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To: Hastings Area Community Organization
From: Tara Donohue Weiss, UWH Executive Director
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Subject: Join Hastings On-line Volunteer Community – **Respond by March 1**

Where can someone search for volunteer opportunities, community resources, and community events in the Hastings area? Up until now, an online one-stop shop to locate this information was not available. An exciting **new web-based network for volunteers & volunteer opportunities** is being launched in the Hastings community and the United Way of Hastings (UWH) is pleased to spearhead this effort! This letter is being sent to you to invite your organization to join efforts with us.

The new web-based volunteer network will allow your organization to post volunteer opportunities and match those opportunities with volunteers. Anyone will be able to access the network to search for opportunities. Registered volunteers will be able to use the full functionality of the network and receive e-mail alerts of opportunities of interest! In addition, the network provides a calendar of community events based on the volunteer opportunities that are listed for such events.

As a participating organization, you will post volunteer opportunities, have access to a community calendar to promote your events, create donor opportunities, and much more. This network will strengthen the entire Hastings community. See the enclosed flyer for details and join the network today!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Donohue Weiss".

Enc: Volunteer Network Flyer

Underneath everything we are, underneath everything we do, we are all people connected, interdependent, united. When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.



How can YOU make a difference? JOIN THE MOVEMENT www.unitedwayofhastings.org

HASTINGS VOLUNTEER NETWORK

A new web-based network to connect volunteer opportunities to volunteers

JOIN HANDS

OPEN YOUR HEART

THINK OF US BEFORE ME

LEND YOUR MUSCLE

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ORGANIZATIONS - info here It's a simple process! You will be able to log onto www.unitedwayofhastings.org and click volunteer. Then you register by providing general information regarding your organization and acceptance of terms and conditions of usage of system. Upon completing the online registration, an e-mail notification is sent to the administrator who reviews & approves the registration. The organization receives an e-mail notification with the approval. At that time, the organization can post opportunities . . . again, the administrator of the site reviews and approves postings. Select someone in your organization today that would post the opportunities & receive the e-mail notifications from the administrator.

VOLUNTEERS *Anyone can access the system to search volunteer opportunities by categories, area, or keywords.* Through this process, we are inviting organizations to post their information, then volunteers will access the volunteer opportunities and respond back to you.

DETAILS

- **Functionality:** user friendly, electronic system that is quick and simple process
- **Security:** volunteers can opt for security/usage of their email address for notices; data is kept confidential and not shared with other organizations; thorough security policies are in place by the company hosting the system
- **Setup/Support/Maintenance:** administration & oversight by United Way of Hastings and Community Partners Collaboration Work Group
- **Cost: \$20 per organization annually; free for volunteers**

NEXT STEP- Deadline March 1 E-mail mari@unitedwayofhastings.org by March 1 indicating Yes or No regarding your organization's participation. If yes, if you will receive an e-mail confirmation with instructions on how to get started and register your organization.

Questions Contact Mari Mellick: mari@unitedwayofhastings.org