

**SPOTLIGHT**

**National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: November 16-22, 2008**

Each year, one week before Thanksgiving, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. It's a time when – across the nation – schools, cities, and community organizations take action around these serious issues.



Your participation in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week can bring greater awareness, solidarity, and understanding of the causes behind hunger and homelessness and also dispel some of the myths that surround them. Events like "One Night Without a Home" help people grasp some of the very real challenges and difficulties that homeless individuals and families face every day.

For more information about this project and others visit the [National Coalition for the Homeless website](#). You can also download the [2008 Awareness Week manual \(PDF\)](#) for more

**RESOURCES**

**Taking Action Against Homelessness and Hunger**

The first step toward ending hunger and homelessness is to understand the reasons behind why these problems occur. Use the following resources to create poverty awareness in your community and to find ways to help homeless and hungry people help themselves.

**Lending Library**

[Faces of Homelessness II](#)

Features homeless and formerly homeless people who share their honest thoughts and feelings about their experiences.

[Homeless in Paradise](#)

Follows the journeys of four people who are homeless on the streets of Santa Monica, California. Viewers will experience homelessness through their eyes and come to better understand the complex political and social realities of homelessness.

[Growing Hope: The Homeless Garden Project](#)

Provides a model for a nonprofit organic garden designed to employ and train homeless persons based on the experience of the Homeless Garden Project in Santa Cruz, California; includes a step-by-step guide, classroom discussion questions, and more.

**Effective Practices**

[Teaching nutrition and life-skills to adults with low incomes](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Principles and Practices of Volunteer Program Management**

is a seminar designed for volunteer managers, hosted by Maria H. Casey, Director of Volunteer Resources of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York.



This is the perfect refresher course for experienced managers and a "must" for those new to volunteer administration.

During the two-day program, volunteer managers will learn to:

- Design positions for volunteers that are meaningful and motivating
- Recruit and interview volunteers
- Develop dynamic training programs
- Create strategies for building solid volunteer-staff relations
- Retain volunteers
- Develop an agency-wide needs assessment
- Understand best practices in risk management
- Discuss other critical issues affecting volunteerism today

**Date:** December 1-2, 2008

**Location:** The Volunteer Center, Hartsdale, NY

details.

[Partnering with a bakery to provide breakfast to low-income schools](#)

For more information visit the [Association of Volunteer Resources Management website](#).

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When browsing the internet, use the **Backspace** key to return to the previous page. Very handy for navigating a website!

## E-MAIL DISCUSSION LISTS

Looking for an easy way to share ideas and resources or to find or post information on a common interest? Subscribe to a topical [e-mail discussion forum](#) and exchange relevant messages through the list server.

## EFFECTIVE PRACTICES COLLECTION

Effective practices define good ideas, successful strategies, and studied findings to help your program thrive. Featured practice: [Creating a roadmap to civic engagement](#). Submitted by Washington Service Corps

## ABOUT THE RESOURCE CENTER

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