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CSA to offer second annual Volunteer Fair

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Students, faculty, staff and surrounding community members who are searching for ways to develop personally and professionally by helping others can learn about volunteer opportunities with more than 20 organizations at Oakland University's second annual Volunteer Fair, sponsored by the **Center for Student Activities**. The fair is Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge.

Besides enhancing your communication, teamwork and leadership skills, volunteer experiences also are personally satisfying. Volunteering also presents opportunities to meet new people and make new friends.

"The Volunteer Fair allows everyone to get a sample of many different volunteer organizations and opportunities for volunteering throughout the metro Detroit area," said Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development. "It's a great opportunity for students who may need to fulfill community service requirements for their classes and also for student organizations who are looking for different volunteerism ideas."

Participating volunteer organizations will have information tables as well as staff to talk about the opportunities they offer. Sign-up sheets for various activities also will be available.

The organizations that will be represented at the fair include:

- Alternatives for Girls
- AmeriCorps Oakland
- Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter
- Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center
- Catholic Newman Group of OU
- Center for Student Activities
- Circle K
- Deaf Community Advocacy Network
- Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit
- Hillel of Metro Detroit/Stern Tzedek Hillel
- Hospice of Michigan
- Lighthouse Emergency Services
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Oakland County Family Independence Agency
- Oakland County Food Bank
- OATS (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles)
- Paws with a Cause
- REACH
- United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit
- Variety FAR Conservatory
- Women's Survival Center

Visit the **Volunteer Opportunities** Web page for more information on various volunteer programs and incentives at Oakland University. For more information on the Volunteer Fair, contact Sara Crampton at (248) 370-2024 or crampton@oakland.edu.

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