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MRC Sarasota partners with nonprofit Volunteer Community Connections



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Tammi coordinates and facilitates preparedness trainings, exercises and drills and after action responsibilities in compliance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) standards. She also provides local oversight of the Florida Department of Health Emergency Notification System called Everbridge ServFL. As MRC Program Manager, she oversees the MRC grant, volunteer recruitment, retention and credentialing.



Volunteer Community Connections (VCC) includes a dedicated part-time staff person. Mary Ann Gabriel provides recruitment of new members, retention, engagement, program development and community outreach. Prior to VCC, Mary Ann's various work related relocations throughout the United States enabled her to become actively involved and serve as a board member with local and international nonprofits. Her business career focused on Human Resources at the national and regional levels,

start-ups and Strategic Planning. She holds a degree in Behavioral Science with additional professional designations. She relocated from California and is loving Sarasota!



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The Alzheimer's Association will be conducting a 3 part education series exclusively for MRC Members.

Schedule follows:

1. Sept 24th - Basics of Alzheimer's Disease
2. Oct 22nd - Behaviors of Alzheimer's and Dementia
3. Dec 3rd - Communication and Dementia

The Alzheimer's Association will provide a certificate of completion for each session.

Time for all classes will be from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Please register at www.mrcsarasota.org



Walk to End Alzheimer's

MRC Sarasota is pleased to announce we are partnering with the Alzheimer's Association to work together on several events. We will soon be canvassing MRC Members, (friends and family are also invited) to assist with the 2014 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday October 11th. This year's event will be held at a new location: J.D. Hamel Park located on the corner of Main and Gulfstream in Sarasota. A call for MRC Member volunteers will be sent via Everbridge Notification System. There will be numerous volunteer opportunities to choose from.

We have created a walking team, MRC Sarasota (DOH-Sarasota).

The walk is estimated to be about 3miles.

If you would like to join the team, please email:

mrc@sarasotahealth.org

MRC Sarasota can not solicit donations as a unit: however, please feel free to collect personal donations if you would like.

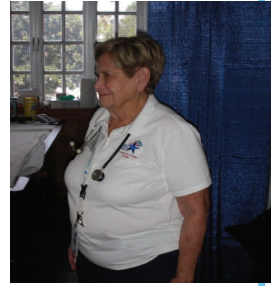




Theresa Neloms, RN

THANK YOU "HOPE KIDS COMMUNITY" VOLUNTEERS!

On Saturday August 2nd MRC volunteers staffed stations in the medical wing of Church of the Redeemer to work along side other Hope Kids Community www.hopekc.org volunteer doctors and nurses. There they provided exams for needy children returning to school. Expected were 165 children plus parents along with 200 plus volunteers including our MRC recruits. It was an action packed day filled with music, fun, food and lots of opportunities for those children in need to get ready for the start of a new academic year. Each child left with a backpack filled with needed supplies. The medical wing was staffed with nurses including our very own MRC volunteer Theresa Neloms RN. Blood pressure, height and weight stats were recorded for each student who ranged in age from preschool through high school.



Caryl Magnus, RN

Second stop was with a local ophthalmology physician where MRC volunteer Dale Bifulco assisted with the vision exams along with two other Hope Kids Community volunteers.

MRC volunteer and RN Caryl Magnus worked side-by-side with an Emergency Room physician from Sarasota Memorial Hospital, providing the physical exams. The children then moved on to their dental check-ups.

It was an impressive event replicated over several weekends and numerous Sarasota County locations July and August. Would you like to be involved with Hope Kids Community next year?

Contact Mary Ann Gabriel at (941) 953-5965 or mrc@sarasotahealth.org

MRC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2014-2015

Your feedback is important to us.

If you have not received the survey, please [click here](#):

The MRC Sarasota County is constantly striving to better manage its volunteer workforce. Your feedback is a vital part of helping us accomplish this goal.

The Sarasota County MRC was established in 2005. It serves Sarasota County with a population of almost 390,000. Our mission is to improve the community's health and wellness by supplementing public health initiatives and disaster response events with a pre-identified and pre-trained volunteer corps of medical and support professionals.

During the past year, MRC Sarasota has held trainings covering topics such as Psychological First Aid, CPR and Special Needs Shelter Training. MRC reaches out to the community. MRC Sarasota has participated in recruiting events at State College Florida and the Greatest Volunteer Fair. MRC Sarasota has supported Hope Kids Community and is planning to work with the Alzheimer's Association in the coming months. We encourage our MRC Sarasota members to stay involved, stay prepared, continue training and help us grow.

MRC ACTIVITY & TRAINING CALENDAR

MEMBERS REGISTER AT WWW.MRCSARASOTA.ORG

August

- 8/22 - Last day to access webinar: [Awareness Training on Memory Impairment](#)
- 8/22 - Volunteer Survey response due
- 8/28 - *MRC Orientation*

September

- 9/4 - MRC recruits at Keiser University
- 9/18 - *MRC Orientation*
- 9/24 - **Member Meeting** - Part 1 of 3: Basics of Alzheimer's Disease

October

- 10/11 - MRC supports 2014 Walk to End Alzheimer's
- 10/22 - **Member Meeting** - Part 2 of 3: Behaviors of Alzheimer's and Dementia
- 10/23 - *MRC Orientation*

November

- 11/6 - MRC recruits at SCF Venice Fall Frolic
- 11/20 - *MRC Orientation*

December

- 12/3 - **Member Meeting** - Part 3 of 3 : Communication and Dementia
- 12/18 - *MRC Orientation*

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