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# POWER OF 1

Spreading hope for the holidays  
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# letter from the president and board chair

## DEAR FRIENDS,

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank you for supporting Volunteers of America during a year of changes and challenges. The unemployment rate continues to hover around 10 percent throughout our service area, well above the national average. The 2010 U.S. Census confirmed that one in seven Americans is currently living in poverty. The impact of the recession has been felt across our organization and we know it continues to impact many of you, as well. Yet, in what could be considered one of the most challenging eras in modern history for businesses, government, and families, you came through to help us continue our work.



Meanwhile, our mission has inspired new donors, volunteers, and corporate supporters to join us in supporting homeless families and children, veterans, individuals recovering from addiction, and persons with developmental disabilities. Your partnership in this work inspires us, especially during challenging times such as these.



New evidence of our success appears almost every day. For instance, Grace House, one of our residential substance abuse treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, recently celebrated the birth of Arrysah (left), the 35th child born clean and healthy since this program opened in 2004.

Together, we are creating positive change in the lives of those we serve and in our local communities. Please know how much we value your commitment and your belief in our work.

Sincerely,

JANE W. BURKS  
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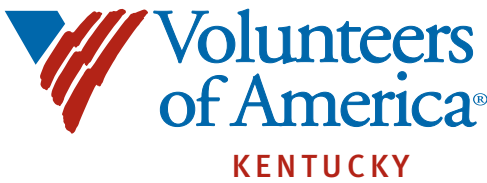
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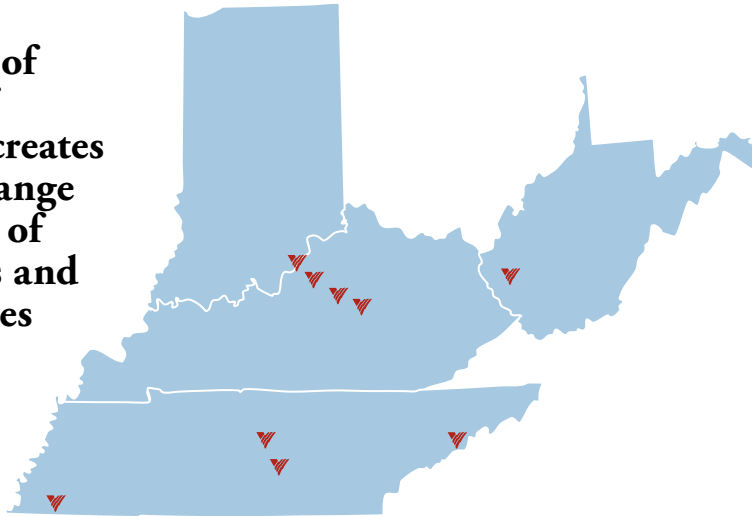
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## COMMUNITY HELPS CELEBRATE THE POWER OF 1

More than 450 supporters came together at Louisville’s Galt House Hotel & Suites on October 7 for our “Power of 1” Breakfast, a fundraiser and celebration of Volunteers of America’s mission. Attendees heard inspiring stories from Grace House program graduate Tara Glover and her son, Cauley (below), and Amy DeVos, a former client who now works as children’s activity coordinator at the Family Emergency Shelter. In addition, Donna Trabue, vice president of Homeless and Housing Services, was joined by her husband, Dan, and daughter, Sarah, to



perform a bluegrass rendition of the U2 song, “One.” Volunteers Tim Steadmon of HCA Inc. and LaToya Johnson — a fourth-grader at Brandeis Elementary School — served as co-hosts of the event. Twenty-five publicly- and privately-owned companies in the region joined the Power of 1 Community; together, they have pledged

\$70,000 to help us address family homelessness. More than \$250,000 was raised for our homeless services and 17 individuals joined our Positive Change Society by making a five-year commitment of support. View a video produced especially for the event on our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/kyvoa](http://youtube.com/kyvoa).



