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The mission of the Volunteer Center of Rhode Island is to connect people with opportunities for effective volunteer community service.

We do this by:

- Promoting volunteerism statewide,
- Connecting volunteers to community needs,
- Building the capacity for effective volunteerism through consultation & training of volunteers and their managers,
- By collaborating with community stakeholders where volunteers are involved.

"We are delighted to be a participant in VCRI's membership program and believe it (VCRI) to be a wonderful organization that provides the nonprofit community with a valuable service..."

*Nancy Gaucher-Thomas,
Art League of RI*

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"Thank you for the opportunity to give back to my community."

*Jessie Eichhorn,
Volunteer*



Volunteer Center of Rhode Island

2004 Annual Report

Connecting people with opportunities.

For more details on programs, outcomes and information provided herein, please visit our website at www.vcri.org.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2004 was a year of phenomenal growth for the Volunteer Center of Rhode Island (VCRI). With the support of funders like the Carlisle Foundation of Framingham, MA, Hasbro Charitable Trust and AmeriCorps*VISTA, we added three new programs. These programs are focused on specific target markets, including families who want to spend quality time together by volunteering through our Family Matters Program, and youth who are learning about civic engagement through our Volunteent program. In addition, with several nonprofits in our community struggling to maintain or grow board participation, we launched a board development program that focuses on assessment of board effectiveness, trains organizations on best practices and assisted with recruiting diverse board candidates.

VCRI also provided professional development activities for hundreds of volunteer managers throughout RI, promoted the volunteer needs of 500+ nonprofit organizations and connected thousands of volunteers to those needs. In addition, our RSVP program spent the majority of the year refurbishing computers, setting up computer labs in local senior centers and teaching senior citizens basic computer skills. We are very proud of our programs and results, as apparently are many other organizations in New England, who have contacted us throughout the year to share in our expertise.

With all this growth, VCRI's focus is still on its mission of connecting people with opportunities for effective community service. We want to thank all of our donors, volunteers, board and staff members for making this year our best ever! We hope that you will enjoy reflecting on or success through this annual report.

Sincerely,



Wayne Long
President



Kelly Nevins
Executive Director

The value of a volunteer hour is \$17.55.
- Independent Sector '04



Koch Eye Cares Day

Koch Eye Associates closed on July 29 so employees could spend the day volunteering for projects around the state.

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



The Home Depot & The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Businesses came together for Kaboom! Playground building project in Providence.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

2004 Community Impact Award Winners

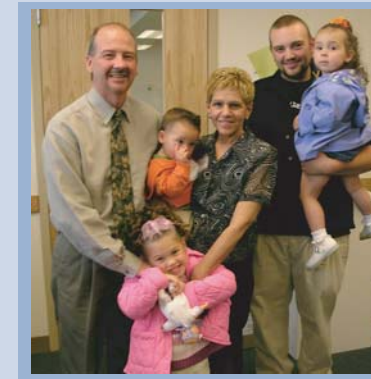
- John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley Nat'l Heritage Corridor
- Providence Children's Museum
- Cumberland School Volunteers
- Friends Way
- Meals on Wheels of RI



PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

**Volunteer of the Year
Doreen Holmes**

Honored for her 13 years of dedication to the mission of St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen.



FAMILY CONNECTIONS

National Family Volunteer Days

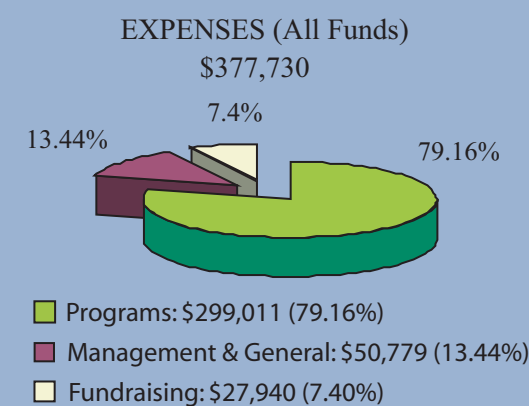
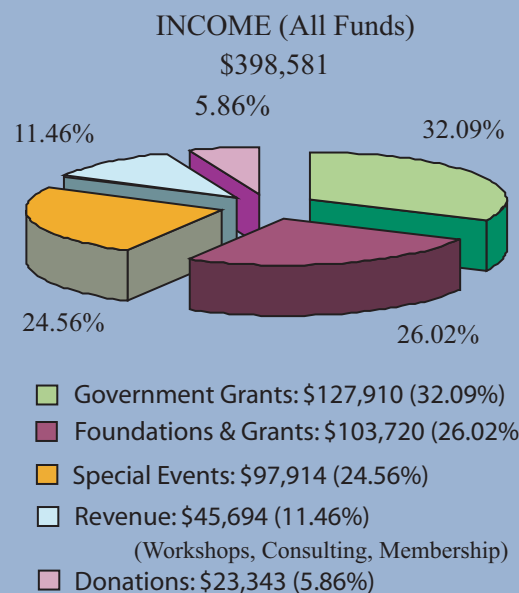
Over 200 family volunteers came together across RI for several nonprofit organizations to serve & strengthen themselves & their communities.

4 out of 5 charities use volunteers.
- Urban Institute

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 510 nonprofit agencies served throughout Rhode Island and SE Massachusetts.
- 1,531 New Registered Volunteers for a total of 3,036 in 2004.
(120% increase from 1,375 in 2003)
- 5,217 E-mail referrals through our website.
(90% increase from 2,748 in 2003)
- 221,594 visits to agency pages on our website.
(190% increase from 77,290 in 2003)
- 276,039 visits to specific opportunities on-line.
(200% increase from 91,415 in 2003)
- 262 individuals trained through workshops & conference.

2004 FINANCIAL REPORT



An unqualified audit is available for review during regular business hours at the offices of the Volunteer Center of RI.

YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Join Hands Day
Over 100 youth & adults volunteered together for a dozen causes to make a difference in their communities.



SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Capitol Region RSVP seniors attend a research session at the National Archives in Waltham, MA for the Legacy Program as an extension of their computer training.

"Nearly two thirds of nonprofit organizations that used services provided by management support or other intermediary infrastructure organizations said that these services had been successful in improving their organization's management"
- Nonprofit Quarterly

2004 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

AmeriCorps*VISTA

Through a contract with the Corporation for National Service, VCRI supervises several VISTA fellows throughout Rhode Island, whose focus is on literacy, emergency preparedness, diversity initiatives and basic needs.

Carlisle Foundation of Framingham, MA

A \$20,000 grant from the Carlisle Foundation allowed VCRI to launch our Family Matters Volunteer program. The program works with nonprofit organizations throughout RI to provide family friendly volunteer projects, so families can spend quality time together making our community, and themselves stronger.

CVS Charity Classic

CVS/pharmacy continues to support VCRI with a \$40,000 donation, in return for which, VCRI provides volunteer support during the CVS Charity Classic. Our team provides ice and water to players during the three day event.

Hasbro Charitable Trust

VCRI was pleased in the Spring of '04 to receive a phone call from the Hasbro Foundation, asking us to host a pilot program for youth volunteerism and civic engagement in the City of Warwick. With support from Hasbro and the City, we were able to launch Volunteent which we hope to take statewide in the next few years.

Tribute to Volunteerism Gala

This year's gala event enjoyed a 19% increase over the previous year, raising \$47,126. The volunteer driven event honored Peter Koch, CEO and the employees of Koch Eye Associates for their outstanding commitment to volunteerism, as well as Doreen Holmes, Volunteer of the Year.