

## **2012 CAN Community Service Virtual Informational Fair Wrap Up**

During the month of May, CAN Community Service Committee highlighted several organizations as part of a “virtual” Informational Fair. More information about each of them is listed below along with additional info about how you can find out more or contact their volunteer coordinators.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the country’s largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding a cure for blood cancer. LLS’s mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS currently has \$262 million committed to more than 300 research projects in 12 countries. The National Capital Area Chapter serves Washington, DC, Maryland’s Montgomery & Prince George’s counties, and Virginia’s Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon and Prince William counties, as well as the city of Alexandria. More than 19,000 residents within the National Capital Area are living with a form of blood cancer.

There are many opportunities for your chapter to get involved with LLS. Form a team for the Light The Night Walks – family-friendly evening walks in Virginia, Maryland and Downtown DC, or sign up for an endurance event with Team In Training – the nation’s Best Sports Charity Training program, as voted by Competitor Magazine. For more information in these, and other LLS events, please contact Lisa Iannarino at [Lisa.Iannarino@lls.org](mailto:Lisa.Iannarino@lls.org) or (703) 399-2905.

Girl Scouts – Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. The Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital serves over 90,000 girl and adult members throughout the entire Greater Washington Region. From the hills of West Virginia to the coasts of Maryland, members are making a difference in the world around them. Almost 5,000 troops make the local council and are provided a wide range of activities with the help of dedicated women and men who give their time and talent to Girl Scouting. To learn more, visit our council website at [www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org).

KEEN – KEEN Greater DC (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) is our next Community Service Org to highlight. The Washington, DC, area affiliate of KEEN provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities at no cost to their families and caregivers. KEEN's mission is to foster the self-esteem, confidence, skills and talents of its athletes through non-competitive activities, allowing young people facing even the most significant challenges to meet their individual goals. Contact: [ProgramsDC@keengreaterdc.org](mailto:ProgramsDC@keengreaterdc.org) or (301) 461-2278. More information can be found at: [www.keengreaterdc.org](http://www.keengreaterdc.org); or on Twitter: @KEENGreaterDC and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/KEEN-Greater-DC/122541731111480>.

Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure - The Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure is an annual event held in Washington, DC to raise awareness of and funds for breast cancer research. Your chapter can get involved by joining the race or volunteering. For information, visit <http://globalrace.info-komen.org/>. To volunteer, contact Margaret Welsh at [Volunteer@globalraceforthecure.org](mailto:Volunteer@globalraceforthecure.org).

American Diabetes Association- The American Diabetes Association holds a number of events each year to raise awareness about issues related to the disease. ABA also seeks volunteers to help before, during and after those events. Contact Heather Sentell at [hsentell@gmail.com](mailto:hsentell@gmail.com) if you can help.

FONZ – Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) is the dedicated partner of the National Zoological Park. FONZ provides exciting and enriching experiences to connect people with wildlife. Together with the Zoo, FONZ is building a society committed to restoring an endangered natural world. Volunteers offer invaluable support at the Zoo and at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, VA. They offer individual and group volunteer opportunities. Volunteers enjoy unique learning experiences while helping the Zoo with education and conservation activities. Find out about one-of-a-kind projects and activities here: <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Support/Volunteer/default.cfm?hpout=Volunteers&xtr>.

Back on My Feet – Back on My Feet is a non-profit organization promoting self-sufficiency among the homeless by engaging them in a running program as a means to build confidence, strength and self-esteem. Back on My Feet focuses on helping its members find a road to happiness, hope and opportunity, including a stable job and a place to live. Back on My Feet does not provide food nor does it provide shelter, but instead provides a community that embraces equality, respect, discipline, teamwork and leadership. Visit <http://dc.backonmyfeet.org/Get-Involved.html> to learn more and get involved.

DC Jazz Festival – The DC Jazz Festival is a long-standing DC tradition! The DC Jazz Festival is typically held the first two weeks of June with events spread out to various locations throughout DC. Volunteers are needed to help staff the events and for the weeks leading up to the Festival. You can get involved in many ways including as support at information booths, as part of the street or social media teams, vending crews, office assistants, artist coordination, onsite event efforts, etc. Contact Kelsey Bonner, volunteer coordinator, for more information about how you can get involved: [kelsey@dcjazzfest.org](mailto:kelsey@dcjazzfest.org). Or visit [www.dcjazzfest.org](http://www.dcjazzfest.org).

### **Get Involved With Community Service!**

We're always looking for good ideas about organizations or community service-oriented events to showcase for CAN's members. If you've got a hot tip, shoot us an email at [commserv@dcalum.org](mailto:commserv@dcalum.org). Or get involved on the Committee. We could use your help. Together we CAN make a difference.