



2008 Department of Commerce Volunteer Community Service Program

❖ Building and Restoration
of Communities

❖ Clothing and
Food Drives

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Programs

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COMMERCE EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO EXHIBIT A CULTURE OF SERVICE AND CITIZENSHIP

The Secretary Leads the Way During 2007 National Volunteer Week



Secretary of Commerce, Carlos M. Gutierrez, along with other senior level staff and employees, volunteered to participate in feeding the homeless at a soup kitchen operated by the So Others Might Eat (SOME) organization. SOME is an interfaith community-based organization helping the poor and homeless of the Nation's Capital. During the lunch cycles, more than 200 homeless persons were provided healthy meals. Afterwards, Commerce employees participated in general housekeeping of the dining room facility by cleaning tables, stacking chairs, and cleaning the kitchen.

Nobel Prize Winner Explains "Science of Cold" to 800 Middle School Students



Nobel Laureate William D. Phillips, a physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), demonstrates how balloons are affected by the ultracold temperature of liquid nitrogen to approximately 800 students, parents, and teachers at Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology in Rockville, Maryland. Mr. Phillips shared the 1997 Nobel Prize in physics for the development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light. In attendance were U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen (MD), Montgomery County Superintendent Jerry Weast, NIST Acting Director James Turner, and school officials.

FREEDOM WALK

★ AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU ★ SEPTEMBER 11 ★

The Secretary of Commerce and other senior leaders led more than 450 Commerce employees, along with their friends and families, in the 2007 Freedom Walk. The Freedom Walk event honors the lives lost during the September 11th terrorist attacks. Commerce's leadership continues to proudly participate in this annual event, which showcases support of military service members stationed throughout the world.

**Executive Order 13401:
Responsibilities of Federal
Departments and Agencies
with Respect to Volunteer
Community Service**

The President of the United States of America signed into law Executive Order 13401 on April 27, 2006 to help ensure that the Federal Government supports and encourages volunteer community service.



“Mark Your Calendar”

<p>January 21, 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service</p>
<p>April 27 – May 3, 2008 National Volunteer Week</p>
<p>May 3, 2008 Join Hands Day</p>
<p>June 2008 Great Outdoors Month</p>
<p>August 2, 2008 Community Build Day</p>
<p>September 17, 2008 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day</p>
<p>October 25, 2008 Make a Difference Day</p>
<p>November 22, 2008 Family Volunteer Day</p>



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hosted the Annual Restoration Day, which is the largest voluntary environmental stewardship event in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This event is conducted in Maryland and Virginia with hundreds of volunteers. They planted underwater grass, performed fish sampling and seeding, removed invasive plants, and cleared debris.

Commerce Senior Executives Making a Difference



During the Commerce all hands meeting for more than 300 senior executives, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce stressed volunteer community service as a leadership priority. Commerce recognized one SES member with the Silver Level President’s Volunteer Service Award and nine other SES members with the Bronze Level President’s Volunteer Service Award for their volunteer community service.



The President’s Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation, in conjunction with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the USA Freedom Corps. The award is presented to those employees who lead a life of volunteerism by making a difference in the communities in which they live and work.

“Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?”
[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

For more information on Volunteer Community Service Programs, please visit the following websites:
www.usafreedomcorps.gov
www.redcross.org
www.habitat.org

For additional information on opportunities for Volunteer Community Service Programs for Commerce employees, please contact Edner Escarne via email at eescarne@doc.gov



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