

HOMEBUYER'S FAIR, VOLUNTEERS AND SOHRC:

IT'S ABOUT HELPING HOME SEEKERS

When 16 year old Kelsey Hoepfer needed community service hours for the, *Torch Honor Society*, her mother contacted Nicki Bell, volunteer coordinator at ACCESS. Nicki contacted various departments to find a good fit for Kelsey. Melodee Sewell, (SOHRC) Housing Resource Specialist, was looking for someone bilingual to help at the First Time Homebuyer Fair. Kelsey is a third year Spanish student so this Fit provided a win-win for both Kelsey and ACCESS.

“When my mother called ACCESS, I learned that they do a lot more than food drives,” stated Kelsey. “Volunteering was fun and rewarding, it was amazing to see all of the people working for one common cause at the fair...to help people make good decisions about purchasing homes.”



Not only was Kelsey a great volunteer, she was also able to learn about home buying. “I have seen advertising on TV about credit reports, but now I know what it is and how important it is,” she said. “I would definitely volunteer again. I like being involved with people; community service makes me feel good about myself because I know I am part of something bigger.”

Volunteer Opportunities at SOHRC include lenders and realtors who teach the ABC's of Homebuying classes.

If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities at ACCESS, Inc., please contact nicki@access-inc.org, click on *GET INVOLVED* on the web at www.access-inc.org, or by calling Nicki at (541)618-4003.