## Outreach brings HIV/AIDS education and prevention to big crowds

Volunteers of America staff and supporters took to the streets of downtown Louisville to promote and provide support for AIDS awareness in the community.

In June, Volunteers of America was part of the Kentuckiana Pride Parade, complete with a colorful float and costumed participants. At the Kentuckiana Pride Festival on the next day, staff from Volunteers of America's S.T.O.P. (Stop the Spread of HIV Through Outreach and Prevention) program provided free HIV testing to more than 100 attendees and distributed supplies to reduce the spread of HIV in the community.

A sea of hot pink at the 2010 Louisville AIDS Walk in September signified members of Team Volunteers of America — the largest group to turn out for the second year in a row. More than 160 Volunteers of America walkers raised funds to support the cause.

### HIV/AIDS SERVICES RECOGNIZED FOR DIVERSITY

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence recognized Volunteers of America of Kentucky in October with its 2010 Pyramid Award for Excellence in the Art of Diversity, sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. According to CNPE, Volunteers of America was recognized “for its commitment and action toward meeting the needs of the diverse population in Greater Louisville suffering from HIV/AIDS.” Volunteers of America has embraced diversity as one of its core values and has strategically recruited employees who mirror this diversity.

“Our HIV/AIDS programming involves educating diverse communities about ways to reduce HIV risk factors and providing HIV testing,” said Richard Coomer, director of HIV/AIDS Services. “Preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS creates a safer, healthier society for all of us and Volunteers of America is considered a leading provider of these prevention services.”

# THE POWER OF 1

## Adopt-A-Home Campaign brightens lives of people with developmental disabilities

BY BROOKLEY WOFFORD, MISS NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL 2010  
AND VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA TENNESSEE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

I want to share with you why Volunteers of America's mission is so important to me and why I joined the Tennessee Advisory Council. Shortly after graduating college, the talented, beautiful young lady who helped me survive freshman year and laughed at me for posing for commencement photos with my robe on backwards, suffered a traumatic brain injury due to a medical accident. She is receiving the care and specialized attention she needs at a facility in Atlanta. For anyone who meets her now, it may be difficult to envision her as the brilliant journalist-to-be that she was; they may only notice her wheelchair, feeding tubes, and quivering hand gestures when she wants you to know she's happy.

As Miss Nashville International 2010 and as a Tennessee Advisory Council member with Volunteers of America, I am spending the year advocating and educating the public about people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Serving more than 110 people in a supportive network of homes, Volunteers of America is one of Tennessee's largest non-profit providers of programs for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities. These individuals are encouraged to live independently and be involved in their communities, which is made possible through Volunteers of America's in-home support staff, day programs, supportive employment, and other specialized services.

Our Adopt-A-Home campaign is just one way of helping people with developmental disabilities thrive and feel connected to the community. Adopting a home is a year-long commitment to participate in a minimum of three holidays – such as birthdays and Christmas – with service recipients over the course of the year. Adopters are encouraged to send seasonal cards and care packages and plan special outings with individuals living in the home. I adopted a home this year and I love my visits with the residents – painting their nails, sharing hugs, and celebrating special occasions. That's my Power of 1.

**To learn more about Tennessee's Adopt-A-Home campaign, contact Randy Brothers at [rbrothers@voatn.net](mailto:rbrothers@voatn.net) or (615) 885-2552 ext. 104.**



*Brookley Wofford was Third Runner Up for Miss Tennessee International in September 2010 and received the Spirit of Pageantry Award, given by Pageantry Magazine to honor those who demonstrate the true spirit of pageantry through their platform. She will soon compete in the preliminaries of the Miss America International system.*



**GLENN GIBBONS**, age 69, has thrived in his Memphis Supported Living Home since his move there eight years ago. Gibbons is a gifted artist and loves to draw pictures for his friends and guests at his home, like this one that hangs in the office of Volunteers of America of Kentucky President and CEO Jane W. Burks. He is fondly referred to by staff as "the sheriff" because he is often seen wearing his sheriff badge and hat. "Whenever one of us visits he will say, 'I prayed for you last night,'" says Pat Edmiston, administrative director for West Tennessee Developmental Disability Services. "Statements like this remind us of our mission and ministry of service and give us a great sense of satisfaction for the work we do."

