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## **GOSV Announces \$199,000 in Volunteer Generation Funds**

Federal VGF grants help to increase volunteer efforts that address community needs

**Baltimore, MD (November 5, 2014)** –The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) announced today that eight volunteer connector organizations, including six Maryland volunteer centers, have received funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service's Volunteer Generation Fund. The GOSV will distribute more than \$199,000 in funding to organizations selected in a state-wide competitive process.

Volunteer connector organizations are community, faith-based, and government organizations that help individuals, groups, families, and corporate partners become effectively engaged in service to their communities. Each volunteer connector organization will receive a grant of up to \$25,000 to increase their ability to recruit and retain volunteers in diverse opportunities as well as increase other organizations' usage of effective volunteer management practices. Additionally, some volunteer connector organizations will focus on STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives. By the end of the Volunteer Generation Fund grant year, volunteer connector organizations aim to recruit or manage 26,000 Maryland residents who will serve 62,000 hours.

Volunteers provide enormous social and economic benefit to Maryland's communities. Over 1.3 Maryland residents volunteer in their communities, and the 190.4 million hours served by these individuals is valued at \$4.2 billion.

The following volunteer connector organizations were each awarded a Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant up to \$25,000:

- **Business Volunteers Maryland**  
Business Volunteer Maryland will utilize VGF funding to increase education for volunteer leaders and nonprofits, increase nonprofit outreach and support effective volunteer management; and build the capacity and impact of Business Volunteer Maryland's Day of Service and skilled volunteer projects.
- **Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit**  
Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit, the volunteer center for Cecil County, will recruit and manage volunteers to assist in the delivery of programs and services of the county's nonprofits and government agencies.
- **Maryland Business Roundtable for Education**  
The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education (MBRT) will recruit and manage volunteers who will engage in STEM instructional and career-oriented support at two public high schools in Prince George's County.
- **Maryland Science Olympiad**  
Maryland Science Olympiad will recruit and manage science and technology volunteers to facilitate K-12 STEM competitions, mentor students, and provide professional development throughout Maryland.
- **Montgomery County Volunteer Center**  
The Montgomery County Volunteer Center will manage volunteers who will participate in service projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of service as well as recruit volunteers for a myriad of tasks for their nonprofit partners.
- **United Way of Frederick County**  
United Way of Frederick County will recruit and manage volunteers to prepare and file taxes, read to children, plant and maintain farms and urban gardens, and assist local nonprofits in Frederick City and Frederick County.
- **Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County**  
The Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County will recruit and manage volunteers to support the work of community nonprofits throughout Anne Arundel County. Their volunteers will also support National Days of Service such as Family Volunteer Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and 9/11 Day of Service.
- **Volunteer Center Serving Howard County**  
The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County will recruit and manage volunteers who will support local non-profit and governmental partners with meaningful volunteer opportunities in Howard County.

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