

# Ford Volunteer Corps has Positive Impact on the Community

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Thanks to the hundreds of Ford Motor Co. employees that devoted their time and efforts to the Ford Volunteer Corps Accelerated Action Day Dec. 3, area nonprofit organizations received much needed help to better service the community.

Mary Madigan, funding development director for Southwest Solutions said the Ford Volunteer Corp.'s recent efforts on Dec. 3 provided work that will help further service the homeless and mentally ill community in Detroit.

Several projects were conducted out of Southwest Solutions Go-Getters counseling center on accelerated action day including making the day's lunch meal for diners in the Go-Getters cafeteria, assembling Christmas decoration gift baskets and constructing an emergency food pantry. A total of 25 volunteers worked on the Go-Getter projects.

"Ford Motor, in all, gave us \$5,000 for this day of activities," Madigan said. "\$2,000 of that is going right into food purchases. So, we're partnering with Gleaners and Gleaners is going to be supplying food for the food pantry."

Madigan said the emergency food pantry in particular has been a long awaited project.

"Some people might have \$30 in spending money for a month," she said. "So, making that money last is the perpetual challenge for so many of our folks. So, by the end of the month, people will have run out of money and this will give them the ability to come get specific essential foods so that they won't go hungry."

Madigan said people come four days a week to Go-Getters for lunch and knowing that the center can send them home with essential, supplementary foods really help.

Madigan said the Ford volunteers would also be helping to decorate the center for the holidays.

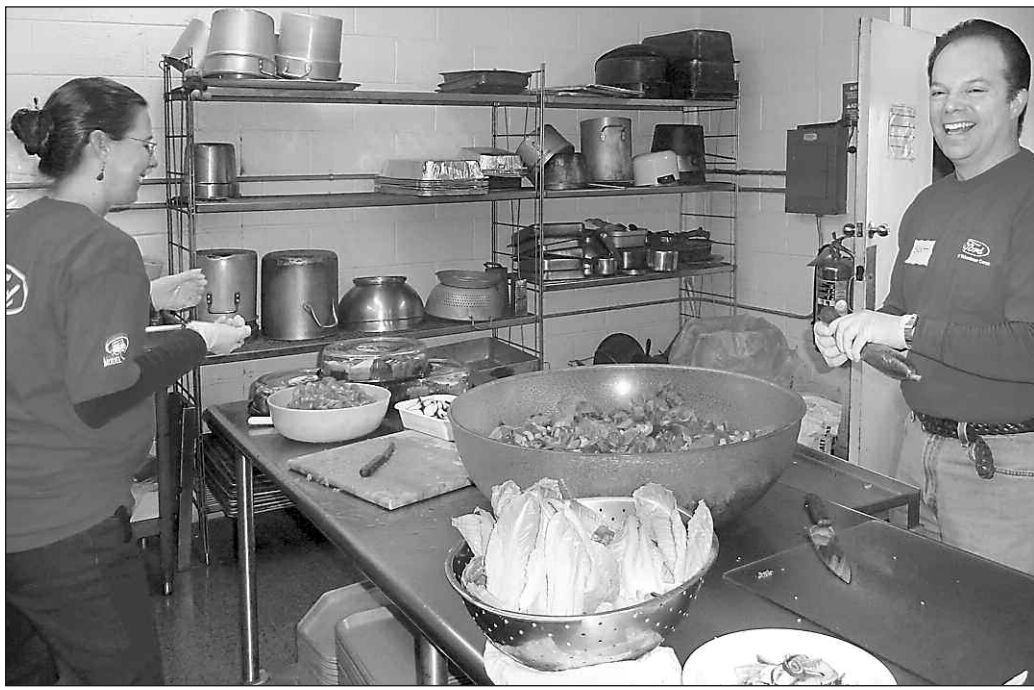


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Ford driveshaft supervisor Terese Bertcher, left, and product and development supervisor of engine components Scott Langley make a salad to serve in the cafeteria of Go-Getters.

Janet Lawson, executive director for Ford Volunteer Corps said about 1,000 volunteers provide their service on a continual, daily basis but there are certain days throughout the year where the organization bumps up their efforts, which includes giving mini-grants to the nonprofits they serve.

Volunteers at Go-Getters included Chris Treusch, Ford product design engineer for fuel systems. Treusch worked on the Christmas decoration gift baskets, which included an approximate 2 feet high Christmas tree.

Treusch said the organization makes it very easy for Ford employees to donate their time.

"We have a website in the company where we can go and easily volunteer for different types of activities," he said.

Southwest Solutions has a variety of programs operating under two subsidiaries to help service people in need. Go-Getters fall under the organization's counseling subsidiary.

Joseph Tardella, executive

director of Southwest Counseling Solutions, said the organization services about 3,000 people each year.

