



Volunteer Sound Off

Message from the Volunteer Coordinator:

Hi, everyone! I am so proud to have the opportunity to meet with all of you. I am so excited to be able to sit down and type the first of many editions of the Volunteer Sound Off, a Pathways volunteer and community partners' newsletter. Next, I want to say Thank you for choosing to serve and help those in your community! Due to your participation, Pathways has been very busy. In this issue we will discuss:

- *Pathways Inc's History*
- *Welcoming of All New Volunteers*
- *Past and Current Events*

Our History

I know that during orientation I mentioned that I wanted to share the history of Pathways. Pathways Inc was created in January 2003, by the merger of Bread and Roses Hospitality, Inc and Birmingham Partnership Assistance to the Homeless (PATH). Both of these agencies were formed in the

80's as a result of the increasing number of homeless women and children that begin to surface in the city of Birmingham. Bread and Roses became a shelter in 1983 with the support of the Catholic Diocese and became a United Way Agency in 1986.

PATH begun as a Day Shelter in 1985, by Mary's Center of the Cathedral Church of the Advent and Greater Birmingham Ministries, as a way for Homeless women and children to shower, eat, and do laundry. So again, thanks for helping continue to achieve the missions of these great and significant agencies!

All New Volunteers

Hi All! The volunteer orientations have been very successful. We have

recruited more than 60 volunteers. You each are ready to serve so please feel free to request days, times,

and the opportunities that interest you. Welcome aboard!



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Past Events

Many of you all have come in running. We have had multiple projects going on at every location. Each of you have been very organized and driven about accomplishing your goals and missions.

August: During the month of August, we had to bring in volunteers to help with our Front Desk. These volunteers are awesome. Casey, Tiffany, and Diann you allowed us to run very efficiently. Many of our college students from the University of Alabama at Birmingham came out to speak with our ladies about various medical topics. They even gave manicures during

one of the sessions on Stress! We had several youth groups, college groups (Birmingham Southern College & the University of Alabama at Birmingham Annual Volunteer Days), sororities-Alpha Kappa Alpha, and community groups come out to clean, paint, and help us organize. We also recruited enough volunteers to help with the Pathways Kids Program, our tutoring program. These groups have continuously gone out to volunteer with our youngest members. We have had several Employment Readiness and Fiscally Fit classes. We also had volunteers to help out at Sporting Clays. Sporting Clays is one of our annual

fundraising events. It also provides us the most revenue. 😊

September: During the month of September we had several groups come out to serve lunch, help in the clothes closet, as well as sponsor trips for our kids and our single women. We also were able to have Samford University Nursing students come out to serve where ever they were needed. Many church groups came out to help!

October: Finally, this month we have several groups coming out to serve a meal, help clean, and finally help us plan and execute our Annual Fall Festival Event.

Mark Your Calendar

October 2011

30th Fall festival- Location Pathways Inc
South Side

November 2011

9th 12pm and 5:30pm New Volunteer
Orientation

12th Pathways Holiday Decorating Day

24th Happy Thanksgiving



Photos



Samford Nursing Students
September 2011



University of Alabama at Birmingham Nursing
Students September 2011



Southern Nuclear August 2011



Guiding Light Single's Ministry September 2011



Highland Capital Brokerage
September 2011



Virginia College Human
Resources Department Host
Baby Shower September 2011



Southern Company Transmission
October 2011



Front Desk Assistant Fall 2011

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*Thank you for making my first
quarter as the Volunteer
Coordinator Successful!*