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Verified Volunteers Partners with *Michigan Nonprofit Association* to bring First-of-its-Kind Volunteer Screening Platform and "Fast-Pass" to Michigan
New Partnership Allows Local Volunteers to Obtain Standardized Background Checks to Expedite Participation in Volunteer Service

Lansing, Mich. (October 20, 2014) – Verified Volunteers, the first-of-its-kind platform for volunteer background screening, and Michigan Nonprofit Association, a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the nonprofit sector, today announce a groundbreaking new partnership to make vetting volunteers faster, easier and less costly for Michigan nonprofits and their volunteers.

This partnership simplifies the background screening process for nonprofits and their volunteers through a streamlined platform, cost-sharing features and Fast-Pass background check sharing capabilities.

"Michigan Nonprofit Association cannot overstate the necessity of carefully screening each potential volunteer through background checks, references and in-person interviews," said Bill Gesaman, Director of Stakeholder Engagement. "Verified Volunteers will give our partnering nonprofits the ability to share background checks, translating into quicker results as well as lower costs."

Using Verified Volunteers' new online platform, volunteers and volunteer managers at any Michigan nonprofit can quickly and easily obtain a single, standardized background check for civic service accepted by multiple nonprofit organizations, schools, youth sports teams and faith-based groups. Through the partnership, MNA members receive an exclusive discounted rate for these screenings.

The Verified Volunteers platform allows volunteers to log in online and complete a four-step registration process. After this process is complete, volunteers can obtain a background check within hours or days, which can then be shared with multiple nonprofits.

"The ultimate power of our solution will be realized as we build scale in cities and communities throughout Michigan," said Verified Volunteers Executive Director Tom Klein. "The more volunteers and organizations that join our platform, the greater the ability to reuse a background check, save time and money, and foster more and better volunteering."

Current background screening options are costly and time-consuming for both nonprofits and their volunteers. Since as many as half of all volunteers choose to serve with more than one organization, the cost and time commitment involved with repeat screenings can be an obstacle for nonprofits and their volunteers. Using a standardized volunteer service credential that satisfies screening requirements and is recognized by multiple organizations will translate into lower costs and a greater number of qualified, readily available and dedicated volunteers in Michigan.

Features of the new platform include:

- Automatic updates of all active background checks every 30 days for the first year at no additional cost to the organization or volunteer;
- Compliance with FCRA and state laws;
- Fast-Pass: Volunteer ability to securely share background checks free of charge with multiple volunteer organizations on the platform;

- The ability for volunteer managers to receive real-time alerts on any changes in the background screening status of their volunteers;
- The ability for volunteer managers to track, communicate with and manage volunteers

Verified Volunteers supports volunteer programs and their volunteers nationwide and is partnered closely with many HandsOn Network volunteer centers. The first-of-its-kind screening platform continues to see rapid adoption throughout the U.S with more than 100 volunteer managers choosing Verified Volunteers each month.

About Verified Volunteers
Verified Volunteers is the only background check platform tailored to the specific needs of the service sector and the first online community to mobilize repeat, vetted volunteers. Our Volunteer Fast-Pass propels nonprofit organizations by empowering volunteers to take greater ownership of costly, time-consuming screening processes. Verified Volunteers is backed by SterlingBackcheck, one of the world's largest background screening companies, and partnered with Points of Light, the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. Visit our website at verifiedvolunteers.com or Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or Google Plus to learn more.

About Michigan Nonprofit Association
Incorporated in 1990, MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the diverse nonprofit sector through civic engagement, capacity-building, data and technology, training, and advocacy. MNA manages multiple programs and affiliates including Data Driven Detroit, Highway T, The LEAGUE Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact, Volunteer Centers of Michigan, and AmeriCorps and VISTA. For more information, visit www.mnaonline.org.

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