

Volunteer Illini Projects

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Congratulations to the New Board of Directors

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Ashley Kanelos

Best Buddies
Claire Downs

Health Needs
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Marie Kiser

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Kate Stephens

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Public Relations
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A Note From Our Chair:

Hi Volunteers!

As the end of the Fall semester approaches, VIP is gearing up to introduce a new Board of Directors for 2011! You will see an entirely new Executive Board and Project Directors in January when we return from Winter Break. We will have Recruitment Nights again in January, so if you would like to stay involved with VIP, be sure to come out and learn about what the projects have planned for the next year! We've accomplished a lot this year, and had some really great volunteer opportunities, so we hope that you will continue to volunteer with VIP next year!

Best,

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VIP Chair 2010

Project Updates



Animal Allies

The Champaign County Humane Society and VIP's Animal Allies recently had volunteers work the concession stand for the Illini home game. On November 15, 2010. They also held an orientation at the Champaign Public Library for those that are interested in volunteering at the Champaign County Humane Society. Animal Allies is excited to have so many volunteers interested! If you are interested and could not attend, please email Claudia at vip.animla.allies@gmail.com

Best Buddies

Best Buddies has had an awesome semester so far.

They went to Curtis Orchards and a volleyball game in October, as well as attended the Buddy Walk and Disability Resource Expo in Champaign-Urbana. Best Buddies also had a Talent Show on November 7th and Themed Bowling on November 15th. One of their last events for the semester is a Holiday Party on December 5th from 1-3 p.m. at the ARC.

Blood

Project Blood's October drive was very successful! They exceeded their goal for both dates of the drive, and they have awesome coordinators and lovely volunteers to thank for that!

Project Blood's November drive was last week and they are still waiting on the results. December's drive is Wednesday, December 1 - Thursday December 2, 11a.m.- 3p.m. in Illini Union Room 314. They know it will be cold, but still encourage you to come out to donate and save some lives this winter! Also, Project Blood will be hosting a Roundhouse Clothing Drive from Monday November 15 to Thursday November 18. They are accepting clothing of all types to benefit runaway and homeless youths. Please place your donations at the drop-off box at participating dorm front desks, or at the VIP office in room 268 of the RSO complex.

COORDINATOR OF THE MONTH

One of Best Buddies' coordinators, Natalie Patterson, has been working hard to get our next event, the Talent Show, ready to go! She has planned out special prizes for each of our performers and is working hard to make this talent show our best one yet. Way to go, Natalie!

Project Updates Continued...

Health Needs

Project Health Needs will be continuing their weekly trips to the Swann Center. The Swann Center is a home for disabled children and adults. They will be doing fun activities with them to make their days better. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Inga at ikaros2@illinois.edu.

Hunger and Homelessness

Hunger and Homelessness has been very busy in the last month. They canned for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, collecting money for children living in poverty. Their volunteers worked really hard and raised \$1,400 more than last year's canning event! Great job and a huge thank you to

all those volunteers! Hunger and Homelessness has also been preparing for their Oxfam Hunger Banquet and it's almost here. Kasia would like to invite all of you to attend on November 17th @ 6 p.m. The banquet will take place at the Red Herring on the corner of Mathews and Oregon. Come hungry, leave with a greater understanding of the problems of hunger and poverty.

I-Vote

The midterm elections have passed in a successful manner for I-Vote. In the time leading up to the elections, they were successfully able to register students and others in the campus community to vote, as well as distributing non-partisan based information on the candidates for the

main elections. They chalked the quad to remind everyone to go out and vote on election day. I-Vote also worked closely with some other organizations on campus to promote the location for early voting, as well as making it very clear to student what they needed upon coming into vote. There have been some problems in the past with students knowing what information they need when coming into vote. I-Vote worked to help students minimize their confusion on the voting process and what is needed to vote on campus. Overall, I-Vote was successful in promoting the vote for election day, as well as informing voters about the various candidates for different races.

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Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens is having an enjoyable semester thus far! They have had over 50 volunteers come to the nursing homes on a consistent, monthly basis. On Mondays, they hold Fun and Games Night at Champaign County Nursing Home from 6:30-7:30 p.m. On Thursdays, we play Bingo with the residents of Prairie Winds Assisted Living from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. We will be looking to hold a Christmas decoration event either soon before or after Thanksgiving break-so be on the lookout for an email from Diana!

Goodbyes from PR:

These are our final goodbyes to the 2011 BOD. This truly has been an amazing experience. Even from this newsletter, everyone can see all of the wonderful things VIP's volunteers do for the community.

As we welcome the 2011 Board of Directors, we also want to thank this year's BOD for going above and beyond to serve the community. You are all awesome people! Finally, VIP would be nothing what is is without the fabulous Executive Board. All of you have put your hearts into everything you do with VIP. We all appreciate your hard work and dedication, and VIP will miss you all next year! Good luck to the 2011 BOD and Executive Board!!!

Thanks,
Paiae and Michele