# hope for the holidays

## Embrace the season by supporting families in need

Think about the many activities you enjoy each year during the holiday season: serving a delicious meal, celebrating with family and friends, showering your children or grandchildren with gifts – and doing all this in a warm and comfortable home.

For the clients receiving services in our homeless programs, the holiday season will be very different. By joining our Hope for the Holidays campaign, you can help make the season brighter for them. The recession has forced many layoffs causing parents who have lost their jobs to seek assistance for the first time ever. And families are staying homeless longer due to a lack of good-paying jobs and affordable housing. With your help, their holiday season will be a little brighter.

There are three easy ways to help:

- 1. DONATE NEW ITEMS** to our Hope for the Holidays Shop, including toys, games, clothing, and winter accessories of all sizes. Public transportation passes; gas cards; and gift cards from Kroger, Target, Walmart, and other budget-friendly retail stores are also appreciated. Volunteers of America staff will ensure that the items donated are fairly and appropriately distributed among clients.
- 2. MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION** designated for the Hope for the Holidays campaign. Your gift will bring hope and real change to individuals in our community. You can donate online at [www.voaky.org](http://www.voaky.org) or request a printed form that can be mailed or faxed to Volunteers of America.
- 3. DONATE NEW WINTER ACCESSORIES** such as gloves, scarves, and hats at one of seven Heine Brothers' Coffee locations in the Louisville metro area. These items will be distributed to clients in our programs throughout the region. Visit [www.heinebroscoffee.com](http://www.heinebroscoffee.com) for a list and map of locations.

To learn more about participating, contact Tande Ogburn at [TandeeO@voaky.org](mailto:TandeeO@voaky.org) or (502) 636-4638.



WLKY, our media partner in the Louisville Metro area, promotes the campaign with a public service announcement that airs throughout the holiday season.



### TURKEY SHOOT GOLF SCRAMBLE



Our Hope for the Holidays campaign kicks off with the 14th Annual Turkey Shoot Golf Scramble, sponsored in part by the UPS Foundation, an opportunity for golfers to enjoy a day on the links while helping Volunteers of America fight hunger. Join us at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at Quail

Chase Golf Club in Louisville. Teams of four contribute one 20-pound turkey (or larger) per player; 20 canned goods, and \$40 to participate. Those who don't play golf but still want to help can drop off turkeys and canned goods on the morning of the golf scramble.



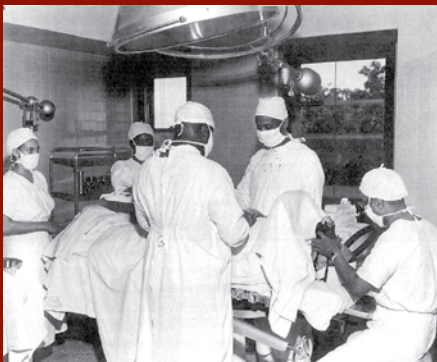
To register your team, call Sarah Luttrell or John Juvera at Quail Chase Golf Club at (502) 239-2110. For more information about the event or making a donation, contact John Launius at [JohnL@voaky.org](mailto:JohnL@voaky.org) or (502) 636-4636.

# Celebration of Hope & Healing connects past to present



Metro Councilman **David Tandy**, Volunteers of America President/CEO **Jane W. Burks**, Third Step Program Manager **Scott Lux**, Halfway Back program graduate **Daniel Shaw**, Metro Council President **Tom Owen**, and **Dr. Morris Weiss**.

