

Be Part of the Pack POP Into Awareness!

News from Branson/Lakes Area
Non-Profit Organizations

One Community, One Heart

Community Caring Day is a program that was started in 1998 by the Branson Believers, a group of concerned citizens wishing to help the nonprofit agencies in our area. These are agencies that do much to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate and in need. In 1998, approximately 100 volunteers, sent from businesses in the area went to the agencies and performed a number of tasks that the agencies did not have the manpower or resources to accomplish. The result from this day was nothing short of miraculous.

Our community has had few activities that have been more enthusiastically received than Community Caring Day. Each year the scope of the event widens in area as well as the number and type of projects.

The Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Branson Believers in 2011 in support of their on-going efforts. This year we anticipate needing 250 volunteers to complete all of the projects in locations across Stone and Taney Counties. These projects will

range from cleaning, painting, gardening to plumbing, carpentry and more. With the community's help we can accomplish great things again this year.

Community Caring Day is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2011. The day will begin with a kick-off breakfast at Branson RecPlex at 7:00 am where enthusiastic volunteers will meet with the representative from their assigned organization. At the job site, volunteers will have the opportunity to meet and work alongside volunteers from other businesses and communities...they have one common bond... to help a not-for-profit organization enhance their ability to serve those in need. Lunch will also be provided. We hope that many organizations become involved this year to continue this tradition of service.

For more information on volunteering or to submit your project for consideration, contact Kathleen Bullock at 417-334-4084 or kbullock@bransoncvb.com. Forms are also available at the Chamber offices.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday, May 6

Calling Cards for Soldiers
Ozark Mountain Blue Star Mothers
Donate a \$5 calling card (or cash) at
Panera Bread, receive a Panera Card
(618) 540-8999

Saturday, May 7

Derby Day for Strays
Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society
4pm-9pm at Buckingham's
(417) 230-6377

Saturday, May 14

Pancake Breakfast
Branson Moose Lodge #2692
7am-10am at Applebee's
(417) 569-7143

Saturday, May 21

Pig Roast & Casino Night Vietnam
Veterans of America Chapter 913
6:30pm-10pm at the Branson/Hollister
Lion's Club
(417) 230-6446

Monday, May 23

7th Annual Vietnam Veterans
Benefit Show
Branson Veterans Events & Reunions
7pm at Hamner Barber Theatre
(417) 230-2278

JUNE

Friday, June 3 - Saturday, June 4

Relay For Life of Taney and Stone
Counties
7pm Fri. - 7am Sat.
Cedar Ridge Elementary Track
(816) 289-4472

Thursday, June 9 - June 12

Veterans Freedom Fest
Call for more info: (417) 230-2278

Friday, June 10

Flavor of the Ozarks Golf Tournament
Branson/Hollister Rotary Club
(417) 334-6541

Saturday, June 11

Sporting Clays Shoot for "Honor Tour"
Branson Veterans Events & Reunions
9am at Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
(417) 230-2278

Saturday, June 18

Dash to the Splash 5k Run/Walk
The Caring People
7am- noon at White Water
(417) 334-0131

JULY

Friday, July 22

Malibu Beach Bash
Developmental Center of the Ozarks
6pm - 11pm at Hickory Hills Country Club
development@dcoonline.com

AUGUST

Thursday, August 4

Community Caring Day
414-334-4084

Please visit our Community Events
Calendar on BransonChamber.com for
additional events and details, or to add
your event.



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Community Happenings

► Ironman 2011

Branson welcomes the world again on Sunday, September 18, 2011, for what promises to be another exciting and memorable triathlon! There are a limited number of jobs/shifts eligible for a \$300 donation to non-profit groups - must have 501(c)(3) designation and provide (25) volunteers for the assigned job/shift. Jobs/shifts are varied but generally last 4-5 hours. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt and those working longer shifts on Sunday will receive lunch. Responsibilities will range from manning water stations on race day to stuffing race packets prior to the event. Interested non-profit groups can visit www.IronmanBranson.com/Volunteer/ for additional information and to sign up.

► **AIDS Project of the Ozarks** - Offering FREE AIDS and Syphilis tests to area residents on Tuesdays. Call (800) 743-5767 for an appointment.

► CSR & the Meetings Industry

According to CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) expert and motivational speaker Tim Sanders, author of *Saving the World at Work* (Doubleday), the past 10 years have brought nothing short of a "responsibility revolution" in how companies approach CSR. "Over the last six months, I'm seeing meetings begin to integrate cause, CSR, sustainability and community topics/exercises into meetings," he says. "This is especially true when the companies or associations still list CSR/sustainability as a top priority in their annual reports."

What does this mean for Branson area non-profits? The BLACC/CVB has already received three requests in the last couple of months from meeting planners looking for community projects in our area. Meeting attendees coming to the Branson area will have the opportunity to participate in the chosen project. Projects can range from planting community gardens, helping with simple clean-up to donation drives- some examples can include attendees bringing clothing to those in need or donating non-perishable food items. Projects should be short in duration- most groups are looking for something that lasts 3-4 hours. If you have a project that qualifies, please contact Deborah Cohen at dcohen@bransoncvb.com for more information.

