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****MEDIA ALERT AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY****

Ford Motor Co. Provides Homeless Men and Women from Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Northern Virginia Shelters Free Seminars to Help them on their Road to Self-Reliance

What: Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Loudoun Homeless Services Center is partnering with Ford Motor Company professionals from Ford's Chantilly office on Friday, Sept. 16 to help the homeless residents on their road to self-reliance. The event is part of a volunteer day for Ford, where staff members will educate homeless residents about establishing and strengthening credit ratings and purchasing and maintaining a first automobile.

These 30-minute informative sessions are part of a Carloads of Care initiative, where Ford employees will provide five seminars educating homeless men and women from one of Volunteers of America Chesapeake's four Northern Virginia homeless programs – the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, the Residential Program Center in Arlington and the Hilda M. Barg Homeless Prevention Center in Woodbridge.

"Volunteers of America Chesapeake's mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through health and human services," said Helen Richardson, senior director for homeless services programs at Volunteers of America Chesapeake. "Carloads of Care is another opportunity we provide our residents to gain important life skills and support them as they work towards self-sufficiency,"

When: Friday, September 16, 2011
12:30 – 4:30pm

Where: Loudoun Homeless Services Center
19520 Meadowview Court
Leesburg, VA 20175

ABOUT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHESAPEAKE

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through health and human services in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Founded in 1896 in Baltimore, MD, Volunteers of America Chesapeake is one of the first branches of Volunteers of America - one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. Through a dedicated and committed team of management, staff and volunteers and guided by our Core Values: Caring, Respect, Faith, Quality and Trust Volunteers of America Chesapeake helps more than 9,000 people each year at our 26 programs serving: the homeless, mentally ill, individuals with intellectual disabilities, the aging, those in need of affordable housing, those recovering from substance abuse and community corrections. For more information about Volunteers of America Chesapeake, visit: www.VOAchesapeake.org