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**Volunteer Center  
of Cedar Valley**

*Mobilizing people and resources to solve community problems.*

## 2007-08 Annual Report



Students serve the shelter by organizing toys.



Hoover students help the Northeast Iowa Food Bank at Do Something Club.

**Be alert to give service. What counts a great deal in life is what we do for others.**

*- Anonymous -*

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Mark Fischels*

Welcome to the Volunteer Center of the Cedar Valley's Annual Report and thank you for the contribution you made to our organization during fiscal year 2008. The Board of Directors, and the excellent VCCV staff, truly cherish the opportunity to promote, educate and participate in volunteerism here in the Cedar Valley. It is our sincere hope that each year we touch more and more individuals, local companies and other civic organizations, in order that volunteerism continues to grow and flourish within our fine community.

VCCV extends a heartfelt thank you to our Member Agencies, and applauds their many efforts to make the Cedar Valley a wonderful place to call home, filled with genuine care and concern for everyone, and ready to reach out in times of need. Obviously the first half of 2008 has brought significant hardships for many in our local area. The devastating tornado and equally catastrophic flooding, has severely impacted our neighbors, friends and families. VCCV, along with our Member Agencies, are proud to have had the opportunity to lend a hand in trying to minimize these hardships and create a sense of hope for those affected. As has been reported numerous times, the citizens of the Cedar Valley (and throughout the state of Iowa) stand with pride and dedication toward our own, and it is never more evident than in times of need, such as has been experienced this year. Thank you to everyone!

Within our organization, FY 2008 included several personnel changes. We are thrilled to have Lauren Pelleymounter as our new Executive Director. Lauren was previously our assistant ED and she brings a wealth of enthusiasm, volunteer spirit, and commitment to VCCV, and we are certain volunteerism in the Cedar Valley will be enhanced by Lauren's virtues. The close of FY 2008 marked the end of board terms for several key board members; Curtis Schares, Matt Craft, Susan Schwieger, Sunni Swarbrick and Barb Grant. We offer each of these individuals our sincere gratitude, and praise their service and commitment to making VCCV and the community the benefactors of their hard work and dedication.

Looking forward to FY 2009 presents an exciting, yet challenging view. We begin this FY with a host of new board members, each of who have a lot to offer the organization and the community. We'll certainly have a fresh outlook, hoping to build on the foundation already established, but also to build on that foundation with new and meaningful fundraising and volunteerism projects.

In closing, we are all so very fortunate to live and work in such a great community. Let us all be dedicated and diligent toward the needs of our fellow man, and step forward with the honor and pride achieved in becoming a volunteer. Give time, give money, give prayers..... just give! You shall receive in return more than you'll ever know. To all, a safe and happy 2008 - 2009.

## 2008 – 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Fischels, President

Chris Vadner, Vice-President

Carrie Moorman, Treasurer

Christy Pierce, Secretary

Michelle Temeyer, Past President

Dave Ball

Pam Billingsly

Rosie Bruns

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Brett Engstrom

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Audrey Kennis

Linda Kobliska

Cindy Mohr

Holly Olson

Julie Pitzen

Julie Rousselow

Floyd Winter

## 2007 - 2008 MEMBER AGENCIES

Allen Hospital	Jesse Cosby Neighborhood Center
Alternatives Pregnancy Center	Center
American Red Cross	Junior Achievement
Aspire-TRP	Lutheran Services Bremwood
Big Brothers Big Sisters	North Star Community Services
Boy Scouts of America	Northeast Iowa Food Bank
Boys & Girls Club	Operation Threshold
Bright Move Network	Opportunity Works
Catholic Worker House	Pathways Behavioral Services
Cedar Bend Humane Society	People's Community Health Clinic
Cedar Falls Historical Society	Clinic
Cedar Falls Lutheran Home	Parkview Nursing and Rehab
Cedar Falls Public Library	Pet Pals
Cedar Falls Senior Center	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
Cedar Valley Arboretum	Salvation Army
Cedar Valley Catholic Schools	Salvation Army
Cedar Valley Hospice	Silos and Smokestacks
Cedar Valley United Way	Together for Youth
Community United Child Care Centers	Tri-County Child & Family Development Council
Country View	Waterloo Center for the Arts
Dept. of Human Services	Waterloo Community Schools
Exceptional Persons, Inc.	Waterloo Convention & Visitors Bureau
Family and Children's Council	Bureau
Family YMCA of Black Hawk County	Waterloo Leisure Services
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois	Waterloo Senior Center
Grout Museum	Waverly Senior Center
Hartman Reserve Nature Center	Western Home
Hawkeye Adult Literacy Project	Wheaton Franciscan Health Care
Hawkeye Valley AAA	YMCA
Hearst Center for the Arts	YWCA

### Staff of the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley

Lauren Pelley  
Pelleymounter  
*Executive Director*

Anne Nass  
*Communications Coordinator*

### ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF CEDAR VALLEY

**The mission** of the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley (VCCV) is to promote and support effective volunteerism; to serve as the resource and coordination center for volunteers and a catalyst in building coalitions and community partnerships.

