



SEPTEMBER 2008
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

NEWS NOTES

Call RSVP for Details
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Visit our newly revamped web site www.MayflowerRSVP.org!

September 1 Monday	Labor Day Holiday – RSVP office is closed.
September 6 Saturday	Volunteers NEEDED for the next Greater Plymouth Food Resources Group - Food Drive at Wal-Mart, 9 – 11 am or 11 – 1 pm. Call Susan to register with your friends!
9:30 – 10:30 am September 10 Wednesday 10 – 1; 12:30 – 3	SE Mass Volunteer Council meeting at Stonehill College/Campus Chapel Office, 9:30-10:30am. If you lead volunteer teams (paid or unpaid!) this group's for you! Seniors' Health & Safety Fair at Shurtleff Park, Carver. Two shifts for 2 ABCs Presenter volunteers needed to distribute Emergency Planning guides to elders.
September 12 Friday	United Way's Day of Caring and Kick Off for 2009 Campaign at Ocean Spray Headquarters with projects across Middleboro/Lakeville and nearby towns for United Way volunteers. Call RSVP if you'd like to join a Team-for-a-Day!
September 10 Wednesday	Target date for new Volunteer Reading Partners, to enroll and attend the Training Summit on 9/17!
September 17 Wednesday 9:30am-3:30pm	RSVP Literacy Summit at Complete Home Concepts, 28 Shops-at-5 Way; Plymouth. Training for NEW Volunteer Reading Partners in a.m.; ADVANCED session for experienced Reading Partners after lunch. Also, the results of the 2007/08 Reading Partner Program Evaluations! Call Susan to R.S.V.P.

Winners of the drawing from the responders to our **Volunteer Feedback Survey:**
Congratulations and thank you!

1. \$20 Tedy Bruschi/Papa Gino's gift card: Lois Mannion, Brockton.
2. \$20 Borders Gift Certificate: Dorothy Tuttle, Rochester
3. \$20 Wal-mart gift certificate: Claire O'Brien, Plymouth

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- Have you put "In Case of Emergency" telephone numbers in your cell phone - and on a label beneath your land-line phone?
- Have you discussed who will be your extended family's in-state contact person and an out-of-state contact person for a family emergency?
- Do you keep at least 7 days of medications in a labeled pill container at all times?
- Do you keep at least 3 days' supply of food and water where you can grab-&-go with it?
- Have you written down the names and numbers of all Emergency Contact people and shared it with them, too?

Then you may be eligible for entering our next drawing for "Prepared" families – more next time!



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SEPTEMBER 2008 ~ Volunteer Opportunities

Brockton – Trial Court Information Specialists. Volunteers trained to answer questions & give directions to Trial Court visitors preventing those inquiries from distracting Security staff. Training provided – attention to detail and acceptance of the need for dependability required.

Kingston – Volunteers to help unload the deliveries of food from the Greater Plymouth Food Resources Warehouse, 5 – 7pm, each Wednesday.

Plymouth – Drivers needed to transport Boys & Girls Club members to after-school activities at the clubhouse. Van is provided. Valid MA Drivers License and recent CORI check required.

Plymouth, Brockton – New Volunteer Reading Partners for in-school programming to help reluctant readers learn to enjoy this essential skill. Training scheduled in Plymouth on 9/17. Call 508 746-7787 after Sept. 10 for the Brockton training schedule.

The Success Connection: Plymouth, Kingston, Carver, Middleborough, and Lakeville

RSVP's newest Initiative is a partnership with Catholic Charities South, the Greater Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless and United Way of Greater Plymouth County to weave together "The Success Connection" – to address the urgent need for life skills and job training for disadvantaged persons in this geographic region. At a press conference on 8/21, United Way announced the grant of \$82,000 in FY08 for this initiative and an additional \$100,000 for the second year.

During the next few months, RSVP will provide substantial resources to recruitment of the volunteers needed for community outreach across the five towns to identify jobs going unfilled for lack of qualified applicants; job-training needs for unemployed adults or those in career transition. Our first outreach will be for interested stakeholders from across the communities to help prioritize the training most needed by the unemployed. If you have contacts with employers in any of these towns whom you've heard "wish" for a more skilled workforce, have them call us! You'll be reading more about this first-of-its-kind funding for multi-agency, multi-community support by United Way – it's part of how they innovate, facilitate, and convene communities!