



Volunteer Appreciation Newsletter

April 2011

Greetings! April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we are taking this opportunity to feature our wonderful volunteers who give the gift of their valuable time and expertise!

Our Volunteers are the Best!

Originally founded by volunteers in 1989, DCAP has a long tradition of wonderful volunteers. Our current volunteers carry this tradition forward by taking more responsibility and doing even more than before! We are proud to honor a few of our volunteers who exemplify what it means to be a DCAP volunteer.

2010 DCAP Volunteer of the Year

Chad Steele

Chad logged more volunteer hours than any other DCAP volunteer in 2010. Chad is resourceful, capable, and willing to help in any way that is needed. He works a regular shift in the office and he is one of our HIV Testing and Counseling volunteers.

2010 Friend of DCAP

Kate Marlton & Heather Cameron

Kate is such a good friend to our clients! She serves as a buddy, which requires an extra level of commitment. She also provides transportation for clients to appointments, and she works a regular shift in the office.

Heather takes care of DCAP's John Baur Memorial Garden. This is her third summer of taking care of the garden, and it has really improved with her consistent care.

2010 Spirit of DCAP

Meredith Pavicic

Meredith began working with DCAP as a service learning student early in 2010. Meredith epitomizes advocacy in her work with DCAP and with the KU Commission on the Status of Women.



Let Us Count the Ways...

DCAP's volunteers provide service in a multitude of ways. Client Buddies provide direct service and support for our clients who are HIV+. Event Volunteers prepare for and work at DCAP's fundraising events, and our Outreach Volunteers staff info tables and help to educate the public about HIV. Our volunteers also help with mailings, post fliers, label condoms, and work in the garden. DCAP is fortunate to have seven clerical volunteers who work a regular shift in the office each week. This means we have a volunteer in the office every single day!



DCAP's Team of Volunteer HIV Counselors

In 2011, DCAP is proud to have 7 new volunteer HIV counselors. The counselors will be instrumental in ensuring the Targeted Testing project reaches those at highest risk in the service community with free and confidential HIV testing! The volunteers chosen to become HIV counselors have shown previous dedication to the organization and are required to give at least one year's worth commitment as a counselor. Please help us welcome the following volunteers as HIV counselors:

Chad Steele, Julie Evnen, Emilie Swartz, Meredith Pavicic,

Stacey Pope, Kimberly Woodhull, Perry Tretbar

Student Service Projects

DCAP has formed a collaborative relationship with Kristel Hladky, a graduate student in the Communications Studies Department at KU. For the past 2 semesters, Kristel has taught a course focusing on problem-solving in teams. She fosters a sense of social responsibility in her students by encouraging them to connect their group projects to the larger Lawrence community. Each semester, the student group projects are designed to benefit a non-profit in the area. In 3 sections of the course over the last year, Kristel's students have all chosen DCAP as the benefitting agency for their group projects. The students have worked to promote HIV awareness among their peers, raise funds for HIV prevention and supplement the client food pantry with toiletry items. DCAP is thankful for the work that Kristel and the COMS 342 students have voluntarily completed in promotion of our agency's services.

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference. ~Tom Brokaw

The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers. ~Terri Guillemets



DCAP Wish List

Condoms

State funding for condom distribution has been reduced, but we are committed to providing this important service.

\$35 will buy 500 male condoms.

\$25 will buy 25 female condoms.

Client Food Pantry

Donations in any amount will help to restock the pantry.

Nutritional Drinks

Clients use these to supplement their nutritional needs.

\$10 will buy Carnation Instant Breakfast and milk for a client for a week.

Client Transportation

Clients need our help to get to and from important medical appointments.

\$25 will provide transportation for 10 office visits.

Educational and Client Care Brochures

We print these informational tools in-house.

\$30 from 10 people will buy 2 laser printer cartridges.

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