The former Red Cross Hospital holds special meaning to two Volunteers of America employees who were born there: Pat Brooks (top left), administrative assistant with Freedom House, one of our licensed residential substance abuse treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women; and Traveler's Aid Program Manager Terri Beeler (top right). Community supporter Dan Hall (above), vice president of community engagement at the University of Louisville, was also born at the Red Cross and attended the cornerstone unveiling.



Medical professionals provided a full spectrum of care at the former Red Cross Hospital.

Courtesy of The Courier-Journal Photo Archives

A community celebration at our Shelby Street Substance Abuse Treatment Campus in Louisville, the site of the former Red Cross Hospital – which served the African-American community for more than 75 years – brought together staff, elected officials, and community supporters for the unveiling of a cornerstone embedded in the building's facade in 1950.

Established in 1898, the Red Cross Hospital was the first facility in Kentucky for African Americans regularly denied medical services due to segregation. In operation at 1436 South Shelby Street from 1902 until its closure in 1976, the hospital also provided professional medical training and employment to African-American men and women.

Volunteers of America continues the tradition of healing at this site by serving individuals and families facing substance abuse. Our complete system of care includes community outreach, prevention, assessment, outpatient treatment, long-term residential treatment, and aftercare services. We offer

specialized services to woman and children, families, veterans, individuals with HIV/AIDS, those transitioning from correctional institutions, and persons with mental health issues.

At the event, President and CEO Jane W. Burks was joined by Metro Councilman David Tandy and Metro Council President Tom Owen; Dr. Morris Weiss, a physician who practiced at the former Red Cross Hospital; and Halfway Back program graduate Daniel Shaw, who shared his story of recovery. Attendees had the opportunity to see 60-year-old newspapers, financial documents, and other artifacts sealed up behind the cornerstone.

Scott Lux, who heads the Third Step program – a transitional living treatment program for men ages 18 to 45 years old – researched the history of the site with help from Owen, an archivist at the University of Louisville. When Weiss visited the building to do some research of his own, the pair had a lot of information to share and decided to remove the cornerstone to research its contents.

## WEDDING DAY GIVEAWAY PROVIDES FACE LIFT AT GRACE HOUSE

Our Giving Back Wedding Day Giveaway gave brides-to-be the chance to win up to \$10,000 in catering services from Juleps Catering in Louisville. Their task? Renovating a room at Grace House, one of our residential substance abuse treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women. The results were spectacular — four contestants completed top-to-bottom renovations of two bathrooms, a bedroom and bathroom suite, and the laundry room. We're incredibly grateful to all the contestants: Kalan Slattery, Ashley Shaver, Susan Menne (who received extensive help from

fiancé Robert Gazaway), and Laura Vickers of Lexington, Kentucky, who won with her laundry room remodel. She and her fiancé, Michael Higdon, are planning a summer 2011 wedding.

Thanks to our contest sponsors, Juleps Catering, part of Sullivan University's renowned National Center for Hospitality Studies, and *The Perfect Wedding Guide* — a multi-media wedding planning resource for couples in Louisville, Lexington, and Southern Indiana — for

making the giveaway possible.

We're also grateful to our judges: Rachel Platt of WHAS11, Carissa Lawson of WLKY, Dawne Gee of WAVE3, Candyce Clifft of FOX41, and Hazel Sullivan, wife of Sullivan University Chancellor A.R. Sullivan.

## Creating "Jessica's Room"

BY LAURA VICKERS, WEDDING DAY GIVEAWAY WINNER

I learned about the Giving Back: Wedding Day Giveaway when I received an e-mail after attending a bridal show. I was intrigued by the idea, since catering is such a huge expense when planning a wedding.

I attended the kickoff celebration, where I met some of the Grace House staff and learned about how Volunteers of American is helping these women to bring healthy children into the world. What a great concept! I immediately wanted to be involved and chose the laundry room since it is shared by all the women in the home and was in need of major improvements.

