

# West Virginia Wheeling Business

# Volunteerism Luncheon

An initiative of the  
**West Virginia Business Volunteer Council**

**Who:** West Virginia Business Volunteer Council, a program of Volunteer West Virginia, the state's Commission for National and Community Service

Sponsors: Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce  
Wheeling Jesuit University  
AEP Appalachian Power  
Allegheny Energy  
Dominion  
Verizon

Keynote: First Lady Gayle Manchin

**What:** The Wheeling Business Volunteerism Luncheon

**When:** Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** Wheeling Jesuit University - Troy Theater  
316 Washington Avenue  
Wheeling, WV 26003

Businesses, organizations and individuals in the Wheeling area will have an opportunity to gain insight on the importance of volunteerism as a key business strategy by attending the upcoming Wheeling Business Volunteerism Luncheon.

First Lady Gayle Manchin, along with state and local representatives, will address the significance of corporate community involvement as a means of moving West Virginia's communities forward. Local businesses, will speak about the role and worth of volunteerism in their companies. The free luncheon is an initiative of the West Virginia Business Volunteer Council with support from the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Wheeling Jesuit University.

The BVC is a statewide initiative open to all businesses, labor organizations, nonprofit organizations, as well as business and professional associations. It is a way for the private sector to join government and nonprofits in building a better West Virginia through volunteer service. The BVC encourages, educates, and connects businesses that support employee volunteer programs as a business strategy.



For more information,  
please contact Emily Schoen at  
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## Wheeling Business Volunteerism Luncheon Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please RSVP to:

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Chamber of Commerce  
1310 Market Street, 2nd Floor  
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**2010**

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February 17, 2010

Dear Friends of Volunteerism,

As the country faces serious economic challenges, many community organizations and nonprofits are relying more heavily on volunteers than ever before. Volunteers are often vital to the survival of these organizations and nonprofits around West Virginia. Organizations like yours are also recognizing the importance of corporate community involvement which goes much deeper than financial contributions within the community. This kind of involvement is "people power" involvement through volunteerism.

Businesses, organizations and individuals in the Wheeling area have an opportunity to gain insight on the importance of volunteerism as a key business strategy by attending the upcoming Wheeling Business Volunteerism Luncheon on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Along with state and local representatives, I will address the significance of corporate community involvement as a means of moving West Virginia's communities forward. Local businesses, will speak about the role and worth of volunteerism in their companies. The luncheon is an initiative of the West Virginia Business Volunteer Council and is planned locally with support from the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Wheeling Jesuit University. The meeting and luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon is provided to participants at no cost. BVC initiatives are sponsored by Verizon, Dominion, Allegheny Energy, AEP Appalachian Power and local corporate sponsors.

Marketing research has shown the public image benefits of volunteerism are priceless for business. Communities thrive when every sector – government, private, and nonprofit – does its part, making communities better places to live, work, and do business.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP March 19, 2010 by contacting the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce at (304) 233-2575, or [LMullin@wheelingchamber.com](mailto:LMullin@wheelingchamber.com).

The West Virginia Business Volunteer Council (BVC), a program of Volunteer West Virginia, is a statewide initiative open to all private sector businesses, labor organizations, nonprofit organizations, as well as business and professional associations. The BVC is a way for the private sector to join government and nonprofits in building a better West Virginia through volunteer service. The BVC is a primary resource for encouraging, educating, and connecting businesses that support employee volunteer programs as a business strategy.

I am writing as a co-chair of the Steering Committee for the BVC to encourage your organization to attend the Wheeling Business Volunteerism Luncheon on March 23, 2010.

Let's volunteer, West Virginia, because we're all in the business of caring. We look forward to being a resource for your volunteer efforts!

For more information or to join the BVC, please contact Emily Schoen at (304) 558-0111, (800) WV-HELPS, [emily.r.schoen@wv.gov](mailto:emily.r.schoen@wv.gov), or visit [www.volunteerwv.org](http://www.volunteerwv.org).

Sincerely,

Gayle C. Manchin  
First Lady, State of West Virginia  
*Co-chair of the West Virginia Business Volunteer Council*