

# THINKING ABOUT SERVING ?

## Get in the Game!

### Volunteer Fair: February 6 & 7 after each Celebration in the Big Room

Have you been thinking about serving in some way at the Vineyard or Healing Center? On February 6 and 7 there will be a churchwide **Volunteer Fair** in the Big Room after each Celebration. Come walk through the fair and pick up information on ways you can volunteer.

One of our tools is a great online assessment test which helps us learn more about how you are individually wired; we think you will find it to be both fun and informative. If you can, take this assessment before the fair at [vineyardcincinnati.com/AssessMe](http://vineyardcincinnati.com/AssessMe).

### “Get in the game: Overtime!”

For those of you who can't attend on the weekend, or if you want more information about serving in a particular area, plan on attending the Overtime evening event on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in the Healing Center auditorium. You can take an assessment there and/or talk to others about what it's like to serve in those roles. Contact Shannon at [albrecht \[at\] vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:albrecht@vineyardcincinnati.com) with questions.

### NOTES:

## WELCOME!

### First time here?

Don't panic! No one is going to single you out or ask you to stand up and give your name. Grab a free cup of coffee or tea, bring it into the Auditorium and relax. Here are a few things we do most weekends...

**Singing:** We usually sing some simple songs to God each weekend. Feel free to have a seat anytime. Some people like to stand the entire time. Just be comfortable.

**Giving:** For those who value the mission of this place and are learning to give, this is a time to give back to God a portion of what He's given us.

**Message:** Our speaker will give a 25 to 30 minute message about applying God's truths to life's challenges.

**Want more information?** Stop by Connections in the Atrium if you have any questions or to find out more about the Vineyard. We're glad you're here!

### Join us at any of our identical weekly Celebrations:

**Saturday:** 6:30pm  
**Sunday:** 9am, 10:15am and 11:45am

- **Children** (Birth to 5th grade) **Ext. 8427**  
Classes for children birth to 5th grade offered at every Celebration.
- **Middle School** (6th to 8th grade) **Ext. 8432**  
**High School** (9th to 12th grade) **Ext. 8433**  
These grades meet at the Student Union (all Celebrations but Sun., 9am)
- **Communion** offered on Sun. at 9am.
- **Sign language** offered on Sun. at 10:15am.
- **Spanish translation** with headphones offered on Sun. at 11:45am.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Life Skills:

#### Listening for Heaven's Sake

Break eight common listening habits that produce frustration, misunderstanding, and hurt feelings. Cost is \$20. Saturday, Feb. 6, 8:30am–3pm at VCC. Register at [vineyardcincinnati.com](http://vineyardcincinnati.com).

#### Year-end giving statements available:

If you would like a statement of your 2009 charitable contributions for tax purposes, it is available online at [vineyardcincinnati.com/contributions](http://vineyardcincinnati.com/contributions). You will need to know your MyVineyard log in and password. Don't have one? Feel free to go ahead and set one up, but you'll need to wait 3 to 5 business days until your contribution information is available. Statements will be mailed by the beginning of February.

**Interested in working at the Vineyard?** Full descriptions are at [www.vineyardcincinnati.com/jobs](http://www.vineyardcincinnati.com/jobs).

- Development Director
- Associate Director, Program Development: *Healing Center*
- Web Designer
- Bookstore Assistant: (*part time*)

#### High School Super Party Bowl

*Sunday, February 7 at the Student Union*  
Watch the big game and join in some other tournaments and competitions at the Student Union from 6pm until halftime. Cost is \$3; drinks and snacks included.

#### High School Unplugged: Winter Retreat

*February 26, 7pm–27, 6pm at Camp Swoneky*  
This retreat is limited to the first 50 High School students to register by returning a completed registration form available at [www.vineyardcincinnati.com/studentevents](http://www.vineyardcincinnati.com/studentevents) and payment of \$50 to the Student Union. Students need to be dropped off on Friday at Camp Swoneky at 7pm. (*Eat dinner before arriving.*) Pick-up is at 6pm Saturday. Learn how to pay attention to the deepest desires of your heart and begin to cultivate a way of life that leads to authentic spiritual transformation. Contact Alton at [alexander@vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:alexander@vineyardcincinnati.com) with questions.

#### Getting Married? Premarital Classes

*Sundays, March 7–28, 1–5pm.* Are you considering a VCC Chapel wedding? Are you engaged or seriously dating? This 4-session training is required for couples wanting to be married by a Vineyard pastor. Cost is \$95 per couple. Contact the Premarital Ministry at [Ext. 430](mailto:Ext.430) or Dawn Everett at [bulldogs75@fuse.net](mailto:bulldogs75@fuse.net).

**Choices:** Single adults ages 30+ meet the first and third Friday of every month. [www.vineyardcincinnati.com/choices](http://www.vineyardcincinnati.com/choices)

#### The Lift

A gathering of young adults every Thurs. at 7:15pm. [www.theliftcommunity.com](http://www.theliftcommunity.com)

## SMALL GROUPS

### Want to help people get Free?

Our new churchwide series Free begins on Feb. 20 & 21 and we're asking the entire church to go through the 6-week series together in small groups. In order to pull this off, we need 500 hosts! To find out more go to [vineyardcincinnati.com](http://vineyardcincinnati.com), or contact Claudia at [hrinda\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:hrinda@vineyardcincinnati.com).

