



The Bridge

Jericho Road's Volunteer Newsletter

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CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Jodi DeLibertis at jdlibertis@jerichoroadproject.org or 978-500-1722 to learn more.

Business & strategic planning and organizational development

Africare Center is a newly formed group that advocates and provides a support network for African residents on social, economic and political levels. Africare seeks to empower Africans to achieve independence and gain the ability to face challenges of life in the Merrimack Valley Area, Massachusetts. Africare seeks a **facilitator to help guide a visioning and strategic planning process** for their effort.

Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Cambodian Americans and other minorities and economically disadvantaged persons in Lowell through educational, cultural, economic and social programs. CMAA seeks a **business planning professional to help with a feasibility for a new translation service** in the Lowell area and, if appropriate, provide assistance in preparing a written business plan that will drive implementation of the new service.

Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust improves the quality of life for the people of Lowell through the creation, conservation, and preservation of parks, open spaces, and special places. LP&CT would like to work with a facilitator **to lead a brief strategic plan review and update in a half-day board retreat** this spring.

Whistler House Museum of Art is committed to preserving the birthplace of James McNeill Whistler, one of America's premier artists; raising awareness about the history of the house itself and the works of its original residents; educating the public about 19th Century American Art and promoting current research and exhibitions related to Whistler, the house, Lowell and regional artists. The Whistler House seeks an **experienced strategic planner to lead the board & staff in the development of a new strategic 5 year and 10 year plan.**

Marketing and Design

Friends of Lowell High School (FLHS) is a group of parents and community members whose purpose is to support student activities and enhance school pride and spirit. FLHS would like to work with a **graphic designer to update their logo.**

Lowell House, Inc. is dedicated to repairing lives impacted by addiction. Lowell House designs and implements effective programs in response to community needs relating to substance abuse. Lowell House seeks a **graphic designer to work collaboratively with a copywriter to develop an up-to-date agency brochure.**

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT:

Enjoy Brazilian cuisine and the company of other volunteers and staff as we thank you for your commitment to Jericho Road and our Lowell nonprofit clients!

WHEN: May 6, 6:30-9pm

WHERE: Tabocas Restaurant, Lowell MA

WHO: Jericho Road volunteers, past & present

Come celebrate your achievements and reconnect with Jericho Road staff and volunteers at this great new restaurant located on the banks of the Concord River in downtown Lowell.

Watch your email for an official invitation!

JERICO ROAD IN THE NEWS



Photo: Ross Harris

Jericho Road was featured in the March 26 edition of the [Concord Journal](#).

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED

Marketing and Design, continued

ONELowell is dedicated to increasing the integration and self sufficiency of Lowell's many newcomers by strengthening civic participation, developing strong leadership, and increasing access to vital services. ONELowell seeks a **graphic designer to work collaboratively with their marketing consultant to develop a logo** for their current Voting System Campaign.

Fundraising

Lowell Community Health Center provides caring, quality and culturally appropriate health services to the people of Greater Lowell, regardless of their financial status. LCHC seeks **strategic capital campaign advising from an experienced development professional** as it carries out a major fundraising campaign to expand operations and consolidate multiple program sites in one centralized facility in downtown Lowell.

Legal assistance

Small Business Assistance Center provides entrepreneurs from ethnically and economically diverse groups with the education, tools, and resources needed to start, sustain and expand viable small businesses in the Lowell area. The Center is looking for a **lawyer experienced in small business issues who would enjoy teaching** the Business Law course.

Information Technology

Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust improves the quality of life for the people of Lowell through the creation, conservation, and preservation of parks, open spaces, and special places. LP&CT is looking for a **web designer to upgrade their existing web site** to make it easily edited by staff and easier to navigate for visitors.

2008 JERICO ROAD VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENTS IN LOWELL

Jericho Road volunteers made 2008 a banner year for Jericho Road project and our nonprofit clients in Lowell. Check out these statistics:

- 61 active volunteers active
- 62 unique professional skills projects
- Estimate of 2,000 consultant hours
- Estimated monetary value of services \$300,000
- Value of all goods & services to Lowell through JR approx \$538K
- ROI 5:1

Thanks to everyone who made these numbers a reality!

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Questions or comments? Feel free to contact Lowell Program Director, Jodi DeLibertis by emailing jdelibertis@jerichoroadproject.org or phoning 978-500-1722.

WORD ON THE STREET

Here's what a few of our partners said about our volunteers and their recent Jericho Road experiences:

Melissa was extremely accommodating during a process that took longer than expected. [She] stayed with the project and saw us through it. She is a talented designer, who was able to handle multiple points of view and remain focused.

- **Friends of Pollard Memorial Library** on graphic designer **Melissa Jackson**

Both Stacey and Robin were terrific. They were professional and brought a clear view to long-standing issues.

- **Lowell Plan** on facilitation and needs assessment by **Stacey Smith and Robin Schell of Jackson, Jackson and Wagner**

Carolyn was responsive to our request for assistance on our agenda. She kept us on track and focused throughout the day. Her development expertise was helpful. Her approach was professional, dynamic and flexible to meet our needs.

- **119 Gallery** on board retreat facilitation by **Carolyn Rolfe**

Our board loved the Financial 101 class and it will greatly help us move forward with better financial reports at meetings.

-**The Wish Project** on financial training by **Bill Reis**

[The posters] truly capture the essence of the work that we do, and the impact that it has on real lives in our communities...It's obvious that these professionals brought first-rate expertise to this project, and we will always be deeply grateful for their generous sharing.

-**Nonprofit Alliance** on a poster campaign by **Ed Bernard, Carl Genatossio** and **Jim Coutre** with help from **Ulli Novick and Pierre Chiha**