On March 20, 2010 our family faced a terrible tragedy that made our project mean so much more than just helping the women at Grace House and potentially winning the contest. I lost my 23-year-old first cousin, Jessica Voytko, to substance abuse. Jessica had made many efforts to fight her addictions. In 2008, with her mother's help, she entered rehabilitation in Florida, which helped her for some time. Jessica returned to New Jersey, where she had lived previously, after rehab. She began hanging out with her same friends and fell back into her old habits. Looking back, I believe Jessica could have been helped if a facility like Grace House would have been available to her.

With grief fueling the project, my family and I began our renovation in mid-May. We knew we had a big job ahead of us. Adding to the hard work, I was traveling 90 minutes from Lexington, and my parents would be driving in from Danville — nearly two hours away.

The room was small so we thought a stackable washer and dryer would leave room for the folding table that the women requested. I secured a generous discount from hhgregg on a



Laura Vickers

front load stackable Whirlpool washer and dryer and my parents split the remainder of the cost with me.

We traveled to and from Louisville several different weekends, and ran into the usual renovation problems along the way. In addition to my parents, I was also fortunate to have help from my fiancé Michael's uncle and father, who purchased a cabinet and countertop for the room.

When our renovations were complete, we hung "The Jessica Voytko Room" plaque above the door and had a moment of reflection on our memories of Jessie.

Michael and I had tentatively planned our wedding for summer 2012. The contest winnings have allowed us to move our plans up a full year, and with less financial stress. Our families and I put long hours into the room to make it a comfortable, functional place for the women living in the house. In the end, I feel that we made a difference for them, and our joy was in seeing the results of our work for this wonderful cause. This was also a way of us to cope with the loss of a beloved cousin and niece.

# Responding to the challenges facing veterans



Many veterans face a wide variety of personal issues when returning from service. According to the U.S. Veterans Administration, approximately 107,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. Over the course of a year, approximately twice that many experience homelessness. Of those, more than 70 percent are facing substance abuse, mental health issues, or both.

Volunteers of America of Kentucky addresses these issues through services that help veterans who are homeless and/or chemically dependent in Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

*Kentucky Gov. **Steve Beshear** (right) talked with **Mandel Smith**, program manager of Volunteers of America's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project in West Virginia, at the dedication ceremony for the Kentucky Northeast Veterans Cemetery Northeast in September.*

## HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROJECT PROVIDES REAL SOLUTIONS



A native son of the Great Masabi Range of Iron Ore Country in Hibbing, Minnesota, **WILLIAM "DENNY" IRWIN** was physically and mentally abused by his father from a young age. He spent time in prison in Florida, Ohio, Texas and California; all the while, however, his mother and two sisters never wavered in their moral support. Irwin enlisted in the Marines

as a member of the Thin Red Line, but anger issues led to his dismissal from the Corps after four years. After drifting for many years, he came to Knoxville, where he was referred to the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project. Irwin excelled in an intensive 16-week culinary arts training program offered jointly by the Abundant Life Kitchen and the Knoxville Convention Center. He was the program's Distinguished Graduate for his class and has now been employed full time for over a year.



**MARK ANTHONY HILL** graduated from Governor's Island technical training as an electronics technician on board ocean-going naval vessels then moved up in the Coast Guard at Portsmouth, Virginia as a sea-going electronics, communications and computer operations specialist. After leaving the Coast Guard, Hill worked on high-paying construction projects. He

quickly wasted all his high earnings on substance abuse and eventually became unemployed and homeless. Hill enrolled in the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project in Knoxville and with help from the program's trained staff and his own strong reservoir of skills, knowledge, and experience, he has been drug-free for more than a year. He recently completed one year on the job with perfect attendance and was given a rare in-house promotion to permanent, full-time status.



