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**Volunteers of America Chesapeake Welcomes Jan Kary
as Vice President of Development/External Affairs**

*Kary Brings 20 Years of Fundraising Experience in the D.C. Area
to Human Services Organization*

Lanham, MD – (Sept. 14, 2010) – Volunteers of America Chesapeake is pleased to introduce **Jan Kary** as Vice President of Development/External Affairs. Kary will oversee the development business unit and be responsible for the strategic direction of all development activities including fundraising efforts, major gift campaigns, government grants and compliance, donor relations and program revenue expansion. Kary will also work with Volunteers of America’s national office to build the non-profit’s brand in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Kary joins Volunteers of America Chesapeake with more than 20 years of marketing and fundraising experience. Her efforts have raised more than \$75 million in the last 15 years for various organizations. Most recently, Kary served as Senior Vice President of Marketing and Development for World Relief, a non-profit organization focused on mobilizing and supporting relief efforts for the population’s most vulnerable. Kary doubled World Relief’s private revenue in less than three years.

“Joining Volunteers of America Chesapeake is an exciting opportunity for me to serve the community and provide hope to others through the organization’s faith-based mission,” Kary said. “I am hopeful that my experiences with building other successful non-profits in the area will help me continue to grow the Volunteers of America Chesapeake brand, the amazing programs it offers and build upon the wonderful work of the non-profit throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.”

Kary also served as managing director to Orr Associates, where she supervised fundraising efforts for clients of leading DC-based agencies in the areas of health, youth initiatives, faith-based ministries and other non-profits. Prior to her position with Orr Associates, she served as director of market development at Prison Fellowship in Leesburg.

“We are excited to have such an experienced and talented development professional join our growing organization,” said **Russell K. Snyder**, president and CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake. “Jan’s passion will enable us to promote our services, continue building our donor relationships and obtain the funds to best maintain our 26 human services programs that serve more than 8,000 individuals.”

Kary is a past member and has spoken in presentations to the Association of Fundraising Professionals, International Special Events Society and Meeting Professionals International.

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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