

# Volunteer Celebration

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Farmington Grange

West Farmington

5-7 p.m.

*Volunteers are  
seldom paid;  
not because they  
are worthless,  
but because they  
are PRICELESS!*



This event is made possible with support from the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area, Maine Commission for Community Service and Maine Community Foundation.

*The FVN is a collaborative of area organizations and individuals who promote volunteer opportunities and support the volunteer sector through training and communication.*

## **On your tables this evening you will find three questions . . .**

Please take a moment to answer these questions on the cards provided. In the spirit of collaboration, we encourage you to talk about the questions, and your responses, with those sitting at your table. Completed cards may be left on the table. Thank you!

- 1. Why is volunteering important to you?**
- 2. What has been your most favorite and meaningful volunteer moment?**
- 3. What opportunities or initiatives would you like to see Greater Franklin County residents engage in as part of the upcoming Days of Caring, 9/11 Remembrance Days, or Martin Luther King recognition events. (These could be separate opportunities we would connect individuals to, or one single region-wide initiative.)**

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**Did you know, Franklin Volunteer Network (FVN) members have recorded, to date, the following amazing numbers for 2009?**

- 3,099 volunteers in Greater Franklin County donated time and expertise in 2009!**
- The average number of hours served by each volunteer equals 47 hours!**
- 145,532 volunteer hours have been recorded in 2009!**
- The total community volunteer hours invested by FVN member volunteers equals \$3,034,342.20!\***

\*(Based on \$20.85 per hour from the Independent Sector. [www.independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time).)

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**5-5:30 p.m.**

**Welcome, Potluck Dinner**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Celebratory Remarks and Recognition  
of Greater Franklin County volunteers**

*Lisa Laflin, Executive Director,  
United Way of the Tri-Valley Area  
& Coordinator, Franklin Volunteer Network*

**5:45 p.m.**

**Formal Recognition of Franklin Volunteer  
Network member volunteers**

*Nancy Teel, Community Energy Challenge  
Rick Dorian, LEAP, Inc.  
Trudy Hamilton, SeniorsPlus  
Linda Rood, HealthReach RSVP  
Crystal Cook, United Methodist Economic Ministry  
Cindy Brophy, WMCA (Western Maine Community Action)  
Pauline Rodrigue, Mt. Blue Regional School District*

**6:30 p.m.**

**Rising Star and Shining Star Awards**

*Rising Star: Ashley Wentworth  
Presented by Rick Dorian*

*Shining Star: Dr. Roger and Karyl Condit  
Presented by Nancy Teel*

**6:45 p.m.**

**Closing Thoughts and Launch  
of 2010 Volunteer Challenge**

*Dennis O'Neil, Community Volunteer,  
Member, Franklin Volunteer Network*

# The Franklin Volunteer Network

The Franklin Volunteer Network was launched in the mid 1990's.

With the support of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area, Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Community Foundation, and Network members, the Network has grown significantly.

The goal of the Network is to promote volunteerism and volunteer opportunities, serve as the catalyst for addressing challenges and opportunities in the volunteer sector, promote collaboration, and empower those who informally manage volunteers, or whose professional responsibilities include volunteer management.

Members include: representatives from Mt. Blue Regional School District; SAVES (Sexual Assault Victims Emergency Services); Farmington Rotary; AWAP (Abused Women's Advocacy Project); LEAP, Inc.; Community Concepts; SeniorsPlus; HealthReach RSVP; United Methodist Economic Ministry; University of Maine at Farmington; WMCA (Western Maine Community Action); United Way of the Tri-Valley Area; Women, Work & Community; AmeriCorps\*VISTA; Literacy Volunteers; and community members.

Meetings are open to all and are held the second Friday of every month. For more information, please visit [www.uwtva.org](http://www.uwtva.org) or call 778-5048.

*Thank you for volunteering  
to improve people's lives in  
Greater Franklin County!*

