

TAA-STL Community Service Projects

1. Weekend Meal for the HavenHouse

TAA-STL is continuing its efforts to donate weekend meals to the HavenHouse, a non-profit organization located in Creve Coeur that provides low-cost lodging and support services to out-of-town patients and their families seeking medical treatment in the St. Louis area. For more information about HavenHouse, please visit <http://www.havenhousetl.org/>. The available dates for the first half of 2010 are:

February 7, Sunday
March 7, Sunday
April 4, Easter Sunday
May 2, Sunday

We would very much like to get enough volunteers (5 minimum per date) to commit to a minimum of 2 of these dates. You can help in one of the following three ways:

1. Donate your time and material to prepare (or purchase the cooked) and deliver the food
2. Donate your time to prepare (or purchase the cooked) and deliver the food, but receive reimbursement for the material cost from TAA-STL
3. Make monetary donation to this project under TAA-STL

If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Leanne Chiu at (314) 909-1778, or e-mail leannechiou@hotmail.com .



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2. Packaging Project for the St. Louis Area FoodBank

TAA-STL is planning to engage in another community service project with the St. Louis Area Foodbank, the Bi-State region's largest non-profit food distribution center dedicated to feeding those in need.

The Foodbank partners with over 500 local food pantries, soup kitchens, and other relief agencies to distribute 20 million pounds of donated food and personal care items to the needed in over 20 counties in the bi-state area per year. For more information on the organization, please check out <http://www.stlfoodbank.org>.

The volunteers will work a 3-hour shift in their warehouse in the Bridgeton/Earth City area to package donated food to be distributed to the needed (mostly low-income seniors and children). It will be a great opportunity for some physical exercise while helping to feed the poor; a 12-person team in a 3-hour shift can normally assemble over 1000 meals, talking about sense of accomplishment!.

TAA-STL is hoping to sign up a team of at least 15 volunteers (all ages, as long as you can lift a can, and gentlemen in particular, are welcome) for this pilot project.

Operating hours of the packaging center are:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, or 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday (one shift only) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; already fully booked for 2010

The exact service date (during the week as Saturday is fully booked for the year) will be arranged with the Foodbank once we have enough volunteer commitment. The scheduling is usually 1 or 2 months in advance.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Sonya Hung at (314) 514-8058, or e-mail sshung@earthlink.net, and indicate your top-3 preferred time slots (ranked and excluding Saturday).

