

PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Recognizes Volunteer Leaders from Billerica, Boston, Brighton, Lynn, and Newton as part of National Volunteer Week

April 9-15, 2000(Boston, Massachusetts) -- People Making a Difference through Community Service (PMD), a charity that throughout the year assists other charities, is recognizing the following five key volunteers who lead its volunteers in one-day community service projects:

- Steve Brown of Billerica
- Nancy Goldberg of Newton
- Brenda Jovenich of Brighton
- Phil Milmoie of Boston
- Anna Leung of Lynn

PMD's service projects would not be possible without the leadership of these dedicated volunteer Project Coordinators who lead other volunteers in making a difference to 65 charities in Greater Boston.

Steve Brown, a computer programmer at Miracle xrp, Nancy Goldberg, a founding PMD board director, Brenda Jovenich, a banker at Citizens Group, Phil Milmoie, a computer programmer for the Office of Technical Assistance of the Commonwealth's Executive Office on Environmental Affairs, and Anna Leung, an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers, all volunteer their time to lead other volunteers in diverse activities including painting; cleaning; assembling children's braille books; preparing and serving meals to impoverished and lonely people and elders; providing creative and positive activities for the children of recent immigrants and inner-city kids; beautifying Greater Boston by planting trees and shrubs; sorting house wares for homeless people who are moving into housing; and sorting donated seeds for food to be grown by urban gardeners.

With the leadership of its volunteer Project Coordinators and volunteer Board of Directors, more than 1,250 people have volunteered nearly 21,000 hours through People Making a Difference. In addition to completing needed and bringing resources to meaningful projects, PMD's volunteer Project Coordinators help ensure that the projects are completed safely, that volunteers understand how their work supports the missions of the recipient charities, and that volunteers connect with one another, the recipients, and broader community needs.

Last year, PMD received a grant award from the Points of Light Foundation for its National Make a Difference Day project assisting the National Braille Press with assembly of special Braille books that promote literacy. On April 9, PMD will find out whether its recent entry has merited national recognition in USA Weekend magazine.

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People Making a Difference is in the process of expanding its vision to encourage greater

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connection with the issues of our day and greater engagement in one's communities. PMD also seeks to increase community leadership so that interested people can develop and lead high quality community service work that really does make a difference.

PMD is geared for individual volunteers to participate on occasional weekend days and weeknights. For corporate groups, PMD offers customized project coordination for weekday volunteerism in exchange for a project sponsorship fee.

More information about PMD can be found by visiting our web site, www.pmd.org.

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