

# Volunteer Update: 6/15/10

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering with the United States Social Forum. Below is an overview of some of the more pressing volunteer needs. Each day I will revise this list, so please visit regularly for updates on needs, changes in locations, and other related matters. Feel free to email me with any questions: Ife Kilimanjaro, Volunteer Coordinator, [ifekilimanjaro@gmail.com](mailto:ifekilimanjaro@gmail.com).

## **Immediate Needs – THIS WEEK**

We need help preparing the solidarity housing. Groups of 10 or more people are ideal so that we can move quickly to prepare housing. Contact Ife if you are able.

## **Work Projects**

Come out and be a part of something great! Help us rebuild Detroit: one community, one block and one child at a time. The Hush House is working with a group of students on the following leadership projects from June 22 to 24 (three days) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., which includes beautification of the neighborhood on Wabash and Marquette in Northwest Goldberg, in Detroit. We have three major projects: 1st is a large art project/park that we are calling The Field of Dreams, Hopes and Desires. This project is a large walking Labyrinth (designated by a pathway) that will culminate in a sitting/meditation/contemplation spot in the center. We will pick up trash and debris in the area on the vacant grass lot and cutting the grass which is well over 3 feet tall. The 2nd is a playground that is in the neighborhood. The playground is currently in very bad shape and is unusable. We will repair the play equipment including putting swings up, fixing play structures, cleaning the park and adding additional play structures. For more information contact Denise Peterson-Short at [meu4us@aol.com](mailto:meu4us@aol.com). Finally, we are also building a porch for a resident of the neighborhood. For more information contact Keisha Brooks at [peaceandharmonycenter@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandharmonycenter@gmail.com). All three projects are in close proximity to each other. Change a community and change a life!

## **Recycling**

For recycling we need an 8 member volunteer team during the hours that our staffed recycling center is open to bring us the material from the 'green centers' in the sites and sort it in our center.

We also need a 4 member team do a sweep for waste every 2-4 hours while the Vision Village is open and every 4 hours at the Tent City.

## **Culture Needs**

Film Festival at the AFSCME Building: 10 volunteers

MCs for Hart Plaza stage performances: 12 volunteers

MCs for Pyramid Stage: 12 volunteers

Children's Art Village: 25 volunteers

Creativity Lab: 4 volunteers

Art Gallery: 10 volunteers

### **Security**

All shifts are needed for internal security. Contact Tom Stephens at [thomasstephens2043@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thomasstephens2043@sbcglobal.net).

### **Puppet Handlers for Opening March**

We need about 61 volunteers to help as puppet leaders for each kind of puppet and about 256 folks directed to grand circus park to operate the puppets in these teams. All are welcome! No experience necessary to help puppets come to life during the opening march. Please arrive to Grand Circus Park by 2:30 on Tuesday to meet, greet, and prepare puppets for the march.