



# A Helping Hand

Winter  
2009

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## Meet Jennifer Stout, a New Solutions mentor

By Leah Mangis, Mentor Program Coordinator

We at New Solutions want to recognize **Jennifer "Jenn" Stout** for her commitment and the time and effort she spends mentoring a youth in New Solutions. New Solutions is a team-based program for children with severe mental health issues. New Solutions is strength-based and works with families to develop individualized treatment and crisis/safety plans based on the child and family's needs and strengths.

Jenn became a mentor for New Solutions in July 2008 and immediately began meeting with her youth. Together they have played basketball, gone bowling, played pool at the Cue Ball, went to the library and went to a concert at the Ike Box. Recently, Jenn's youth showed her how to make macramé necklaces. Jenn spends approximately one to two hours weekly with

her youth, doing activities in the community. Jenn also participates in the monthly Child and Family Team meetings. Of her experience, Jenn says, "I enjoy being a part of team meetings and have realized recently how important my role is in the team." The family and youth really like Jenn, too!

Jenn heard about the mentoring program through a staff member at New Solutions and wanted to become a mentor because it sounded like fun and she wanted to make a difference in a child's life. She chose the New Solutions mentoring program versus other mentoring programs because we provide ongoing support, reimbursement for

activities and gas vouchers.

Because of her involvement with her youth for the last five months she now has a new career interest. "If my graphic design career doesn't work out, I'd like to work with youth in the social services



**Jennifer Stout**

field." Jenn is an amazing mentor and we at New Solutions appreciate her flexibility, commitment and ideas she brings to the team meetings. Thank you, Jenn!!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Child and Adolescent Mentor for New Solutions, please email **Leah Mangis** at [lmangis@co.marion.or.us](mailto:lmangis@co.marion.or.us), or call 503-585-4916. More information about the program is available at [www.givebacktoday.org](http://www.givebacktoday.org).

# Yes, you can help victims of crime!

By Kathie Beach

How? Become a volunteer victim advocate for the District Attorney's office.

Beginning Basic Advocacy training will begin March 23. There are a few requirements that each volunteer must meet prior to becoming an advocate:

- 1) 18 years or older,
- 2) No criminal history,
- 3) Reliable transportation (mass transit is not acceptable for sexual assault response),
- 4) Working telephone,
- 5) And have an interest in

the criminal justice system, a non-judgmental attitude, and a desire to help others.

Sexual assault response advocates commit to one 24-hour shift per month. However, for day case advocates, it is necessary to have some flexible weekday availability to attend court with victims.

An application form and more information is available at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/DA/victimassistance> or call 503-588-3571 to schedule an interview.

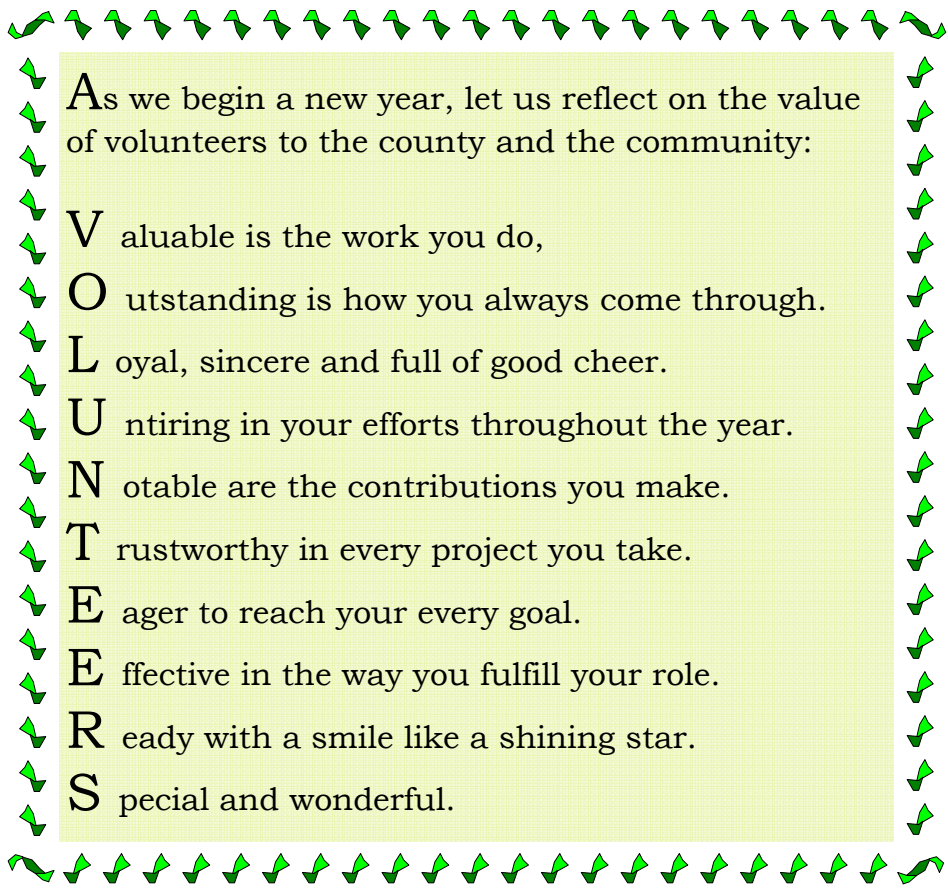
# National Volunteer Week coming this spring

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every year since that time, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, sign a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

Marion County recognizes all volunteers during the week and holds its annual volunteer awards ceremony at the commissioners board session on Wednesday of National Volunteer Week.

