



# Friends of EDDIE®

## EdVenture's Monthly Volunteer Newsletter

MAY 2011

### VOLUNTEER of the MONTH!



**Anntwanette Sulton**

Kind, well-spoken and helpful, Anntwanette is quickly becoming a huge part of the EdVenture Team! As one of the youngest members of our Museum Apprentice Program, Anntwanette has shown herself to be willing and dedicated to serving her community. From sweating it out helping families plant flowers at our Farmville event to showing up promptly and ready-to-go for our MAP meetings, Anntwanette is doing great things here at EdVenture. Congratulations on being EdVenture's first "Volunteer of the Month" and keep up the amazing work!

**Congratulations Anntwanette!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Things move quickly here at EdVenture. Something is always going on; events being planned, exhibits repaired and constructed, after-school programs being carried to six different Richland One Schools five days a week, and so, so much more!

As much as we rely on the volunteer efforts of the wonderful people that so graciously give us their time and hard-work, it's sometimes difficult to keep everyone on the same page. A question as simple as: "What can I do?" can turn into a, what many of you have probably already experienced, a lengthy, disjointed answer.



This newsletter is our hope for more effective communication with our volunteers and its aim is two-fold: to recognize those shining stars that help us to be the success that we are and to keep our community abreast of what we have going on so that they can know how to help!

## OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

**FARMVILLE** Saturday, April 9, was our annual Farmville event and it was a huge success! We couldn't have done it without thirty great volunteers to ensure that everyone had a great time! A very special thank you to a phenomenal group of students from Benedict College's Upward Bound Program!

**BLOOMING BUTTERFLIES** Opening May 7th! What better way to teach young visitors the life cycle of the butterfly than to allow them to experience it firsthand? Become a Blooming Butterflies Volunteer today!

**GREEN THUMB** Are you an experienced gardener willing to share your expertise with us and our butterflies? We'd love to have you! Contact us about becoming a volunteer on our Blooming Butterflies Gardening Team!



Carlisle Cooper, Anntwanette Sulton, and Krystal Veney take a break during the Museum Apprentice Program's very first Engage Your Community Trip!

### 2011/2012 MAP: Up and Running!

April was our first full month of the volunteer service-based, Museum Apprentice Program. This will be the first ever, full year of the MAP at EdVenture.

**INPUT NEEDED** Help us to improve upon our volunteer program here at EdVenture by taking this survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K6RB7P5>

Thank you, your feedback is very important to us!

If you have any questions concerning the volunteer program at EdVenture or if you'd like to know how you can help, please call Charlie Walters at (803)400-1163