



# Henrico Medical Reserve Corps "MRC" Voice

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## Henrico Infant Mortality Update, December 2008

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December 15th, 2008 concluded the *Community Voice (CV)* lay health advisors (LHA) training sponsored by the Henrico Health Department. Lay Health Advisors are men, women, teenagers, grandmothers, teachers, ministers, and others interested in lowering the number of black infant deaths in our community. The training occurred at the Newbridge Baptist Church, on Nine Mile Road. On that day,

15 residents in the county received certificates after 4 days of training and preparation as lay health advisors (LHA).

At the closing Dr. Levine, Henrico Health District Director urged the volunteers to share the knowledge with family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, churches, organizations, and other residents in the county. Currently, other organizations

and churches including the St. Paul's Baptist Church in eastern Henrico is planning the introduction of the Community Voice program to their congregation. "We share the grief and sorrow of anyone losing a child" Pastor Hamilton, children's ministry leader mentioned. The St. Paul's family is organizing a sustainable LHA program. Interested members are encouraged to call 804-501-4643 for more information.

**Special thanks goes to our volunteer food sponsors:**



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**Henrico MRC serving our residents.**

## Mr. & Mrs. David Jeddrie MRC Volunteers for the 1st Quarter, 2009

I am pleased to announce that Mr. David Jeddrie and Mrs. Andy Jeddrie are the Henrico MRC volunteers of the month for January and February 2009.

Both originated from Canada and made the United States their home. David came to the US in 1967, joined the US Army and moved to Ft. Bragg, NC along with Andy. They married at Christmas in 1968 and last holiday celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

David retired from the Army in 1992 and went to University of North Carolina (UNC), Fayetteville where he graduated with a BS degree in 1995. The same year their son graduated from the Citadel in SC. Their daughter was also a student at the same college as David. They learned (sometimes not so quietly) to be friends as well as father/daughter!

Dave began work with URS Corps in Richmond in 1999,

and still works at the Richmond Intl. Airport as a Construction Inspector. "It's a bit different than working as a Combat Engineer in the Army", he told a Richmond Times reporter few weeks back. Andy joined her husband in 2004. Finding the solitude of retirement after 37 years of Pediatric nursing, she sought out the possibility of part time work in Henrico County. Noticing the request for volunteers at the County's Medical Reserve Corps, she and David decided to give it a try.

They both indicated that one of the best things about volunteering with the Henrico MRC is the wide range of people they meet. "The training also helps me stay current in some nursing requirements" Andy explained. After a "Mass prophylaxis" exercise Andy realized the need to continuously stay current on her license and skills within

her profession, she obtained part time employment at Fairfield Middle School.

Dave and Andy live happily along with two grown children and have three grand daughters.

The Jaddries are not very active with the program as they have always been because of Dave's health setbacks. However, on behalf of the Henrico Health Department and the Henrico MRC volunteers we recognize the Jeddrie's many contributions to the program and pray for David's quick recovery and return to normal activities, join us and continue to do what he loves to do, volunteer. We also remember your connection of the ICS training to the military and helped to explain some of the position functions to other volunteers and many more. We wish to have you back as soon as possible.

## Henrico Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

For information on VA fire Corps please call

(804)249-1982

Henrico Health Department clinics and other programs are primarily in need of volunteer Spanish interpreters. Other interpreters including, Arabic, African, Asian and Eastern European language interpreters are encouraged to contact the Henrico Health Department at [804-501-4643](tel:804-501-4643).

### Highlights for the next edition

- **Spotlight on the MRC Volunteer of the Month**
- **Avian Flu (H5N1) Updates**
- **MRC News**
- **And more**

Henrico County MRC is a local chapter of the National Medical Reserve Corps. The MRC is a volunteer organization that is organized, trained and ready to respond to disasters and public health emergencies. MRC Volunteers may be called upon to dispense medications and vaccinations, treat evacuees living in emergency shelters, or assist in many other ways. MRC Volunteers may be healthcare professionals (such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, x-ray technicians, nurses aids, etc.), administrative professionals (such as medical office managers, clerical staff, etc.), or even lay persons who can help in many different ways.

To become an MRC volunteer, please call (804) 501-4643, (804)380-9321 or visit <http://HenricoHealth/mrc.html>

We are on the Web @  
<http://HenricoHealth.org/mrc.html>

## A Review of The Spirit of Volunteerism in the United States

Everyday in the United States people mentor students, help older citizens, respond to disasters and much more. The "ethic of statesmanship," as Alexis de Tocqueville noted, has been a part of our lives for over a century.

This ethic of statesmanship remains strong today as Americans donate their time to schools, churches, hospitals, local health departments and other non-profit organizations to make their communities better.

### Adults:

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering, volunteering is at a 30 year high. The CNCS report *Volunteer Growth in America, A Review of Trends Since 1974*, mentioned that although adult volunteers decreased by 15% between 1974-1989, there is a rebound to a new high of 27% with a 32% increase in the adult volunteering rate since 1989.

### Teenagers (16-19 year olds):

Volunteer rates among teenagers declined between 1974-1989. However the number of teenage volunteers more than doubled since 1989 from 13.4% to 28.4%. According to the report, teenagers are likely to serve as episodic volunteers, (contributing 99 or fewer hours a year) serving with educational or youth service organizations today. Teenagers volunteering with religious organizations decreased from 34.4% in 1989 to 30% in 2005. More teenage volunteers are currently serving with social and community service organizations today.

### Older Adults (65+):

From 1974 to 1989 the volunteer rate for adults 65 years old and older increased from 14.3% to 16.9% while adults and teenagers rates declined. Older adult volunteer rates has been on the increase from 14.3% in 1974 to 23.5% in 2005. To read more on the Corporation for National and

Community Service (CNCS) report go to: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/06\\_1203\\_volunteer\\_growth.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/06_1203_volunteer_growth.pdf)

Thanks to all Henrico MRC volunteers for keeping the spirit of volunteerism alive in Henrico County.

## Pandemic Influenza Update, December 2008

**Human Cases:** In 1997, scientists started documenting H5N1 human infection worldwide. As of 24 January 2009 there has been 399 total human cases with 252 deaths including two confirmed new human H5N1 infections in Indonesia. Currently, the case fatality rate stands at 63.2%.

### **Pandemic Vaccination Allocation:**

The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Homeland Security (DHS) released guidance on allocating pandemic influenza vaccine. See: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2008pres/07/20080723a.html>