

2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERING & SERVICE

Welcome to the 2008 National Conference on Volunteering and Service!

Our conference theme, "The Urgency of Now!" is drawn from the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life was devoted to achieving social justice. Dr. King recognized the critical role that service to others plays in creating positive social change, and his phrase "The Urgency of Now" applies today as a call to action for a new generation of civic leaders – YOU!

Throughout the conference, you will experience inspiring ideas, innovations, and insights into the future of the

service movement. We encourage you to learn and connect with others in plenary and immersion learning sessions, workshops, and interactive forums.

Each day, look to "In the **now!**" for highlights of the previous day's activities, late-breaking changes to the schedule, tips on how to get around Atlanta, short profiles of your colleagues, fun facts on volunteering, and more. In short, just as you serve others, we hope to serve you!

Conference Bus

Transportation

All attendees will have access to complimentary bus transportation to all offsite events and sessions. Be sure to check the Shuttle **Schedule-at-a-Glance** in the lobby of the Marriott Marquis and Hilton Atlanta for departure times. Buses will load on Baker Street, between the Marriott and the Hilton.

In addition, special transportation will be available for the Opening General Session and Welcome Reception at the Georgia Aquarium (on Sunday). Departure times are listed on your **Transportation Ticket** that you received during registration. The buses will provide return transportation to all four conference hotels – the Marriott Marquis, Hilton Atlanta, Sheraton Atlanta, and Hyatt Regency.

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Now that we have your attention, be sure to check this section daily for important program updates, room changes, and additional speakers.

Who's Coming to Conference?

Who are all these people? If that's what you're asking as you look around this year's conference, wonder no more!

You are joined by over 4,500 leaders of the volunteer and national service field.

Descending on Atlanta for three days of learning, inspiration, and networking, the 2008 conference is expected to have the second largest attendance in conference history.

Senior Corps represents the largest contingent of attendees, with over 1,500 project directors and sponsors who will be gathering en masse for the first



time since 2002. AmeriCorps joins us with 800 staff from state commissions; national, state and tribal grantees; and VISTA. Learn and Serve rounds out the national service family with about 50 higher education and K-12 staff.

More than 200 Points of Light & Hands On Network affiliates and volunteer centers will join 100 plus staff as the new organization and its national network come together for the first time since last year's merger to offer leadership and innovation for the volunteer sector.

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"As a center of social innovation, Atlanta offers the perfect backdrop for this forward-thinking conference. Atlanta is proud to welcome the nation's leaders in service and civic engagement."

Eric Tanenblatt,
Co-chair, Atlanta host committee



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GREEN TIP of the Day

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The Home Depot Foundation is proud to be the Official Green Sponsor for the National Conference on Volunteering and Service. Look for our green imprint throughout conference. How will you build a healthy community at conference?

CONFERENCE SURVIVAL TIPS

In order to get the most out of the conference, here are a few tips to help during this action packed weekend.

- Plan your day ahead of time
- Wear comfortable shoes (yes, your mother was right!)
- Check "In the **now!**" for updates on sessions and conference news
- Keep your ID badge and Transportation Ticket with you at all times
- Drink plenty of water – Atlanta temperatures will be in the high 80's
- Please turn off cell phones during events

SNEAK PREVIEW: Check Out The Exchange And Be Featured on Now! Network TV

While you are here you won't want to miss The Exchange! Much more than an exhibit hall, The Exchange is an interactive opportunity to visit with over 70 representatives to share a variety of ideas and programs driving the national movement on volunteerism.

Roving reporters will capture attendees and exhibitors on Sunday and Monday, broadcasting back to the hotels on Now! Network TV. Come share your story and be featured on TV – tell us what you are doing to promote national service and share stories of your volunteer program.

You can also check your e-mail at our Cyber Café and network with new friends!

The Exchange Hours:

Saturday 12PM – 5PM

Sunday 8:30AM – 3PM

Monday 8AM – 12PM

Monday 6PM – 8:30PM; Welcome Reception

Tuesday 8AM – 11AM

Location: Atlanta Marriott Marquis, International Level



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Welcome to Atlanta!



Atlanta's Skyline

Atlanta is full of unique delights and attractions, and we are within walking distance from some of its best offerings! On Sunday, you won't want to miss the Welcome Reception at the Georgia Aquarium, which is the world's largest, and home to more aquatic life than found in any other aquarium. The conference hotels are just a few steps away from Centennial Park, built in honor of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, and the new and improved World of Coca-Cola. Bordering the park is CNN Center, where you can take a tour and watch your favorite anchor live! And for a taste of Atlanta, visit Pittypat's Porch, themed after the movie



Atlanta's Georgia Aquarium

"Gone With the Wind," for a southern style treat. The Hard Rock Café is also close by, and you can cap off the evening with a martini and nightly entertainment at Dailey's, a local Atlanta favorite.

Did You Know?

Last year 61 million
Americans provided more
than 8 billion hours of
service, valued at more
than \$157 billion.

Badges, Tickets & Guest Tickets

Badges to all pre-conference and networking events for registered attendees and guests will be distributed at the Registration Desk. The full published conference fee includes admission to the following:

- All workshop sessions
- Opening General Session, Celebrate **Now!** Festival, and Welcome Reception at the Georgia Aquarium (Sunday)
- The Exchange
- Closing General Session and luncheon (Tuesday).

Badges must be worn to gain access to all events. There is a \$20 fee to replace a badge. New this year, we have bar coded our badges to provide you with additional services, which include:

Rapid Registration

You may choose to use a Self Registration station to print out your conference badge. Simply scan the unique barcode provided on your printed confirmation and your badge will be printed.

Workshop, Special Event, Plenary Scanning

So that we can prioritize those who have pre-registered for a specific session, a volunteer will scan your name badge before you are admitted to the session. If you have not pre-registered, and if there is still room available five minutes before the session is scheduled to begin, we will admit participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have a session that you would like to attend that you did not register for, please visit the registration desk to register for that particular session.

Networking in The Exchange

Exhibitors in The Exchange will have the opportunity to scan your badge to gain your contact information if you are interested in learning more about that particular organization.

Remember – entry into The Exchange will require your badge.

Who's Coming to Conference? (Continued)

Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofits, and over 425 nonprofit leaders are here to gather information and tools they can use to better their organizations. Private sector support for service has never been stronger, and over 200 business attendees set the standard for corporate responsibility and pro bono service. Finally, more than 200 AmeriCorps members and alums will be on hand.

One of the greatest benefits from a gathering such as this is the exchange of ideas, innovations, and experiences. We challenge you to meet at least 5 new people per day and learn more about what they are doing in their community, exchange contact information, and begin to build your network.

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