

University of Michigan – Dearborn
Women on the Move – College is an Option!
Thursday, March 20, or May 1, 2003

Volunteer Opportunity

Women on the Move – College is an Option! is a day-long program which offers exposure and support for women interested in attending a community college or university. The program introduces women to available resources, offers them classroom experience, and gives them individualized support for the idea of returning to school.

This is the sixth year of the program that is collaboration between the Women's Studies Program and the Commission for Women at the UM-Dearborn; United Way Community Services; Business Professional Women's Organization; American Association of University Women and numerous human service organizations in the area. Many of the participants are referred through area community-based organizations. To help in this effort **we are looking for women to serve as Mentors for a day—to help program participants negotiate their way around campus, advocate for them in seeking and getting information, provide some role modeling on problem solving, and just be a helpful companion for the day.**

At the event, we offer a series of informational presentations on, for example, attending to the practical matter of applying for financial aid and filling out an admissions application, and then participants actually attend a college class. After lunch and an additional presentation, participants can go on a campus tour.

Objectives

The mission of *Women on the Move* is to encourage women to see post-secondary education as an option and to explore opportunities for going back to school. By pairing each woman with a Mentor for the day, we want to give her the additional encouragement to take the next steps towards attending college. It is primarily through additional training that women can begin to achieve economic independence.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Support the notion of the empowerment of women through education.
- Be able to commit approximately 8 hours of your time on March 20th or May 1, 2003 (8:00 am to 3:30 pm)
- Have an interest in helping others to succeed.
- Be non-judgmental and willing to share your own relevant experiences.
- Give us your input on the experience; we always want to improve the program.
- Have fun.

Event Goal To give 300 women a positive experience and helpful information to help them meet their personal goals; recruit 80 - 100 volunteer mentors.

Send Registration Form to sign up as a volunteer – See below

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Volunteer Mentor Registration Form

March 20, or May 1, 2003

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Home # _____

Cell # _____

Email Address _____

Organization you represent _____

Yes, I have read the mentor job description and would like to volunteer to be a mentor for

Women on the Move (WOM) on:

_____ March 20, 2003 (8:00 a.m. to 3:30)

_____ May 1, 2003 (8:00 – 3:30)

Mail registration form to: Ms. Patricia Schlaff
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