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**Nationwide Day of Caring to Benefit Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
Projects Include Garden Planting and Painting at Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Baker House**

What: Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. has selected Volunteers of America Chesapeake, a non-profit organization that operates 26 human service programs throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., to benefit from its first-annual Day of Caring. On **July 12**, teams from the pharmaceutical company all across the country will be participating in a volunteer day with local organizations.

A dozen employees from the Virginia and West Virginia team will be flying to Virginia Beach to spend more than 6 hours planting a vegetable garden and rehabilitating the recreation room at Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Baker House.

"I am so thankful that Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. selected us for this project," said **Gail McLemore**, program director at Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Baker House, "It is going to be so exciting for the individuals at Baker House to eat vegetables from a garden that grew in their own front yard. The recreation room will also be more inviting and functional as a result of this project, enabling the individuals who live here to use that room for more fun activities."

The Day of Caring will also include creating an exercise area with equipment donated by **Courtney Boone**, the senior executive area business specialist with Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. who is responsible for setting up the Day of Caring with Baker House.

"In these ongoing times of shrinking budgets and increasing challenge to identify new revenue sources it's so nice to know that there are still companies – and employees at those companies – who care about helping non-profit organizations to thrive," McLemore added.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake is currently serving more than 9,000 people – 1,000 more than last year. Located in Virginia Beach, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Baker House is home to 12 adults with intellectual disabilities who have formed a tight-knit, loving family. In this supportive housing program, residents partner with Volunteers of America Chesapeake staff members to develop individual service plans and participate in life skills training and human growth and development classes geared toward individual skill levels and development potential. Seven of the individuals attend day support programs where they participate in vocational skills training and earn small wages.

When: **Tuesday July 12, 2011**
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; best time for photographs: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Where: **Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Baker House**
5677 Herbert Moore Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
Phone: 757.497.1900

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

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