"We provide services to folks with serious mental illness, we provide services to families with kids with serious emotional disorders, we do education and family literacy, job training, job placement," Tardella said. "We do supportive housing, so we provide low income to moderate income housing for folks, many of whom are formerly homeless. We work with kids in the juvenile justice system."

He said most of the organization's funding comes from Medicaid, Medicare and a number of federal grants as well as foundation and state dollars.

Tardella said the Go-Getters program serves about 50-75 a day and serves as a place where they can support each other and build on their recovery.

"There's NA groups, AA groups, self-help groups, groups we call illness management recovery, it's built on a recovery model," he said, "and it's kind of based on the

model that recovery best takes place in the community and it's best supported by folks who have been there."

He said the counseling services also teach people how to be part of community, how to be a good tenant, a good neighbor.

He said Go-Getters is a consumer run program.

"So all the people that work here, all the people that attend, their governing board is all made up of folks who've had a serious mental illness."

People that enter South-



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Ford product design engineer Chris Treusch assembles a miniature Christmas tree as part of a Ford Volunteer Corps project to benefit the charity Go-Getters in Detroit.

west Solutions services also volunteer and provide support to each other.

For 30-year-old Patricia Rios and 56-year-old Ebewar Williams, Go Getters has been a place for them to do just that.

"We do different stuff here, we eat together and help out together here," Rios said. "We work on the computers if you want to work on the computers and help out the lunch, if

they need help with the lunch."

Williams said he enjoys the camaradery and plays pool at the center's pool table everyday. "I like it here so much," he said. "There ain't nothing else to do. I play pool a lot, I help out people."

The charity's name was Go-Getters – but the same can probably be said for all of these gracious Ford volunteers who helped last week.

## '11 Mustang Boss 302R Leads 'Hot List'

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the idea of premium-priced small cars and the 500 has all the makings of a winner. Think of it as a SMART car for people who actually enjoy driving.

• 2011 Ford Mustang Boss 302R – Ford just keeps making the Mustang better and better. This is a factory-built racecar that is instantly ready for a variety of sanctioned race events, as well as your local track days. Like the Challenger drag pack, this is one to pickle and use to scare the neighbor kids in 2035, just to remind them that there was once a time when cars made noise.

2011 Mini Countryman – It isn't too often that a four-door car

makes our Hot List. But, this one does. Why? Besides being a new model from Mini, it comes with the option of an all-wheel-drive system. Anyone who knows how much of a thrill a Mini can be to drive is probably dying to take one of these—outfitted with the turbo engine and John Cooper Works package of course—on the curviest mountain road one can find.

• 2011 Porsche Boxster Spyder – For the purists, the Boxster has been the recipient of polarized reviews. People either love or loath them. We happen to like the 2011 Spyder version. It is a lighter, more agile version of the regular Boxster and an affordable mid-

engine car compared with many other players in this same field.

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## BorgWarner Develops Turbocharger

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width modulation (PWM) solenoid valve to control the wastegate, fully adjustable wastegate actuator, oil inlet fitting, standardized turbine inlet mounting geometry and pre-machined mounting feature for speed sensor (available separately).

Finally, an investment cast stainless steel turbine housing increases efficiency, improves durability and resists corrosion while offering a premium under-hood appearance.

The new EFR Series expands BorgWarner's current performance catalog and complements the already popular AirWerks Series. Designed to boost engines from 200 to 1,000 horsepower per turbo, the new turbocharger product line debuted at the SEMA show, the world's premier automotive specialty performance products trade event, which was held in Las Vegas, November 2-5, 2010.

BorgWarner Turbo Systems is a leading global supplier of turbochargers for diesel- and gasoline-powered passenger cars, light trucks and commercial vehicles.

A pioneer in turbocharging technology, BorgWarner Turbo Systems continues to lead advancements in the industry with innovations designed to

improve fuel economy, reduce emissions and optimize vehicle performance.

Badged "Engineered For Racing" or EFR Series, BorgWarner's new line of turbochargers for gas and diesel engines is specifically engineered for aftermarket performance customers, offering enthusiasts an unprecedented combination of advanced technologies in an easy-to-install and maintain package or kit.

Passenger car sales rose 36 percent over a year earlier during the first 10 months of the year, to 11.1 million vehicles, according to the China Passenger Car Association.

Ford marked Thursday's new openings with a celebration in Nanning, a city in southern China well beyond the traditional big markets in Beijing, Shanghai and other eastern coastal cities.

"Following the call to 'go west,' we are expanding west and in developing cities in China where most of the future growth here in the world's largest automotive market will come from," said Joe Hinrichs, president of Ford, Asia Pacific and Africa, and chairman and CEO of Ford China.

Hinrichs said the company expects record sales for the Asian-Pacific and African regions this year, having sold 731,724 vehicles in those areas from January-October, up 39 percent from a year earlier.

