) Facilitators
- (12) Technology Partners (TP)
- 3 (TP) Alternates

If you are interested in volunteering for this class, please send email <u>Jennifer Williams</u> by Friday, October 28th.

The volunteer efforts of the ASTD Atlanta members is very impressive and we couldn't do all that we do without you! Thank you for your continued support and efforts – we appreciate you!

Upcoming 2011 Habitat Homeowner computer class dates:

- ☑ Tuesday, November 29, 5-9pm
- ☑ Thursday, December 8, 5-9pm (Note: this is a different date than originally scheduled)

Mark your calendars and plan to help us with the training in support of the Habitat for Humanity families. Please <u>email</u> Jennifer Williams, the ASTD Habitat Project Chair, to get involved. Sign up for one or multiple dates. *Also make plans for volunteering for classes in 2012.*

Food Drive Stats



You still have time to contribute to the Food Drive. Bring canned food items to every ASTD meeting you attend throughout the rest of the year, including SIG's and GIG's.

An evening of service for

ACFB is scheduled for Chapter members on December 1, from 6-8:30pm. Register for the event through the <u>Atlanta</u> <u>ASTD website</u> or email <u>Susan Johnson</u>, Food Drive Chair, for more information.

ASTDATLCIG Website



Check out the ASTD Atlanta Community Involvement Group (ASTDATLCIG) <u>website</u> for easy to access volunteer information, newsletter archives, training

documents, templates, and much more.

Want to read a previous edition of the Group's newsletter? Visit the archives and download newsletters at our <u>ASTD</u> <u>ATL CIG newsletter</u> archive page.

Why volunteer?

First of all, what's the **WIIFY** (*what's in it for you*)? Although you don't get paid for your efforts, the nonmonetary rewards are many. Add to your existing job skills, network, and make a difference within the community. If you know an organization that could benefit from our members' workplace training and performance expertise, <u>email</u> us.

Our Community Involvement Group has partnerships with many different organizations in the Atlanta Metro area, ranging from Goodwill of North Georgia and Atlanta Habitat for Humanity to the Atlanta Community Food Bank to Dress for Success. Some of the opportunities are on-going and some are one-time events.

We even have volunteer opportunities for you to work from your computer. In addition, the Chapter's SIGs and GIGs have many volunteer positions available. You can find information listed on the <u>ASTD Atlanta website</u>. Or email <u>Cecil Fricano</u>, VP of Community Involvement. You'll be glad you did!

P.S.

Follow the Greater Atlanta Chapter on <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u>. You can also join our **ASTD Community Involvement** <u>LinkedIn group</u>, a subgroup of ASTD Greater Atlanta to view the latest news from the group, post your news, ask questions, and keep up with the conversation.

Attending an ASTD SIG or GIG event? Attending a volunteer event? We need reporters! Share your pictures and give us a <u>brief update</u> to be included in a future newsletter. Share your excitement about volunteering with the rest of the Chapter!

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

"See" you next month!