**Summer softball team registration** is Sat., Feb. 6 after the evening Celebration, in the

Atrium near the bookstore. If you are unable to come that evening and want to play with other VCC guys in a softball league located in Blue Ash or Forest Park, contact Tony at [377-1068](tel:377-1068).

### New group in Colerain starting for women who have young children.

Ours are 2 yrs old but any kids are fine. We want to create an environment that is kid friendly. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings of the month. Contact Emily at [werffel\[at\]ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:werffel@ucmail.uc.edu).



## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

### Jennifer Shock

#### What is your volunteer role?

I serve on the assessment team at the Healing Center. Guests are given an assessment so they can be best served by the resources we have access to. Sometimes guests simply need food and clothing, but other times they benefit from referrals to other agencies; in addition they're given access to job coaching, pharmacists' advice, computer training, etc. The role of the assessor is to empower the guests to move through and beyond their present difficulties.

I've been going to the Vineyard for sixteen years. However, I hadn't found a volunteer role that "fit" until I became an assessor.

Besides serving as an assessor, I am assisting in research. There are a lot of resources in the community that we can mine; it's a matter of finding out the details and publishing them in a way that guests can be linked to what's available.

#### What prompted you to volunteer at the Healing Center?

Practically speaking, I have a lot of free time right now that I've never had before. But beyond that, I've wanted to volunteer at the Healing Center ever since it was uncovered as part of the Luke 4 Challenge. I am privileged to meet those in our community who are in need and listen to their stories.

#### What's your favorite part about serving?

I believe in the mission of the Healing Center. I love being a part of helping struggling people get their needs, both big and small, met. I serve on a wonderful team of volunteers whose hearts are open; we support each other just as much as we offer support to those in the community.

A lot of the people who come to the Healing Center are hurting, and they're ashamed to be asking for help. Listening to them, showing compassion, praying for and with them—I think the process we go through helps guests maintain their dignity and go away with a renewed sense of hope.

*To learn more about volunteering with any ministry at the Vineyard, come to "Get in the Game" after every Celebration next weekend in the Big Room.*

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## VOLUNTEERING

### Small Groups

#### Central Support Team

Are you going stir crazy at home with the kids this winter? In between jobs and want to keep your office skills sharp? Retired and looking for a meaningful way to spend your extra time?

Join our Central Support Team—a small group of volunteers working with the community pastors in various roles—from events to office and administrative help to working directly with people looking for a group. Most work is done at our office building during business hours, with a few opportunities for helping out from home. All skill levels are welcome. Join us for a few hours a month or a couple of days a week—whatever fits your schedule. Free childcare is available Wed. through Fri., 9am to 12:30pm for our volunteers. Contact Claudia at [Ext. 205](mailto:Ext.205) or [hrinda\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:hrinda@vineyardcincinnati.com).

#### Make a difference with kids!

Lessons and supplies are provided; you add the relationship-building with the kids. There are several openings for teachers at the 10:15am Celebration in the 3rd and 4th grades. Interested? Stop by the info table in DiscoveryLand this weekend. Contact Dave at [dooley\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:dooley@vineyardcincinnati.com) or [Ext. 161](mailto:Ext.161).

### Census Jobs!

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census at the Healing Center. These short-term jobs offer good pay (\$10–16/hr.), flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for work-related mileage expenses. Now through March a Census worker will be at the Healing Center, Wed and Fri. afternoons, to administer the test and take applications. Applicants must arrive by 1:30pm, the test begins at 2pm. Contact Shaina at [346-4080](mailto:346-4080) [Ext. 257](mailto:Ext.257) with questions.

### Giving Garden

Do you have a love for gardening or never tried it but always wanted to learn how to grow vegetables at home? Come join us as we plant VCC's first ever on-campus Giving Garden which will provide produce to the guests of the Healing Center all summer long. We also need people to coordinate volunteer teams and the distribution process with the Healing Center, so whether your thumb is green, purple, or polka-dotted, there's a place for you! Contact Jennifer at [fathman\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:fathman@vineyardcincinnati.com) or [Ext. 226](mailto:Ext.226).

## OUTREACH

### Outreach Basic Training

It's not too late! Jump into week 3 of this 6-week crash course on the basics of living an outward focused life. This week, experience a bit of teaching and then serve with Haiti donations or another service outreach around town. Just show up at Outreach Central, between the Student Union and Healing Center. Saturday, 9:30am to 12noon. Bring the kids and we'll have the coffee ready!

### An Outward Focused Valentine

We have an awesome opportunity to make it an Outward Focused Valentines Day as we host our next Breathe Respite for families of children with special needs on Friday, Feb. 12. We throw a party for the kids and send mom and dad out for a night on the town. Got Questions? Contact Jen Stambaugh at [one\\_eightclick\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:one_eightclick@hotmail.com) or go to [vineyardcincinnati.com/breathe](http://vineyardcincinnati.com/breathe) to sign up to serve.

**For more info about the events or opportunities listed** go to [vineyardcincinnati.com](http://vineyardcincinnati.com), call us at (513) 671-0422 plus the extension, or email: [info\[at\]vineyardcincinnati.com](mailto:info@vineyardcincinnati.com).

**Childcare registration for events is always required.** Register by calling 1 week in advance or cancel your registration within 24 hours so we can provide the best care for your children. (513) 671-0422 Ext. 328. Unless stated otherwise, cost is \$5 per child and \$10 for 2 or more.