



## **Stockton College to Make a Difference at 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service Sept. 6**

Students to Give Back to Community to Show Thanks for the \$25 Million Raised During the 'You Make the Difference' Campaign

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Students, faculty and staff from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will show their appreciation for the \$25.36 million that was raised through the college's "You Make The Difference" comprehensive fundraising campaign on **Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014** at Stockton's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service.

The college's "You Make the Difference" record-breaking comprehensive campaign generated donations and gifts to help support scholarships, need-based financial aid and funds that support the efforts to enhance academic and student programming.

Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. on the college's main Galloway campus in the Campus Center Event Room for a day of volunteerism that will help the region. Service projects take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Galloway campus and at local businesses and organizations in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Stockton President Herman Saatkamp started the tradition of kicking off the fall semester with community service when he first came to Stockton. Every year the event has grown in number of volunteers and new community partnerships are continuously formed. Day of Service gives both new and returning students the opportunity to explore the region surrounding Stockton and to meet new friends.

The Fall Day of Service began within the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Student Development, which has coordinated and sponsored the Day of Service. With the growth of the event, the Office of Service-Learning has also become an organizer.

The Noyes Museum of Stockton College is hosting one of its biggest upcoming events on the Day of Service. The college is working with Dr. Jennifer Pullman, Visual Arts teacher at Atlantic City High School, to assist with the 2014 Atlantic City Boardwalk Art Show. Volunteers will assist the artists with unloading and setup of their displays.

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If you are interested in volunteering with Stockton at the Boardwalk Art Show from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., please email [Dianne.Stalling@stockton.edu](mailto:Dianne.Stalling@stockton.edu)

In Atlantic City, "Stockton students will be assisting in an interactive day with children and families at Stanley Holmes as they celebrate their Annual Back to School Cookout and Health Fair. Some activities will involve face painting, balloon sculpting, serving food and gathering the children to enjoy fun activities," said Dr. Merydawilda Colón, interim executive director of the Stockton Center for Community Engagement and professor of Social Work.

Colón will serve as the Stockton project leader at the Stanley Holmes Village garden apartments, and students from the Stockton chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society will serve as volunteers.

Also in Atlantic City, volunteers will work with the Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) to canvas the neighborhood to inform workers of their rights and benefits due to loss of work and casino closings. At Covenant House, volunteers will be gardening to beautify the grounds.

A number of projects focus on the environment and will give students the opportunity to build an osprey-nesting platform and to clean up the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) Environmental Park in Egg Harbor Township, the nature trail at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College and Stockton's campus.

"This is the third year the Girl Scouts are coming to campus for a College-101 Experience Day. This project allows girls from environments where college is not encouraged to experience a day-in-the-life through teambuilding activities, a faux college class and small workshops," said Diana Strelczyk of the Office of Service-Learning.

Other projects include digital preservation of historical photos and documents for the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, designing posters with positive messages and statistics about mental health in colleges, and distributing information on the Food Bank at a booth during the Good Old Days Festival at Kennedy Park in Somers Point.

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