**The vision** of the VCCV is to mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems.

In support of this vision the VCCV is committed to:

- Connecting people with opportunities to serve
- Building the capacity for effective local volunteering
- Promoting volunteering
- Participating in strategic initiatives that mobilize volunteers to meet local needs

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## 2007-2008 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

With the support of a national-level organization, the Points of Light Institute, the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley continues to encourage and support volunteerism as a key component in solving the toughest community problems.

During the past year, the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley has referred thousands of youth and adults to volunteer opportunities in the community.

In addition, the Center has facilitated the growth of volunteer programs and actively promoted volunteerism through a variety of programs and services.

### PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM

- Partnered with over 55 member agencies to support volunteerism and build capacity.
- Partnered with churches to place volunteers participating in community-wide *Love Cedar Valley* event.
- Partnered with the University of Northern Iowa to provide a satellite Volunteer Center office on campus to promote volunteerism to students, faculty, and staff. Also partnered with American Humanics Student Association, to host the Volunteer Fair to encourage volunteerism among college students.
- Hosted online posting of more than 200 volunteer opportunities via [www.vccv.org](http://www.vccv.org).
- *Opportunity Links* Volunteer Catalog distributed through volunteer fairs, individual referrals, and speaking engagements in the Cedar Valley.
- Facilitated volunteer mobilization through a web site, youth/adult volunteer opportunity brochures, telephone referrals, and a media partnership with *The Courier*.

## 2007-08 CONTRIBUTORS, CONT.

Holiday Inn  
Hy-Vee  
ISU Athletics  
John Deere Foundation  
Jim Lind Service  
Jiva Salon Spa  
McDonald's  
Mix 96.1  
Montage  
Anne and Tom Nass  
Linda Noehl  
Olive Garden  
Pancheros  
Papa Murphy's  
Pepper's  
Pizza Hut  
Jennifer Rusch  
Sensation's Salon  
Spinutech  
Taco Bell  
Taco John's  
Michelle Temeyer  
UNI Athletics  
UNI Office of the President  
Waterloo Brown Bottle  
Waterloo Community  
Playhouse  
Waterloo Industries  
Zio John's  
Zippy's BBQ Shack

## 2007-08 CONTRIBUTORS, CONT.

### \$50 to \$99

Erik and Jill Bohlken  
Brian and Katie Burkhardt  
Patrick Clancy  
Troy and Sharon Collines  
Dr. Art and Vicki Cox  
Angi and Brad Fangman  
Sandy Garner  
Diane Hansen  
Lincoln Savings Bank  
Matt Loesche  
Julie Looman  
Mike and Jeanne Marlow  
Patrick and Kristy Moeller  
Lauren Pellemounter  
Gerri Perreault  
Pat and Christy Pierce  
Allen Ricks  
Susie Schweiger  
Thomas Schneider  
Rolene Wehr  
Floyd Winter

### Up to \$49

Karin and Gary Blonigan  
Lynda Braksiek  
Larry Burger  
Natalie and Jeff Burris  
Bruce Clark  
Dick Cole  
Liz Crowley  
Lynda and Paul DiMarco  
Brett and Tina Engstrom  
Judy Fossell  
Tim and Wendy Funk  
Brenda Harrison  
Travis and Lori Heimbuch  
Gary Kroeger  
Steve Lindaman

Michelle Maassen  
Erika McCallister  
Bill and Sara McIntee  
Matthew Miller  
Lolita and Will Montgomery  
Laura Mostek  
Steve and Chris Murley  
Amanda Ott  
Jim Rodemeyer  
Michelle Smith  
Jason and Becky Walters  
Cindy Wells

### In-kind donations

Bank Iowa  
Black Hawk Hotel  
Bike Tech  
Carlos O'Kelly's  
Catering by Louis  
Cedar Falls Brown Bottle  
Cedar Falls Community  
Theatre  
Classic Kitchen and Bath  
Cole Photography  
Corey Clark  
Covenant Medical Center  
Mayor Jon and Ronelle  
Crews  
Davidson-Dittmer Jewelry  
Dave Buck  
E-Clips  
Julie Evenson  
Family Video  
Famous Dave's  
Fazoli's  
Gallagher Bluedorn Performing  
Arts Center  
Harvester Golf Course  
Hilltop Garden Market

## 2007-2008 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### PROVIDING TRAINING AND SUPPORT

- Provided 57 member organizations with support including consultations, volunteer recruitment assistance, and program assessments.
- Hosted 5 Volunteer Administrators & Leaders United (VALU) meetings to provide continuing education and a networking opportunity for area volunteer managers.
- Published 12 editions of *Volunteer Link* an online newsletter for agencies and volunteers with valuable tools, tips, and updates on issues related to volunteerism in the Cedar Valley.

