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## **Volunteer Loudoun Hosts Make a Difference Day in Loudoun County for the Fifth Year**

For the fifth year, Volunteer Loudoun (VL) (formerly Loudoun Volunteer Services) is hosting Make a Difference Day, an annual event that takes place nationally on the fourth Saturday of October. This year's local event will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 22714 Glenn Drive, Suite 100, Sterling, VA.

VL has again selected the Holiday Coalition as its service project in addition to partnering with Loudoun Interfaith Relief, to provide those in need with food and other necessary items beyond the holiday season. "Last year our Make a Difference Day event resulted in the donation of over 20,000 food and personal care items, which made a difference in the lives of nearly 750 families," said Jeff Fletcher, President of the Volunteer Loudoun Board of Directors. "Anticipating that the need for assistance is greater, VL is asking the community to help with a goal of making a difference in the lives of at least 1,000 families, which will require over 28,000 items in order to reach the goal." Fletcher added, "I am confident that based on the generous support of the community during previous events, we will be able to achieve this benchmark."

The community is being asked to donate from one or more of the three suggested collection categories – a Homey Household Collection, Squeaky Clean Collection, or Yummy Tummy Collection. All items donated will need to be delivered on October 25 to the Holiday Coalition, 22714 Glenn Drive, Sterling, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "This is a great way for families, neighborhoods, youth groups, clubs, religious organizations, and businesses, etc. to get involved," said Fletcher.

Items for each collection category include:

### **Homey Household Collection**

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Kleenex  
Laundry Detergent  
Sponges  
Trash Bags  
Dishwashing Detergent  
All Purpose Cleaners  
\$10 Grocery Gift Card

### **Squeaky Clean Collection**

Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Band-Aids  
Toothpaste  
Hand Soap  
Bar Soap  
Shaving Cream  
Razors  
\$10 Grocery Gift Card

### **Yummy Tummy Collection**

Stuffing Mix  
Boxed Instant Potatoes  
Canned Yams  
Boxed Roll Mix  
Pumpkin Pie Filling  
Boxed Pie Crust  
Canned Corn  
Canned Fruit  
100% Juice  
Cereal  
Canned Tuna/Chicken  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Chunky/Meaty Soups  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Peanut Butter  
\$10 Grocery Gift Card

Volunteers are also needed the day of the event to help with the sorting process and a variety of other needs. Registration is required in order to be able to help. Please register by visiting [www.loudoun.gov/volunteer](http://www.loudoun.gov/volunteer).

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