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Volunteers of America Chesapeake Selected Among Elite Group of Greater Washington Area Non-Profits to Receive Pro-Bono Services from Compass

Compass to Provide Pro-Bono Consulting Services to Human Services Organization

Lanham, MD (September 19, 2011) - Volunteers of America Chesapeake announced today it has been chosen to receive an in-kind service donation of consulting services from Compass. Compass, which provides pro bono consulting services to non-profits whose work benefits the greater Washington, D.C. community, will assist Volunteers of America Chesapeake with evaluating its potential for strategic partnerships and joint ventures in its service area. Volunteers of America Chesapeake's mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through health and human services. The organization currently operates more than 26 programs in seven areas including homeless services, supportive housing services, intellectual disability services, mental health services, senior services, community corrections and substance abuse treatment services.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, which helps more than 9,000 people each year throughout Maryland, Virginia and D.C., was one of 27 applications chosen by Compass for the 2011-12 program year.

Compass is in the process of selecting a team of top business professionals and recent business school graduates to lead the 7-month consulting project, which will begin this fall. The carefully-chosen group of business leaders will help Volunteers of America Chesapeake foster strategic relationships and mergers with like non-profit providers in its services area to help effectively service and provide innovate new social service programs.

“Volunteers of America Chesapeake will benefit tremendously from the expertise of Compass in the Washington, D.C., marketplace to evaluate and form strategic partnerships and joint ventures with like non-profits to allow us to build upon our mission,” said **Russell K. Snyder**, president and CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake. “The expert consulting services we will receive from Compass will give us the opportunity to find similar organizations to collaborate with to provide more innovative and complimentary health and human services to the vulnerable populations in this region. Our goal is to work with other non-profit providers to enhance the community services in each jurisdiction in our service areas.”

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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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