

Cocktails With a Cause

Next Thursday, March 3rd, young professionals will gather at the Rose Alley Ale House to beat the winter blues with food, drinks and a healthy dose of enthusiasm for their community.



Cocktails with a Cause, a free event sponsored by United Way of Greater New Bedford, was created to expose young people to local volunteer and philanthropic opportunities in their community. The event offers attendees a chance to network while providing them with information on different ways they can become involved in the community.

The event will feature free appetizers, beer tasting by Geary's Brewing Co. from Maine, door prizes, and live music by Thom Hiller and Mike Golarz.

United Way of Greater New Bedford focuses heavily on volunteerism, administering the area's only online volunteer-matching database, Volunteer Solutions. Accessible from the United Way of Greater New Bedford's website, the software matches individuals looking for volunteer work with nonprofits in need of support.

"There is definitely a desire among young people to become more invested in this community – they just may not know where to start. That's where Volunteer Solutions comes in," said Michelle Hantman, United Way President.



Individuals looking to volunteer can access Volunteer Solutions from the United Way's homepage by clicking here.

United Way also encourages all local nonprofits to post their volunteer positions on the site, whether they have any prior association with United Way or not. "This is a completely free service that any nonprofit is encouraged to use," said Ms. Hantman.

For more information about Cocktails with a Cause or United Way, visit their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/unitedwayofgnb> or call Caroline Cuccia at (508)-994-9625, ext. 15.