

2005 Volunteer Activities Summary

In 2005, AARPCV has volunteered at the Good Will, Trees Atlanta, MedShare International, Cafe 458, International Community School through Hands On Atlanta Day and for the Homeless Census. Many thanks to all that contributed their time and energy! AARPCV has contributed \$150. to each of these organizations (except the Homeless census) where we volunteered as part of our annual domestic giving. A few funny stories from our volunteer events: The books that Bo, Jed, Heather and I sorted for the Good Will touched on anything from medical textbooks to finding your perfect mate in the 1950s to risqué topics. A friendly tap on the shoulder indicated that there was another amusing title worth reading. We shared many laughs about the content of donated books. For the Census, Heather and I (among other volunteers) boarded her automobile and drove around our zone in Southwest Atlanta with flashlights, combing every road for homeless people or signs of homeless people. The Census was well organized and provided us with instructions to "safely" search under bridges for signs of homelessness. We reported 0 homeless people at 6am. Quite a unique evening/early morning adventure. Trees Atlanta was included this year because I'm an environmentalist at heart. Claire, Don, Jamey and I shared our sweat to plant trees near Grant Park. There are many ways to beautify the ATL...we were happy to contribute to this one. At Cafe 458, Wendy, Erica, Lorie, Suzanne and I waited on customers, serving tasty breakfast and providing excellent service. If you'd like an excellent breakfast or lunch that you can feel good about, check out Cafe 458 Downtown. During our last event, Steve, Linda, Don, Jed, Matt, Amanda, Wendy, Claire, Adrienne, Deja, Megan, and I beautified the inspiring International Community School. It took a lot of hard work to weed, plant, mulch and prepare a new building for students; however, it was satisfying to see a nicer campus after only a few hours. Again, many thanks to all of our AARPCV volunteers. If you would like to recommend that we volunteer for a specific organization or plan a volunteer event, please contact Anne Marie. Thanks!