



## Newport News Sheriff's Office

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Volunteers Give from the Heart**

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." Author unknown.

There are over 150 volunteers at the Newport News Sheriff's Office who touch lives by giving freely of their time and talent to those who are incarcerated at the city jail. It takes heart to help an often unseen and undesirable population. An average of 40 programs are offered, including GED, adult basic education, English as a second language (ESL), money management, parenting, literacy, substance abuse diversion, job seeking skills through the SNAP site (Shared Network Access Point), faith-based guidance, etc. Their efforts to teach classes and facilitate programs saves taxpayers over \$100,00 each year.

These courses are vital to the community. An estimated 95% of all prisoners incarcerated today will be released. If they return to their community with skills, they can return as productive citizens. Work performed by volunteers in a jail setting can ultimately help improve public safety.

In gratitude, the 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held October 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Point Plaza Suites.

**WHO:** Newport News Sheriff's Office  
**WHAT:** 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
**WHEN:** October 24, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Point Plaza Suites  
950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601

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