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Welcome AmeriCorps NCCC Alpine 1 Class 23!

The AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region's Class 23 has been in Brazoria County for just a few short weeks, and they have already been accomplishing some amazing work.

Dear UWBC Friend,

April is National Volunteer Month and the UWBC staff would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to the hundreds of community members who volunteer their time throughout the year.

Thank you volunteers!

You are the hand raisers. You are the game changers.

United, we win.

Sincerely,

United Way of Brazoria County

Congratulations to Karen Simon & Stephen Head, Volunteers of the Quarter

Because of the recent flooding in Danbury the team's 1st task was to collaborate with the Brazoria County Dream Center and the Salvation Army, Freeport Corps to send immediate help to Danbury residents. The team assisted the Salvation Army, Freeport Corps with their canteen and aided residents with clean up/hauling debris from their damaged homes.

A job well done already AmeriCorps NCCC, and you are just getting started!



2016 Employee Campaign Awards Roll Out



April and May means Employee Campaign Award season around the county. UWBC staff are still working hard to meet with each of our 2016 Campaign Workplaces, and we would like to acknowledge all of our award recipients so far:

Bess Brannen Elementary
Brazos National Bank
Dillard's
The Dow Chemical Co.
Elisabet Ney Elementary
Freeport LNG HQ
H-E-B Alvin
H-E-B Angleton
H-E-B Lake Jackson
H-E-B Pearland Market



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On Tax Day 2017, April 18th, we announced our next Volunteers of the Quarter, Karen Simon and Stephen Head.

We chose that day specifically because Karen and Stephen are dedicated Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers.

Karen began volunteering with VITA in 1998. Balancing her drive to volunteer with the realities of raising an energetic daughter, was challenging at times. And when Karen retired in 2015, she dove right back in to volunteerism head first. "The VITA program is essential to the community," says Karen. "There are so many citizens that need the help doing their taxes and cannot do it themselves or afford to go to a paid preparer."



Stephen has been a committed VITA volunteer for the past 4 tax seasons. He appreciates the opportunity to help people and to give back to the community through his unique strengths and skills. He is a deeply appreciated contributor to the greater mission of UWBC. "We all need to help our neighbors," says Stephen. "So I am appreciative of the work that UWBC does to help those in need in our community."

UWBC is honored to feature Stephen and Karen as our Volunteers of the Quarter. Congratulations and thank you!

If you are interested in giving back to the community through volunteering for a UWBC program or initiative, please contact [Gloria Luna](mailto:Gloria.Luna@uwbc.org), gluna@uwbc.org, or call our office at [979.849.9402](tel:979.849.9402).

INEOS Olefins & Polymers
Macy's
Pearland State Bank
Target
United Parcel Service
Infinity/
Wood Group



Thank you Employee Campaign
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United Way Employee Campaign in
your workplace, contact [Susan
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our office at [979.849.9402](tel:979.849.9402).



Click the button above to view the
full 2016 Employee Campaign
Award album. We will continue to
add photos as we meet with our
workplaces.

ELS Birthday BASH 2017



The 2017 Emerging Leaders Society
Birthday BASH has been an amazing
success!

To date, ELS has raised:

27 completed Birthday Bags
13 boxes of cake mix
9 disposable baking tins
9 cans of frosting
8 packages of candles

Holidays Lakes Food Fair Helps Hundreds



On April 29th, Holiday Lakes hosted a Food Fair. UWBC can proudly announce the result of this food fair that fresh produce and staples were supplied to **130 Holiday Lakes households**.

[Quick Stats]

505 Individuals Served (179 Children, 45 Seniors)
4 Individuals (Average Household Size)
\$20,489 (Average Household Income)

This wonderfully successful event was accomplished through a multi-partner collaboration with **Holiday Lakes City Hall**, the **Brazoria County Dream Center**, the **Houston Food Bank**, **AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region Alpine 1 Class 23**, **Starbucks Lake Jackson**, **UWBC**, and **The Freedom House**.

Volunteers began arriving at 7:30am and didn't stop until every family had what they needed. In addition to food, each household met with volunteers to assess their other needs regarding their recovery from the 2016 June Flood.



And there's plenty more recovering left to do.

...and \$100 in donations to create more Birthday Bags!

But ELS and the community are not through yet! **The Facts's Leaders Under 40 Celebration**, on May 9th, is featuring a drive to donate even more Birthday Bags to the ELS Birthday BASH.



United Way of Brazoria County Emerging Leaders Society

If you are interested in joining ELS at their next event, contact [Andrea Raiff](mailto:Andrea.Raiff@uwbc.org), araiff@uwbc.org, or call our office at [979.849.9402](tel:979.849.9402).



Click on the button above to view the full ELS Birthday BASH album.

If you, or someone you know, knows how to do general carpentry work, we are looking for you! We need volunteers to job shadow and teach our young AmeriCorps NCCC team the skills they need to get the job done.

Volunteers will not have a required schedule. The amount of time you choose to give can be as little as a few hours.



If you'd like to get involved by volunteering as a Recovery Coach for our AmeriCorps team, please contact [Gloria Luna](mailto:gluna@uwbc.org) at gluna@uwbc.org or call our office at [979.849.9402](tel:979.849.9402).



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