



October Accomplishments!

VISTA Spotlight!

VISTA Giving Back:

VISTA Yvette Sumner at Feeding America SWVA in Abingdon, volunteered at one of the Food Bank's partner agencies, Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Richlands, VA, as part of the Food Bank's Employee Volunteer Day. On the day, all Food Bank staff volunteered at one of Feeding America's local pantries. VISTA Sumner helped a group of volunteers from Good Samaritan interview 120 families coming to pick up food boxes that Friday.

- ◆ VISTA Dana Rybak, Feeding America SWVA Salem, worked with fellow coworkers at one of FA's largest annual food drives at the Gilmore Craft Show at the Civic Center in Roanoke. That weekend, FA collected over 25,000 pounds of donated food items.
- ◆ VISTA Yvette Sumner recruited 4 volunteers from Abingdon High School's Student Council and 10 volunteers from Bristol High Schools to help pack food for one of the Food Bank's Backpack Program
- ◆ Katie's Place has been approved to begin on the next stage of Medicaid licensing, and VISTA Amanda Carr has therefore begun the process of completing the next stage of applications She has rewritten and tailored the required 68 pages of Policies and Procedures in order to insure that Katie's Place is in compliance with the Local Human Rights Committee.
- ◆ VISTA Amanda Carr has written three grants to the Sam and Marion Golden Helping Hands Foundation (\$2,500), the FFCU (\$5,000) and KOVAR (\$20,000).
- ◆ VISTA Andy Dziuba, with Skyline CAP, wrote a \$1,025 grant to the Build-A-Bear Foundation
- ◆ VISTA Linda Mahoney, at TAF, received \$100.00 worth of artist supplies to use at the CCTS new classes and recruited an artist to teach the classes until January.
- ◆ VISTA Mary Renwick, with TAF, spoke with Sandra Pratt from Wheeler Broadcasting and confirmed that she would be putting 75 :30 second public service announcements referring to the 5K Spooky Sprint out across all five of their stations - K92, Q99, WFIR, ViBE 100 and Star Country
- ◆ VISTA Catie Fisk, with WEC, and VISTA Mary Renwick acquired a \$150 sponsorship contribution from Neeley Accounting
- ◆ VISTA Catie Fisk and VISTA Mary Renwick secured donations for the Spooky Sprint of a \$10 Kroger gift card, 2 coffee mugs and a pound of coffee from Starbucks, a t-shirt and water bottle from Walkabout Outfitter, 5 gift certificates for a medium, two-topping pizza, \$10 gift certificate from Fleet Feet, and a \$25 gift certificate from Nature's Outlet which will be used as raffle prizes, refreshments from Roanoke Bagel, Jamison's Orchard's, and Bread Craft. All in-kind donations total value is \$275.00
- ◆ VISTA Catie Fisk acquired Nitelite Golf donations: : Brookside Golf Par 3- Two gift certificates for 9 holes of golf (\$20.00 total value) Hanging Rock Golf Club- Four (separate) green fee certificates (approximately \$35 each) Hidden Valley Country Club- One gift certificate for 4 free green fees (approximately \$40 value) Blue Hills Golf Club- One certificate for a round of golf, eligible for up to 4 players (approximately \$30 value for each player), Draper Valley Golf Club-One gift certificate for 4 free green fees (approximately \$40 value for each player). The total value of the green fees was approximately \$165.00.
- ◆ VISTA Julie Piernikowski at TAF, has written 6 grant proposals totaling \$108,000. For TAF, she wrote grant proposals to State Farm Community Development (\$10,000), Catholic Campaign for Human Development (\$50,000), Freedom First Credit Union (5,000), The Left Tilt Fund (\$8,000), and Cause Populi (matching funds, hopefully \$15,000), and for WEC she wrote a \$20,000 grant proposal to the American Honda Foundation on behalf of WEC.
- ◆ VISTA Glenn Sturm, with VCE, submitted 2 grants for the Master Financial Education Volunteer Program: Freedom First Credit Union Community Grant (\$3,520) and Lawrence Foundation (\$5000).
- ◆ VISTA Glenn Sturm has been working with the Department of Social Services and his project proposal has resulted in \$4000 being secured for the Giles and Pulaski VISTA planned for February
- ◆ VISTA Charisse Brass, at Roanoke College, has planned a turnip gleaning event- The turnips that the volunteers pick will go to food relief programs throughout Virginia.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE! THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