### SERVING CEDAR VALLEY YOUTH

- Distributed over 2000 youth volunteer brochures.
- Sponsored two *Young Leaders In Action* Conferences, attended by 337 youth representing 22 schools.
- Facilitated the *Young Leaders In Action* Advisory Board composed of area high school youth.
- Reached over 2900 area youth via service-learning presentations and activities.
- Delivered a message to youth about service and service-learning nearly 8000 times.

### RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

- Hosted 110 people at the Mayors' Volunteer Awards luncheon, honoring 24 individuals for outstanding contributions to the community.
  - Hosted the Top Teen Awards with 125 in attendance to recognize 31 youth for outstanding contributions to the community.
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## FINANCIALS

	FY 2008	FY 2007
<b>Income</b>		
Business & Individuals	282.66	723.89
Conference Sponsors	6,419.00	14,057.58
Conference Revenue	5260.30	2,963.50
Grants	16,500.00	18,344.16
Fundraising Event	28,913.26	61,383.41
Agency Fees	4,175.00	3,987.50
Interest Income	2,996.56	2,893.47
Volunteer Awards	1,940.07	3,082.90
United Way	9,500.00	7,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,603.33	2,249.51
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>80,590.18</b>	<b>116,641.92</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salary/Wages	72,254.56	58,152.02
Payroll Taxes	5923.60	4,449.12
Employee Benefits	5,177.88	1,452.00
Rent	3,063.60	2,514.66
Telephone	551.84	584.73
Mileage	2,008.39	1,585.93
Business/Workman's Comp Ins.	1,490.00	1,333.00
Board Liability Insurance	917.00	917.00
Postage	154.06	197.55
Office Supplies	577.28	911.64
Materials & Supplies	1,642.41	97.67
Printing	817.83	937.22
Continuing Education	1,306.75	1,105.20
Fundraising Event	11,543.64	11,533.64
Volunteer Awards	2,742.09	3,363.97
Dues	2,555.82	2,481.50
Conference	5,454.25	5,658.06
Contingency	869.24	297.53
Marketing	555.07	444.12
Equipment Purchases	359.48	227.54
Tech Support and Maintenance	2,957.44	
Depreciation & Amortization	1,336.86	1,190.38
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>124,259.09</b>	<b>99,434.48</b>
Net assets, Beginning of the Year	106,883.77	84,801.00

## 2007-08 CONTRIBUTORS

**\$1,000 +**

Cedar Valley's Promise  
 Community Foundation of  
 Waterloo/CF & NE Iowa  
 Corey and Lori Clark  
 Dr. Clifton C. Chancey  
 GMAC Mortgage  
 The Leighty Foundation  
 Pathways Behavioral Services  
 Points of Light Institute  
 Principal Financial Group  
 Foundation  
 R.J. McElroy Trust  
 Rabo AgriFinance  
 Wal-Mart

Mayor Tim Hurley  
 Linda Jacoby  
 Jim and Wendy Jermier  
 Andy and Jessica Miller  
 Ty and Judy Miller  
 Bergan Paulsen  
 Jennifer and Jesse Rusch  
 Brian and Gia Shannon

**\$100 to \$249**

Belinda and Luke Alexander  
 Mayor Jon and Ronelle Crews  
 Patti Davis  
 Steve and Donita Dust  
 First National Bank  
 Mike and Liz Gorman  
 Louis and Sheila Hagarty  
 Brad and Laurie Harms  
 Chuck and Cherri Hoecker  
 Wes and Jan Howland  
 Christy and James Justice  
 Kirk Gross Co.  
 Linda and Jim Kobliska  
 Debbie and Randy Lee  
 Amy Mohr  
 Nick Noehl  
 Steve Peters  
 Steve and Melanie Peteres  
 Marty and Holli Postel  
 Julie Rousselow  
 Curtis and Jennifer Schares  
 John and Jeannie Speas  
 Spinutech  
 Michelle and Don Temeyer

**\$500 to \$999**

Community National Bank  
 Barb Grant and Brett Nitzschke  
 Iowa Community Credit Union  
 John Deere Waterloo  
 Operations  
 Doug and Amy Kaune  
 Lincoln Savings Bank  
 Matt Parrott and Sons  
 Medicap Pharmacy  
 Swisher and Cohrt  
 Thrivent Financial  
 University of Northern Iowa  
 Veridian Credit Union  
 Viking Pump  
 Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue  
 Shield  
 Western Home

**\$250 to \$499**

Allen Hospital  
 Mark and Andrea Elliott  
 Mark Fischels