In addition, the Volunteer Annual Report for the previous year is unveiled at board session. The report highlights the accomplishments of volunteers who serve the county. Volunteer numbers and hours are also tabulated in the report. Last year's report is on the Web at: <http://co.marion.or.us/bs/vol>.

**National  
Volunteer Week  
2009  
April 19-25**



As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the value of volunteers to the county and the community:

- V aluable is the work you do,
- O utstanding is how you always come through.
- Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer.
- U ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.
- N otable are the contributions you make.
- T rustworthy in every project you take.
- E ager to reach your every goal.
- E ffective in the way you fulfill your role.
- R eady with a smile like a shining star.
- S pecial and wonderful.

# Dog Shelter volunteers have a busy and profitable end of 2008



By Jolene Bray, Volunteer Coordinator

The shelter's volunteers and staff made much happen between October and December. We held some successful events, battled a snowstorm, made some work role changes, and welcomed new volunteers.

**Staffing & Volunteer Role Changes:** With all the work to be done at the shelter, management decided to restructure the work roles, which also redistributed the workload. I will continue as Volunteer Coordinator, and take on some of the duties previously performed by volunteers **Debbie West** and **Lynnette Graves**. This frees them up to do the things they love and are so good at doing. Debbie's new title is Outreach Coordinator. All our outreach events will be scheduled and organized by Debbie. This includes recruiting volunteers to participate at our outreaches. She also plans to keep her dog-walking duties, which is really her first love. Lynnette is now our Rescue/Foster Care Coordinator. When we have a dog that either isn't going to be able to go straight into adoption, or has been up for adoption but hasn't been chosen, Lynnette

works with the shelter manager and staff to find a rescue that will take the dog, giving it a second chance.

## **Shopping Extravaganza at the Woodburn Outlet**

**Stores Update:** This event was a huge success for the shelter. What started as an idea to have some fun, raise money, and get our name out to the public, surpassed our wildest expectations. Our organization sold 162 tickets (\$2,025.00) and in turn received \$1,795.83 in raffle proceeds, for a grand total of **\$3,820.83!** Our participation in this event was the brainchild of Debbie West, who always has fun ideas about fundraising events, and was staffed by shelter volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helped and bought tickets. Hopefully we can do this again next November!

## **Holiday Market & Quilt**

**Raffle:** Volunteers and dogs from Marion County Dog Shelter attended the Holiday Market on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, which was another big success. The dog shelter, working with Salem Friends of Felines, sold \$476 in quilt raffle tickets and \$250 in crafts, with each group receiving \$363. Carol Reams was the winner of

the gorgeous quilt donated by Debbie West's sister-in-law. We also received \$65.28 in cash donations, but most importantly, our shelter dog, Echo, found her forever home.

**Outreach Events:** We have been fortunate enough to keep our outreach calendar full for the coming months. Our winter schedule has each Saturday booked with an adoption outreach at PetSense, PetSmart, Pet Etc., and PETCO. We always need volunteers for these outreaches. If you can volunteer to work a shift at any of these outreaches, please contact Debbie West at 503-409-2543 or at [dewdropw@aol.com](mailto:dewdropw@aol.com).

**New Volunteers:** Welcome to new shelter volunteers:

**Ken Blackburn, Bobbi Burton, Jennifer Coil, Cliff Crook Pat Crook Mark Flagg, Megan Haner, Josh Hibler, Ali Holm, Heather Hoppman, Lenora Landwehr, Billy Matson, Debra Oliver, Dani Russell, Ray Sedano, Lisa Theobald, Megan Thomas, Paul "Larry" Watson, and Louann Watson.**

If you want to join our fantastic shelter volunteer team contact **Jolene Bray** at 503-365-3177 or [jbray@co.marion.or.us](mailto:jbray@co.marion.or.us).

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Marion County volunteers—  
connecting the county to  
the community.



## Announcements

Contact Glenis Chapin, 503-588-7990 or  
[volunteer@co.marion.or.us](mailto:volunteer@co.marion.or.us)

- **Youth Mentors needed NOW!** Youth Impact is in need of mentors! We have 26 youth who have been waiting for a mentor, one young man has been waiting for 318 days! If you have a heart for children, ages 4-18, and have an hour a week to give, please contact us at 503-584-4865 or email [mcwilson@co.marion.or.us](mailto:mcwilson@co.marion.or.us). We would love to have you check our website at [www.youthimpactmentors.com](http://www.youthimpactmentors.com).
- **Solid Waste Management Advisory Council** has an opening for a public health representative to serve on the 16-member council. Members are appointed for four-year terms. The council discusses and recommends on solid waste matters and recycling education and opportunities. The council also contributes to the county's solid waste management master plan. Applications available online: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/BS/VOL/forms.htm>.
- **Emergency Preparedness Intern** for the Health Department to assist with projects to promote emergency preparedness. Must be interested in working with community partners, and/or safety and health, and/or infectious diseases of public health significance. Students pursuing a public health major preferred.