## GE VOLUNTEERS GIVE BACK

In May, more than 100 employees from **GE Industrial** gave a facelift to our Shelby Street Substance Abuse Treatment Campus in Louisville. Improvements included replacing shower surrounds, weatherizing windows, renovating a bathroom, and replacing carpet and ceiling tiles. The donation of their time and talent saved Volunteers of America thousands of dollars in labor and materials costs and represents the real impact of community collaboration.

Visit [www.voaky.org](http://www.voaky.org) to join the *e-Inspire* mailing list.

## MSD EMPLOYEES RAISE \$2,000

Employees of **Metropolitan Sewer District** in Louisville held a pre-Independence Day pot luck luncheon, raffle, and silent auction to support Volunteers of America. Marion Gee, treasurer of the Volunteers of America Board of Directors and director of finance at MSD, made the introduction of our staff to his MSD colleagues at an event in March, which led employees Carole Guntle and Jim Crowder to organize the event. In addition to enjoying all-American fare, MSD employees bid on or purchased raffle tickets for themed baskets, UofL football tickets, gift cards, and other great items. The generosity of MSD resulted in more than \$2,000 raised for our Family Emergency Shelter and many new supporters of our mission.



## GOLF SCRAMBLE A SUCCESS

More than \$34,000 was raised at the first-ever Tennessee vs. Alabama Celebrity Golf Tournament in June, a two-day event that brought together former gridiron stars from both universities and up-and-coming CMA country music artists to support Volunteers of America's developmental disabilities services. Next year's Dinner of Champions and tournament are set for June 5 and 6 at the Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory, Tennessee.

## TORCH AWARD HONORS ETHICAL PRACTICES

Volunteers of America of Kentucky has been awarded the **Better Business Bureau's Torch Award** in the category of large nonprofits. The award honors businesses and non-profit organiza-



tions that maintain a solid commitment to conducting their business practices in an ethical fashion; use marketing, advertising, communications, and sales practices that reflect a true representation of what the organization offers; and practice ethics policies that are effectively communicated to the employees and designed to give long term value to shareholders and customers, and offer training programs that assist employees in carrying out established ethical policies.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUPPORTS MOBILITY

Tennessee's Developmental Disabilities Services program received a grant of \$20,000 from the **Major League Baseball Players Trust** for the Upward Mobility Project, which aims to fully integrate people with intellectual disabilities into their communities and improve their quality of life. The project is a partnership between the Federal Transportation Administration, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Volunteers of America of Kentucky, and Major League Baseball Players Trust, which provides funding to help Volunteers of America further its mission. The funds are being used to help purchase six wheelchair-accessible vans to improve service, transportation access, safety, and reliability for people with developmental disabilities throughout Tennessee.

## CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS IN TENNESSEE STEP UP

Employees of the **Sheraton Music City Hotel** and **HCA Inc.** in Nashville teamed together to make improvements to Volunteers of America's supported living homes in the Nashville area. The Sheraton employees (right) painted interior spaces at one home while the HCA group took on outdoor improvements at another, including painting the garage, staining the deck and wheelchair ramp handrails, and removing a pond and replacing it with new shrubs and a decorative rock boarder design. The help of these great volunteers has transformed the homes into brighter, more comfortable places to live for individuals with developmental disabilities.



## CHILD CARE CENTERS SUPPORT BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Our annual Back-to-School campaign provided more than 50 backpacks and 2,100 school supplies for families participating in homeless and housing programs in Louisville and Lexington. Backpacks and much-needed supplies were collected at **The Learning Center** in Lexington and **Bright Horizons Childcare Solutions'** three locations in Louisville, while supporters Amy Benovitz, Mindy Needleman, and their fellow members of the **Temple of Louisville** collected and delivered supplies at a back-to-school party they organized at our Family Emergency Shelter.

## STAND DOWN TARGETS HOMELESS VETS

Staff from the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project participated in the **Stand Down / Project Homeless Connect Day** in Louisville, an opportunity for agencies and volunteers to connect with veterans living on the streets who otherwise wouldn't seek or receive assistance. The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project is actively engaged with Louisville's Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs, Louisville Metro Government, the Coalition for the Homeless, and other service providers to help homeless veterans obtain food, clothing, shelter, drug and alcohol counseling, medical treatment, and other supportive services.

