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Century College Bus Tour Offers Boomers Unique Look at Community Volunteer Opportunities

WHITE BEAR LAKE -- After a very successful similar event last fall, Century is offering the second in the series called **“Rolling into Service Bus Tour for Prospective Volunteers.”**

This one-day event, to be held **Thursday, April 22**, is aimed at “Boomers and Better” who are re-thinking what retirement means in terms of volunteerism and civic engagement.

It is part of [Century’s PrimeTime/+50 Initiative](#), which has been made possible through a grant awarded to Century College by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Participants will meet on Century’s East Campus at 8:30 a.m. for a brief program. The group will then climb aboard for an informal bus tour to three specially-selected nonprofits: The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota, the Maplewood Nature Center and the White Bear Lake Senior Center.

Each nonprofit will highlight the need, impact and importance of volunteers at their organizations.

“We had such a positive response from participants last fall, that we organized a very similar event this spring,” said Lynda Halbert, Volunteer Coordinator in Century’s PrimeTime/+50 Program. “Individuals on the tour will get an ‘inside look’ at a wide range of opportunities at

these three nonprofits to see if one or more are the right “fit” for their background and skills. No commitment is required!”

A special feature of the day will be a presentation by guest speaker Mary Quirk, Project Manager for the Minnesota Association of Volunteer Administrators (MAVA). During a mid-day lunch break, she will address “*How to Create a High Impact Volunteer Experience.*”

“Bus tour participants will be able to take ideas from this presentation and consider how to apply them in their current and potential volunteer positions,” noted Ms. Halbert.

A \$15 fee for the course, which will run from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., includes a catered box lunch, the bus and program.

Interested persons can register for the “**Rolling into Service Bus Tour for Prospective Volunteers**” by calling [Century College Continuing Education and Customized Training](tel:651-779-3341) at 651-779-3341.

Space is limited, so interested individuals are encouraged to call soon.