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Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year, recognizing the incalculable contributions that volunteers make every day across the country and challenging all Americans to step forward to help wherever there is need. National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to enable us, as a nation, to share ideas, practices, and stories, wherever they happen, and shaping a movement to re-imagine the notion of citizenship.

Celebrating People in Action, is a time of celebration and inspiration to honor the thousands of individuals who take action each year to strengthen their communities. National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging, people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. We want to recognize you for your volunteer work as Community Advisory Committee members. Through your quarterly visits, your friendly visits, and your activity visits-you are making a difference in the lives of those living in long-term care communities and their families.

“It’s those small moments that make you realize that although your year of service seems like a small thing, it means a great deal in the grand scheme of things”

Tiffany Turner, WNY AmeriCorps

Residents’ Rights Planning!

This year’s theme is: “Dining Defining...It’s About Me”.

Can you believe it is time to start thinking about planning for the 2010 Residents’ Rights celebrations? Put your thinking caps on and start brainstorming different ideas to share with your communities and residents. We look forward to another successful year with many funny stories, good fellowship, and tasty food. We need your help to make these events a success for our residents! Thank you for all that you do.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization

Since 1965, the OAA has gained recognition as a unique and highly regarded statute that has stimulated the development of a comprehensive and coordinated service system. This system has contributed greatly to enhancing the lives of older individuals, family caregivers, and persons with disabilities. In 2011 Congress will consider reauthorization and amendments to the OAA effective in FY 2012. In anticipation of this process, the Administration on Aging (AoA) is soliciting input concerning the reauthorization through 3 mechanisms: (1) AoA– Convened Listening Forums; (2) OAA Reauthorization Input Events; and (3) Direct Input via the AoA website or mail. The hope is that everyone who wants to provide input into the reauthorization process will attend a listening forum, a reauthorization event, and/or submit their views on-line. Additional information is provided at www.aoa.gov.

