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Volunteers of America Chesapeake Leading the Way in Cost-Effective Computing Solutions for Non-Profits

Non-Profit Featured in Special Case Study Published by NPower

Lanham, MD - (June 15, 2010) - Volunteers of America Chesapeake, which operates 26 human services programs throughout the region serving the homeless, mentally ill, intellectually disabled, ex-offenders, substance abusers, the elderly, and children, recently introduced cutting-edge cloud computing solution from Microsoft Business Productivity Online Service (BPOS), to its 600-employee, Mid-Atlantic-based organization. The large-scale effort to quickly and efficiently transition to this breakthrough cost-saving technology, unique among non-profit organizations, was highlighted in a nationally-distributed case study by NPower Greater DC, a nonprofit which other nonprofits to make the most of technology through a variety of services. .

Volunteers of America Chesapeake called upon the expertise of NPower because of its focus on creating affordable and efficient services and solutions that are specific to the needs and budget of a non-profit. Ultimately, NPower suggested that Volunteers of America Chesapeake implement the services of the cloud-based solution BPOS, which hosts a set of messaging and collaboration solutions that is affordable and moldable to an organization's needs, while also eliminating the need for expensive outside help.

“Volunteers of America Chesapeake has leapfrogged other non-profits with its commitment to cloud computing,” said **Julie Chapman**, president, NPower Greater D.C. Region. “The organization has a clear understanding of the benefits and has already implemented much of the technology and experienced success. It is because of these positive results and the groundbreaking way the Volunteers of America Chesapeake staff has embraced the new technology that NPower chose to feature the organization in a case study distributed nationally

Each service offered through BPOS can be purchased individually or as a combined offering depending on the needs of an organization. This type of shared, on-demand service through Microsoft has already saved Volunteers of America Chesapeake a significant amount of money that it can now dedicate to the more than 8,000 people it serves each year. This cloud-based system not only helps the agency save on capital expenses while increasing bandwidth, but also helps the organization respond to the client needs faster and more efficiently and share digital information among its programs located throughout the region from Virginia Beach to Baltimore.

“The cloud computing solutions offer non-profits a more efficient, lower cost, and secure technology platform that will help integrate all business operations over time,” said **Shyam Desigan**, chief financial officer, Volunteers of America Chesapeake. “We are glad to partner with NPower. Not only do they know their stuff technically but they really understand our limited resources.”

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHESAPEAKE

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, founded in 1896 in Baltimore, is the locally chartered affiliate of Volunteers of America, Inc., one of the nation’s largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. They accomplish their spiritually based mission by serving over 8,000 people annually through programs spread geographically from Baltimore, Maryland to Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake operates 26 programs that serve the homeless, mentally ill, intellectually disabled, ex-offenders, substance abusers, the elderly and children. The professional staff of more than 600 employees, partner with dedicated volunteers, local government officials, businesses, civic organizations and the faith community to provide high quality human services.

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