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# Discover Volunteerism

CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER | JULY/AUGUST 2009

## Volunteer Spotlight

*The work of volunteers  
impacts on all our lives,  
even if we are not  
aware of it.*

~Anthony Worrall-Thompson



*Margo Hunter (third from left) with Douglass seniors.*

### Margo Hunter

Congratulations to Margo Hunter for being June's Volunteer of the Month. Margo has been volunteering with the Champaign Park District's Douglass seniors for several months, teaching them how to paint wonderful pictures on canvas. After her initial commitment ended, Margo took it upon herself to come out and do additional classes. Not only did she teach these classes, but she also offered one-on-one help afterwards. Overall, Margo volunteered a great amount of time and she showed a great deal of patience in working with our seniors. Margo's dedication and help makes her ideal for June's Volunteer of the Month!

### Michele Maeder

Congratulations to July's Volunteer of the Month, Michele Maeder. Michele has contributed over 70 hours of her time to the Youth Theatre program, assisting with Beauty and the Beast Jr. and Annie Jr. Michele went above and beyond as a volunteer, as she was always there to lend a hand. Whether that meant coming to rehearsal early, coming to extra work calls, or helping run our events – she was there. For Annie Jr., she volunteered at every week night rehearsal. She helped keep us stay organized and did anything the directors needed during rehearsals. It's thanks to dedication like Michele's that our new Youth Theatre program has been so successful this year; we couldn't do it without her!



### Taste of Champaign-Urbana Volunteers

The Taste of C-U was a major success thanks to our excellent volunteers! We had 104 different people help throughout the weekend, ranging from families, to students, to corporations, to individuals. Despite the horrendous storms that forced us to cancel Friday night's festivities, the event went over extremely well and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers. The following numbers show how important our volunteers were at Taste of C-U:

- 429 cumulative hours volunteered
- \$3324.75: value of volunteers if they were staff working minimum wage
- 104 total volunteers
- 18 hours: number of hours dedicated by Carol Hendricks, volunteer with the most hours
- 17: number of staff who volunteered

All of these statistics are quite an accomplishment and words cannot explain the value of our Taste volunteers. The number that really stands out is \$3324.75. By having so many volunteers, we were able to save money and thereby contribute more to our Youth Scholarship Fund. Volunteers mean so much to the Champaign Park District and to the community, and your contributions have a ripple affect on everything. Thank you again to those who spent countless hours volunteering at the Taste of CU! Without your help, this event would not have been a success!

#### Questions or Comments

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# Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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## Special Events

- **Summer Thrills at Garden Hills**

- July 23 - Christmas in July
- August 6 - Hawaiian Beach Party
- August 20 - Back to School Bash

- **Mini-Triathlon – August 1, Centennial Park**

A competition this big is impossible to produce without your help! The following shifts are needed:

- Race Set-Up 2-6am
- Race Check-In 5:30-7:30am
- Hospitality 6:30am-noon
- Street Corner Monitors 7-11am
- Take Down & Clean-Up 10am-1pm

If you are interested, please contact Stacey Cornell at 352-6044 or [stacey.cornell@cparkdistrict.com](mailto:stacey.cornell@cparkdistrict.com).

- **Champaign-Urbana Days – August 8, Douglass Park**

Looking for a fun, action-packed day for your entire family? Join the Douglass Community Center family for CU Days. Hundreds of people come to Douglass

Park for a weekend of live entertainment, games, great food, and much more. Lend a hand and help run games, monitor the park, and help with other jobs throughout the weekend. If you are interested, please contact Charles Burton at 398-2575 or [charles.burton@cparkdistrict.com](mailto:charles.burton@cparkdistrict.com).

- **Downtown Streetfest – August 8, Downtown Champaign**

Come for a late night on the streets of Downtown Champaign. Help setup chairs and tables and get things ready for a great night of live music!

- **Downtown Festival of the Arts - August 15, Downtown Champaign**

Help out in Downtown Champaign with the Champaign Park District's premier art festival. Sign up for specific shifts to help with set up and tear down and help as 'booth sitters' for participating artists.

*For more information contact [david.genty@cparkdistrict.com](mailto:david.genty@cparkdistrict.com)*

## Preschool

Preschool volunteers needed Monday-Friday for the upcoming months. Build your own volunteer schedule between the hours 8am-5:30pm. Programs located at various facilities. Contact David Genty at [david.genty@cparkdistrict.com](mailto:david.genty@cparkdistrict.com) or 398-2550. Please fill out a volunteer application located on the Champaign Park District website.

## Sports

Various youth sport volunteer opportunities throughout the fall season and heading into the winter ranging from soccer to basketball. Contact Hsiung Marler at [hsiong.marler@cparkdistrict.com](mailto:hsiong.marler@cparkdistrict.com) or 398-2571 for more information!

## Looking Ahead

- **Reels & Wheels Car Show, Sept. 12**
  - **Symphony at Sunset, Sept. 19**
  - **National Night Out, Sept. 19**
  - **Nightmare on Grove St., Oct. 24**
  - **Halloween Funfest, Oct. 28**
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