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To: Local Volunteer Bureaus

From: The Holiday Project

RE: **A Great Opportunity for Your Volunteers**

The Holiday Project organizes visits to people in nursing homes, hospitals and other residential institutions. We give our volunteers an opportunity to contribute to others and we create an opportunity for those we serve to contribute to us.

Our goal is to make visits to people in institutions an integral part of America's Holiday Experience.

In many areas around the country, volunteers organize visits during the holiday season and at other times during the year.

Advantages to You:

- We try very hard not to turn away volunteers. In a few cases, if a visit has a lot of sign-ups, we refer volunteers to another visit.
- Although we ask for RSVPs, in most cases, volunteers can just show up and they can decide to participate right before the visit.
- Almost always, people of all ages are welcome and often, volunteers can bring pets.
- Volunteer training happens at the beginning of each visit.
- In just two hours, volunteers have a rewarding experience and know they have made a difference.

Three Ways Volunteers Can Participate:

JOB TITLE: **Visitor**

DATE: As determined by Visit Team Leader or Local Coordinator

NOTE: To determine if there is a Local Coordinator, go to:
<http://www.holidayproject.info/wherewhen>

TIME: As determined by Visit Team Leader or Local Coordinator

LOCATION: As determined by Visit Team Leader or Local Coordinator

JOB DESCRIPTION: Join an already scheduled group, visit with residents and share the holiday with those who may have no other visitors.

JOB TITLE: **Visit Team Leader**

DATE: As determined by Local Coordinator

NOTE: To determine if there is a Local Coordinator, go to:
<http://www.holidayproject.info/wherewhen>

TIME: Visit Team Leader Chooses

LOCATION: Visit Team Leader Chooses

JOB DESCRIPTION: Choose and contact a local facility, set up a convenient date and time, help enroll volunteers, and lead the visit.

NOTE: Visit Team Leader Guidelines are at:
http://www.holidayproject.info/how/start_a_visit_team

JOB TITLE: **Local Coordinator**

DATE: Local Coordinator Chooses

NOTE: This option is for geographic areas where The Holiday Project does not already have a Local Coordinator. More information is at:
http://www.holidayproject.info/how/start_a_visit_team

TIME: Local Coordinator Chooses

LOCATION: Local Coordinator Chooses

JOB DESCRIPTION: Represent The Holiday Project in your local area, be listed on The Holiday Project website, respond to inquiries, enroll one or more Visit Team Leaders.

NOTE: Visit Team Leader Guidelines are at:
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How to Work with Us:

- Promote our activities by referring volunteers to our website – www.holidayproject.info
- If there is a Local Coordinator in your area, contact that person.
- If there is no Local Coordinator in your area, help us enroll one.
- For more information, contact Joanne Sorresse at 925-957-6223 or sorresse@comcast.net

We wish you a wonderful season filled with peace and joy, smiles and laughter, receiving and giving.