► **American Red Cross - Ozarks** is looking for volunteers to take certification training to become instructors. Contact Dana at (417) 832-9500

► **Branson Veterans Task Force** is working with the Veterans History Project to record interviews with Veterans for archival in the Library of Congress. The interviews will also be stored in archive at the College of the Ozarks. For more information, or to set up an interview, call Dick Erickson or Tom Hayes at (417) 337-8387.

► **Space for Lease** - Faith Community Health Center has four spaces for lease to a ministry or agency which serves low-income individuals and families. Each room is approximately 700 square feet. Leases are \$525/mo per room. Includes electricity, water, and trash disposal. In the old Branson Elementary School, 610 S. Sixth St. Call Fran Miller at 336-9355.

► **Neighborhood Garage Sale & Block Party** - Sat., June 11 at Faith Community Health (610 South 6th Street) Space available for farmer's market, garage sale, treasure trunk, vendors. Cash prizes, live entertainment, food. Fun for the whole family! Contact Erica 417-336-9355.

► **Branson Veterans Events and Reunions** - The first Official Branson Veterans Homecoming Week Commemorative Collectors Button is available for a \$5.00 donation. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Wounded Warrior Project. 417-230-2278.

► **Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society** needs volunteers to work in the book and thrift stores and in the shelter. Needed donation items include dog/cat treats, cat litter, dryer sheets, linens (new/gently worn), crates/carriers. Call for info: (417) 337-8702

MEMBER NON-PROFITS

AIDS Project of the Ozarks
(417) 881-1900
www.aidsprojectoftheozarks.org

Alzheimer's Association - SW MO
417-886-2199
www.Alz.org/swmo

American Cancer Society
(417) 447-1485
www.Cancer.org

American Diabetes Association
(417) 890-8400
www.Diabetes.org

American Red Cross Ozarks
(417) 832-9500
www.RedCross-Ozarks.org

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
(417) 337-7531
www.BigBroBranson.org

Branson Arts Council, Inc.
(417) 336-4255
www.BransonArtsCouncil.com

Branson Masonic Lodge 587
(417) 699-5016

Branson Senior Center
(417) 335-4801

Branson Veterans Events, Inc.
(417) 230-2278
www.BransonVeteransEvents.com

Branson Veterans Task Force
(417) 337-8387
www.BransonVeterans.com

Branson/Tri-Lakes Kiwanis
(417) 243-2113

Christian Action Ministries
(417) 334-1157

Christian Associates
(417) 334-5866

Church Army Branson
(417) 339-3804
www.ChurchArmyBranson.org

Crisis Center
(417) 561-5084 or (866) 379-0074

Community Blood Center-
Ozarks
(417) 227-5000
www.CBCO.org

Developmental Center-Ozarks
(417) 334-1797
www.DCOOnline.com

Developmental Connections
(417) 335-4135

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
(417) 337-9400

Downtown Branson Main Street Assn.
(417) 334-1548

Faith Community Health
(417) 336-9355
www.FaithCommunityHealth.org

Generation Rescue
(417) 230-3118

Gift of Hope Inc
(417) 546-8062
www.GiftOfHopeInc.com

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland,
Inc
(417) 862-0004 EXT 1106

Humane Society of Branson
Tri-Lakes Area
(417) 272-8113

Shepherd of the Hills
Humane Society
(417) 337-8702

Jesus Was Homeless
(417) 294-1300

K-Life Taney County
(417) 334-4034
www.KLife.com

Larry Simmering Recovery Center
(417) 335-5946
www.sigmahouse.org

OACAC of Taney County
(417) 239-1882

Ozark Adventures
(417) 239-0203
www.ozarkadventures.org

Ozark Mountain Blue Star Mothers
(618) 540-8999

Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation
(417) 334-6374

Ozarks Teen Challenge
(417) 272-3784

P.O.W. Network
(417) 336-4232
www.POWNetwork.org

Salvation Army
(417) 339-4434

Score Chapter 237
(417) 779-2177
www.score.org

Score Chapter 61
(417) 890-8501
www.SCOREChapter61.org

Silver Dollar City Foundation
(417) 336-7077

Southwest Ctr. for Independent
Living
(417) 886-1188 / (800) 676-7245
www.SWCIL.org

Special Olympics Missouri
(417) 887-7766
www.SOMO.org

Stone County Neighborhood Center
(417) 272-8508

Table Rock Freedom Center
(417) 239-0012

Taneyhills Community Library
(417) 334-1418

Tantone Industries, Inc.
(417) 334-7447

The Caring People
(417) 334-0131
www.TheCaringPeople.org

Tri-Lakes United Way
(417) 863-7700
www.uwozarks.com

Vietnam Veterans of America
(417) 230-6446

White River Valley Hist. Soc.
(417) 546-9892
www.WRVHS.org

Visit www.BransonChamber.com or
call 417-334-4084 for a list of member
churches.

*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more, you are a leader.*
- John Quincy Adams