

People and Events

Donate an unused cellphone to help victims' services agencies

Effort helps domestic violence shelters, elder services

SAN DIEGO – It's an uncomfortable fact that each year, approximately 130 million wireless cell phones are retired in the US. Other studies have estimated there are more than 500 million cell phones lying idle in drawers, closets and toy boxes throughout America. While most of us consider our cell phones to be items we cannot live without, they are easily replaceable, and what do we do with the older, used models?

A wireless industry survey indicated that 70 percent of U.S. consumers have no idea what to do with their used phones. Of those, 90 percent said they would donate the phones if given the opportunity.

Your home probably has an old cell phone or two sitting in your desk, your closet or your bookcase. You don't want to throw it out, because it seems like there still ought to be some value left in that device. And you're right. Those wireless phones can support thousands of vulnerable citizens nationwide. A donation may help a senior citizen enjoy an added measure of security, or give hope to a victim of domestic abuse. So where can you take your unused phones?

PostalAnnex+, Handle With Care-Packaging Store, and Sunshine Pack & Ship stores are helping gather them for a worthy cause. Phones accumulated at these stores will be turned over to the 911 Cell Phone Bank. This organization collects, recycles and

distributes over 2,000 phones per month to law enforcement and victim services agencies.

"Seniors and victims of abuse really need a phone for emergency use," said Steve Goble, vice president of marketing communications for Annex Brands. "We'd not only like to help get them a phone, but help communities as well by promoting recycling, which will keep these phones out of landfills." Goble said 911 Cell Phone Bank has been operating since May of 2004, and is a worthy organization. In the past five years, the organization has provided tens of thousands of cell phones nationwide.

To donate a phone, take it into a PostalAnnex+, Handle With Care-Packaging Store, or Sunshine Pack & Ship store. "We'll make sure donations get to the 911 Cell Phone Bank and begin the process of recycling them for use to people in need," said Goble.

As a thank-you, Goble said donors will receive a flyer good for free copies, discounts on shipping and more. "We hope communities will go through their closets, drawers and boxes and pull out all those unused cell phones," commented Goble. "Our goal is to send 911 Cell Phone Bank over 100 phones in March. And this event should be a win-win for everyone. The donor is involved in recycling a needed item to a person in need, while getting a thank-you gift in return."

The giving spirit most often associated with the December holi-

days doesn't need to stop in the new year. This program keeps that giving spirit alive, helping many in need feel more safe and secure, Goble said.

For more information, log on to www.AnnexBrands.com for the nearest location.

About annex brands
Annex Brands, Inc. is a franchisor of the PostalAnnex+, Handle With Care-Packaging Store, Sunshine Pack & Ship and SPS Moving brands. Formerly known as Postal Annex+, Inc, Annex Brands is headquartered in San Diego, California. Its brands offer shipping and business services such as moving van, freight shipping, small parcel and overnight document delivery services, private mailbox rental, notary service, high-speed copying in black & white and color, office supplies, web site/e-commerce services, faxing service, printing, stationery, rubber address stamps, key duplication, greeting cards and assorted gift items, all in a convenient, service-oriented environment. To find out more about the company, visit www.AnnexBrands.com. ■

A summer internship program

WHAT is it? Leadership in Action (LIA) is a summer internship program designed to develop emerging leaders by providing college students with practical leadership skills and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community organizations. The program takes learning beyond the classroom, giving students opportunities to gain real-life experience working with prominent members of the API community.

What will I do?
*Participate in leadership development training that develops me into a self-assured, knowledgeable leader

*Work at a nonprofit organization in the community
*Team with other youth leaders in creating a community project

*Make an impact in my community
How is the program structured?
*Intern 4 days a week in a Southern California area, community-based organization

*Convene one day a week at LEAP to build and strengthen leadership skills
Topics have included:

- *Making powerful and persuasive presentations
- *Understanding how to work with media
- *Learning how to work effectively in a team
- *Developing a career plan
- *Assessing issues API communities face through panels/discussion with API leaders
- *While all this is happening, also find time to design and develop a community impact project

with your fellow interns
Who should apply?
College students or recent graduates with...
*Prior experience in Asian and Pacific Islander communities

*A passion for learning and growing their leadership skills
*An interest in gaining work experience in an Asian and Pacific Islander community-based nonprofit organization

How to apply
Eligibility: Applicants must have finished two years of college by June 22, 2009 and either currently enrolled in college or a recent graduate. All applicants must be able to complete the full 8-week program. Interns will receive \$2,000 for successful completion of the 8-week program. Interns are responsible for their own housing, transportation, and insurance.

About Leap: Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) is a national, non-profit, community-based organization with a mission to achieve full participation and equality for Asian Pacific Americans through leadership, empowerment and policy.

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RE-UNION

Filipino-American Associations in America

Searching for a kababata from your hometown, a college buddy or a Pinoy colleague? Your search is finally over. The Asian Journal brings you Re:Union, Filipino American Associations in America -- your link to a network of kababayan associations here in the United States. As your Filipino-American community newspaper, the Asian Journal recognizes your need to nourish and maintain ties with the people and the culture you were born with. This is our way of connecting our kababayans to the past, of creating new opportunities for the present and of inspiring you to pay it forward by becoming active members of your association and the FilAm community at large in the future.

Filipino American Network Los Angeles (FAN-LA)

THE "Filipino American Network" [FAN] is a non-profit, non-partisan community based organization founded in the fall of 2001 by a group of young Filipino American entrepreneurs and professionals within the greater Los Angeles area. [FAN] provides the young professional members of the Filipino American Community an opportunity to network and share their experiences, talents and knowledge with other members of the community. [FAN] combines the knowledge, experiences and expertise of its members to establish a base for and to assist current and future endeavors of Filipino American entrepreneurs and professionals.

Objectives and purposes

The primary objectives and purposes of this Organization shall be:

To encourage the business and professional growth of the individual members;

To develop professional and business relationships by and between individual members;

To learn and exchange information regarding the businesses and occupations of its members;

To promote the business and professions of the membership by referring customers and clients to individual members;

To support activities that seek to raise the cultural and community awareness and enhance the perception of Filipino Americans; and

To develop a professional networking resources using all modern communication technologies to further all of the above stated purposes of the Organization.

Mission

The primary mission of this Organization shall be to support the individual members of the Filipino American professional community by providing them with the opportunity to network and share their experiences, talents and knowledge with other members of the

community.

Vision

The primary vision of this Organization shall be to combine the knowledge, experiences and expertise of its members to establish a base for and to assist with current and future endeavors of Filipino American entrepreneurs and professionals.

Non partisan activities

The Organization has been formed under the California non-profit law for the purposes described herein below and it shall be non-profit and non-partisan. No substantial part of the activities of the Organization shall consist of the publication or dissemination of the materials with the purpose of attempting to influence legislation, and the Organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or for or against any cause or measure being submitted to the people for a vote.

There shall be no age, sex, race, sexual orientation, religious or national origin limitation in consideration of any individual for membership. The Organization shall not, except in an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described herein.

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