The company says it expects 70 percent of its growth in the coming decade from those developing markets. The global economic downturn seems to have had the least effect on China and its domestic car market.

The company earlier reported its China sales in January-October surged 39 percent to 468,754.

Tax cuts and subsidies for energy-efficient vehicles helped spur sales of minivans and other small cars last year. This year, demand for bigger class vehicles and imported models has rebounded as car owners upgraded.

Venckauskas has yet to say if he'll finish his engineering degree or not, but with \$1.5 million in prizes in the bank, his future sure looks bright.

## Dearborn to Sell Clearwater Building

The City of Dearborn has put its Florida apartment building for retirees up for sale.

The city is seeking a buyer for the 8-story, 88-unit building in Clearwater, after meeting conditions set in 2007 when Dearborn voters gave their approval for the sale of the property.

The city hopes that the one-time revenue from the sale will help to soften the financial challenges that are putting other more popular municipal services in Dearborn at risk.

The property is conveniently located near Clearwater Beach, consistently named one of the best beaches in the country.

It is on a two-acre waterfront site on Clearwater Bay, and is near the Gulf of Mexico and downtown Clearwater. It has a private fishing dock, marina and pool.

The opportunity for Dear-

born retirees to affordably live in Florida for some or part of the year made Dearborn Towers immensely popular in the 1960s through the 1990s, and added to Dearborn's reputation of providing one-of-a-kind services for its residents.

As times changed, so did Dearborn residents' ideas about retirement, and the traditionally long waiting list to rent an apartment in Dearborn Towers disappeared.

And now, even though the apartment building is essentially self-supporting, city resources need to be prioritized in a different way, officials have said in explaining the sales reasoning and process.

Residents of Dearborn Towers have leases that can be

terminated with 30 days' notice.

Residents who may need accommodations following a sale are invited back to live in available units in the city's five senior apartments in Dearborn.

For a buyer, the Clearwater property represents a tremendous opportunity because real estate prices are favorable in the Florida market.

Constructed in 1960, the apartment building has 40 one-bedroom and 48 two-bedroom units, with scenic views, screened terraces, electric kitchens and individually controlled air conditioning.

Buyers interested in Dearborn Towers should call the City of Dearborn's Legal Department at 313-943-2035.

## Dearborn Kiwanis' Doug Feldkamp Named Serviceperson of the Year

The Inter-Service Club Council of Dearborn recently honored members of their individual organizations who represent exemplary commitment to their group and the community.

Of those outstanding members who volunteer so much time and effort, one was given a special award. The Council named Doug Feldkamp its 2010 Serviceperson of the Year.

The Council, which meets to share ideas for fundraising and event participation among the different charitable organizations, announced the honor at the Council's 49th awards luncheon held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Dearborn Country Club.

Feldkamp joined the Dearborn Outer Drive Kiwanis in 1999 and currently serves on the organization's board of directors.

He was named Kiwanian of the Year in 2010 for his outstanding service in numerous leadership roles, including as president.

He was also recognized for his participation in many Kiwanis initiatives, such as Safety Town, the Turbo Turtle Derby fundraiser at Dearborn Homecoming, Salvation Army

bell ringing, and bingo at Sison and Hubbard manors.

An expert in information technology, Feldkamp is the director of the City of Dearborn's Management of Information Systems Department.

He worked with the East and West Downtown Development authorities in Dearborn to bring free wireless access to many downtown businesses – a service called Open Dearborn. Other cities admire and study Dearborn's leadership in this venue.

He also worked to provide internet service to volunteer AARP Tax Aid counselors at the Dearborn Senior Center so they could more easily assist seniors in completing their tax forms.

Other Dearborn service organization members who were nominated for the Person of the Year award were: Leslie "Pat" Abbott, Kiwanis Club of Dearborn; Marsha Koet, Dearborn Rotary Club; Karen Marzonie, Garden Club of Dearborn; the late Weldon B. Musgrove, Fairlane Sunrise Rotary; Robert Platte, Exchange Club of Dearborn; Joan Reed, American Association of University Women, and Julie Turla, Optimist Club of Dearborn.

## Former GM Parts Factory Has New Use

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) – An Indianapolis electronics company says it will buy a former General Motors plant in Anderson as part of an expansion that will create up to 100 jobs by 2013.

Northwind Electronics LLC makes electrical systems for work vehicles. CEO Phillip Berry says the company currently employs 10 people in Indianapolis and had been looking for possible locations for expansion. Officials say the new jobs will pay \$14 to \$15 per hour.

The Indiana Economic Development Corp. offered \$475,000 in tax credits and \$22,500 in training grants, and Anderson officials could add an additional tax break. The company will invest \$954,000 to buy and overhaul the facility.

The former Delco Remy factory is the last of the former GM buildings the city inherited after the automaker closed its Anderson plants.