



Drop of a Hat Brigade Digest

November 28, 2011

“One hand cannot clap on its own, but it needs the other to make a clap.”

Remember that “many hands make light work!”

~~~Maasai Tribal Saying

Put your hands together and give yourself a standing ovation for all the volunteer hours you contribute to our community.

Here’s wishing you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season.

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## One-Time Volunteer Opportunities

### SANTA’S WORKSHOP

Share your gift wrapping expertise and help bring a sparkle into children’s eyes this Christmas by volunteering at the RHS-sponsored Santa’s Workshop.

**WHAT:** Gift wrapping donated items and taking request applications for gifts  
**WHEN:** November 28 – December 23, 2010: 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Santa’s Workshop—555 H Street, Crescent City, CA  
**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Willing to smile and enjoy the Christmas spirit.  
**YOUTH FRIENDLY:** Yes  
**WHO:** Ron Phillips, Head Elf, 707-460-3537 or [rphillips@ncen.org](mailto:rphillips@ncen.org)



### DECK THE HALLS

AWE and the Wonder of Christmas! Share your creative talents and bring the Spirit of Christmas to the residents of CC Nursing and Rehab.

WHAT: Help with Christmas decorating of the CC Nursing and Rehab facility.  
WHEN: Week of November 28-December 2—days/times to be determined  
WHERE: CC Nursing and Rehab @ 1280 Marshall Street  
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Shared smiles  
YOUTH FRIENDLY? Yes  
WHO: Contact Rosemary at 464-6151 or e-mail to [rose41mary@yahoo.com](mailto:rose41mary@yahoo.com)

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### **SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE**

Enjoy the Christmas songs of this year's Singing Christmas Tree with CC Nursing & Rehab residents

WHAT: Transport residents to and from the Foursquare Church to listen to this year's performance of the Singing Christmas Tree.  
WHEN: Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
WHERE: Meet at CC Nursing and Rehab @ 1280 Marshall Street  
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Must be able to push a wheelchair  
YOUTH FRIENDLY? No  
WHO: Contact Rosemary at 464-6151 or e-mail to [rose41mary@yahoo.com](mailto:rose41mary@yahoo.com)

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### **OH, CHRISTMAS TREE—OH, CHRISTMAS TREE**

Join in the fun and spirit of Christmas and help to bring smiles to residents of CC Nursing and Rehab.

WHAT: Help the staff with decorating this year's Christmas tree located in the main dining room.  
WHEN: The week of December 5-9—day/time to be determined  
WHERE: CC Nursing and Rehab @ 1280 Marshall Street  
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Two-hour shift time commitment  
YOUTH FRIENDLY? Yes  
WHO: Contact Rosemary at 464-6151 or e-mail to [rose41mary@yahoo.com](mailto:rose41mary@yahoo.com)

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### **PRETTY PACKAGES**

The Magic of Christmas—Gifts from the heart all wrapped in delicate paper and tied with colored bows are scattered under the Christmas tree.

WHAT: Help with wrapping presents and making this Christmas special to CC Nursing and Rehab residents.  
WHEN: December 15-23—days/times to be determined  
WHERE: CC Nursing and Rehab @ 1280 Marshall Street  
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Enjoy a light-hearted Christmas Spirit  
YOUTH FRIENDLY? Yes  
WHO: Contact Rosemary at 464-6151 or e-mail to [rose41mary@yahoo.com](mailto:rose41mary@yahoo.com)

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## **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)**

Looking for a chance to help individuals claim the tax refunds they deserve? Here's your chance to engage with the public, build your resume, and be a part of a rewarding and educational experience though volunteering with the VITA Program providing free tax preparation for low-to-moderate income individuals and families during the tax season throughout Del Norte and Humboldt Counties.

**WHAT:** Volunteers will prepare tax returns for eligible individuals and families. Free training will be provided to become IRS-certified.

**WHEN:** Volunteers needed for 2012 tax season (January 16<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>). Training provided prior to this date. Expected volunteer time would be 3-15 hours per week with flexible hours.

**WHERE:** Throughout Del Norte and Humboldt Counties; exact locations to be determined.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

**YOUTH FRIENDLY?** No

**WHO:** Please contact Lindsay DeWitt, the VITA Program Coordinator, for more information. (707) 269-2016

**WEBSITE:** [www.rcaa.org](http://www.rcaa.org)

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## **Ongoing, Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Coast Redwood Art Association Gallery**

Get involved in Del Norte's art community through volunteering at the Coast Redwood Art Association Gallery

**WHAT:** Volunteers are responsible for opening/closing the Gallery, selling artwork housed there, and visiting with tourists sharing information on Crescent City and Del Norte County.

**WHEN:** Volunteer shifts are from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday. (Partial shifts are also available.)

**WHERE:** Coast Redwood Art Association Gallery located at the Harbor, 140 Marine Way, Crescent City

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

**WHO:** Contact Maida Piotrowski @ 464-8165 or e-mail to [maidapaints@gmail.com](mailto:maidapaints@gmail.com)

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**NORTH COAST MARINE MAMMAL CENTER GIFT SHOP**

Meet tourists from a variety of locations and share with them information on the beautiful north coast by volunteering at the North Coast Marine Mammal Center gift shop.

**WHAT:** Meet and greet visitors, share with tourists information about Del Norte County, and operate the gift store.

**WHEN:** Hours & days to be determined. Shifts are 3-4 hours one time per week plus one Saturday per month

**WHERE:** North Coast Marine Mammal Center, 424 Howe Drive, Crescent City

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

**WHO:** Contact Paul Schaeffer—465-6265

**WEBSITE:** [paul@northcoastmmc.org](mailto:paul@northcoastmmc.org)

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***Volunteer at the CC/Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce***

The Crescent City/Del Norte Chamber of Commerce has many visitors from around the world in the summer and needs volunteers to help those visitors know what to see and do here.

**WHAT:** Talk with visitors to share with them the beauty that can be seen and enjoyed in Del Norte County, activities in which to participate, and local eateries to visit.

**WHEN:** Days/hours to be determined. The Chamber is open Sunday through Saturday; 9:00am to 5:00pm daily.

**WHERE:** Cultural Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1001 Front Street.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** We like people to volunteer parts of at least 2 days a week most of the summer.

**YOUTH FRIENDLY:** Yes

**WHO:** Contact Linda at 464-3174 on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday

**WEBSITE:** [www.delnorte.org](http://www.delnorte.org)

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