



Foodlink, Inc. is Named One of New York State's New Regional Volunteer Centers

Foodlink, Inc. is proud to announce that we have been selected by the State Commission on National & Community Service to operate as one of nine Regional Volunteer Centers. New York State recently was awarded a Volunteer Generation Grant by the Corporation for National and Community Service to establish and enhance a regional volunteer infrastructure throughout New York State.

Foodlink, Inc. will support local volunteer agencies and initiatives for the Finger Lakes region as the lead agency on behalf of the Community/University Partnership Project (CUPP). The CUPP provides transformational capacity-building and other educational services for nonprofit organizations in order to build healthy, sustainable, and just communities. Foodlink's mission is to provide hunger relief, eliminate the root causes of hunger, improve health and promote economic development in the region. The Finger Lakes region includes Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties.

As the Finger Lakes Regional Volunteer Center, we will:

- help individual volunteers find service opportunities with local non-profit agencies within the region;
- support the development of an on-line statewide network of volunteer opportunities;
- measure the local impact of volunteer activity to share through a formal New York-specific study; and
- deliver training and technical assistance to support local volunteer organizations.

Individuals who are looking for volunteer opportunities should contact us for more information about our on-line Regional Volunteer Opportunity Portal, which will provide an easy tool to match individuals with local service opportunities or projects. You can also visit the *New Yorkers Volunteer* website at www.NewYorkersVolunteer.ny.gov. Volunteer agencies are also encouraged to work with us to promote volunteer opportunities with their agency or projects they are planning for National Days of Service to involve local citizens who are looking to give back.

To become a partner logon to: www.fingerlakesvolunteer.com just follow the prompts. For more information please contact: Sheila Williams at (585) 328-3380 ext. 121 or email at: swilliams@foodlinkny.org