## AWARD RECOGNIZES SUPPORT OF FAMILIES

Volunteers of America of Kentucky is one of two affiliates that received a \$5,000 honorable mention award for the **2010 Family Strengthening Award**, given by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to Volunteers of America programs in recognition of efforts to build stronger families and end the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Volunteers of America of Kentucky was recognized for its outstanding investment in staff through an extensive training program that helps employees advance in their careers through professional development and opportunities for promotion.

## A MESSAGE TO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE BLUEGRASS

### Casual Fridays



### Build team spirit among employees by helping homeless families in Lexington

Reward your staff with the opportunity to wear casual attire on Fridays when they make a donation to Volunteers of America of Kentucky. Each donation will support homeless families participating in Volunteers of America's Lexington Family Housing Program, a scattered-site transitional housing program that empowers families to build a strong foundation of financial stability and self-sustainability. A recipient of the 2009 Annie E. Casey Foundation Family Strengthening Award, the Lexington Family Housing Program places 93 percent of the homeless families it serves into stable housing. Businesses in the Lexington area can participate by contacting Farrah Ferriell at [farrahf@voaky.org](mailto:farrahf@voaky.org) or 859-254-3469 ext. 223.

## VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA ON ESPN RADIO

**Pace Marketing Group**, producer of "Tennessee Prep Weekly" – a radio program covering high school sports and broadcast on ESPN Radio affiliates throughout the state — has donated airtime for Volunteers of America commercials throughout this fall's football season. Rick Jones and Sara Feltner of Appriss Inc. in Louisville produced the commercials at no charge. Visit [prepweekly.com](http://prepweekly.com) for a list of stations that carry the program.

## TAKE A REAL<sup>3</sup> JOURNEY WITH US



Real people. Real challenges. Real solutions.

Join us for an upcoming Real<sup>3</sup> Journey, an interactive, one-hour tour of our Family Emergency Shelter in Louisville. Learn how Volunteers of America helps real people facing real challenges to find real and lasting solutions. The Family Emergency Shelter is located at 1321 S. Preston Street, Louisville 40208 (enter on Ormsby Avenue). Light refreshments will be served. Choose from any of these upcoming dates:

- December 14, 8:30-9:30 a.m.**
- January 26, 4-5 p.m.**
- February 22, 4-5 p.m.**
- March 10, 6-7 p.m.**
- March 24, 8:30-9:30 a.m.**
- April 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
- April 21, 8:30-9:30 a.m.**
- May 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
- May 24, 6-7 p.m.**
- June 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m.**
- June 23, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

To RSVP, contact Farrah Ferriell at (502) 636-4639 or [farrahf@voaky.org](mailto:farrahf@voaky.org).

## MAKE BIRTHDAYS SPECIAL FOR KIDS IN NEED



Volunteers of America has joined forces with Birthday Wishes and the Hasbro Children's Fund to provide joyful birthday experiences for children at the Family Emergency Shelter in Louisville. Volunteer and supporter Lisa Hayden and her daughter Casey, organized the first party in September.

Celebrating birthday parties for children in shelters helps make sure they don't miss out on one of the most important and joyful events of a child's life.

You can help make these birthday parties a success by volunteering, donating supplies, or making a financial contribution. Items needed include decorations, plates, napkins, utensils, craft activities or games, cake and candles, goody bags for all children, and at least one gift for each child with a birthday that month. Organizers may opt to provide entertainment, such as a face painter, clown, or magician.

**To learn more about participating, contact Tande Ogburn at [TandeeO@voaky.org](mailto:TandeeO@voaky.org) or (502) 636-4638.**

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<b>New Albany</b>	(812) 944-5213
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