

Joining the FARN

Benefits and Steps



What are the benefits of volunteering for Group Genie?

- * Optimism. When we launch useful programs, and when their number of participants grows, your optimism about the future of the world will also grow. For instance, if we can increase the money and volunteer time to charities by hundreds of billions a year through the Helper's Helper project, it will certainly have a worldwide impact.
- * Access to new resources. When we produce a new resource such as the *Lifestyle Review* or *Wide Wealth*, you can be one of the first people to use it and benefit.
- * You'll feel part of a real-life adventure drama! It will start small, but each Action Signal report will chronicle the growing impact of our projects. We are really racing against many world-destroying trends.
- * It's easy! You can do it from home. Most volunteers are part of our FARN, our Fast Action Resource Network. They do very brief but meaningful actions. Even the guides and artisans usually work wherever it's most convenient.
- * Appreciation and recognition. We recognize all people helping during each Action Signal video or email. These videos or emails summarize recent progress.

What exactly is involved in the FARN, and how does one join up?

Here's the FARN process. You'll see how it won't take much of your time and how it will help you feel **good** about the world. (By the way, if you have the skills, you can also volunteer as an artisan, genie or guide.)

1. You email GroupGenie@yahoo.com to join. Just write that you'd like to join. You can unsubscribe at any time.
2. When the genies or the guides have a request, they email the FARN members. It will always be a short email, usually less than 50 words.
3. You read the email as soon as you can. The action often takes just five minutes to do. It might be just to answer a couple of survey questions. Or it may be to give us a

networking contact, for instance the contact information of a good graphic designer. Others actions take longer, such as trying out one of our self-help materials. Then you might just call or email someone who you think might be interested and forward the information.

4. If you can't help with the particular request, then just ignore the email.

5. If you can help, hit reply and let us know.

6. Three days later we send something we call the *FARN Echo*. It tells all the FARN members what happened. In a FARN Echo you might read:

When we requested help finding a videographer, we received 21 instant replies of people who weren't able to help but took the time to read the request. (Thank you!) Three people [Sam A., Randi R and Jim H.] replied with contact information. We spoke with the contacts and think we've found a good videographer! Thanks to all who helped!

7. Then in the weekly Action Signal report, we summarize the action of the previous week, including the FARN requests and participation report. — In each video, you'll probably witness progress that will make you more optimistic about the world. We'll also be releasing short videos, useful materials, and learning & support structures to help people change their lives and improve the world.

8. It helps if you read up on the projects or watch any videos describing the projects. Current projects are described at <http://groupgenie.org/projects.htm>. (By September 2011 there will be project videos on YouTube. Just search on 'groupgenie.')

9. In the Action Signal videos, your first name and initial, and mention the city or state you live in. We also think that it would inspire people if we put small head shots of our FARN volunteers on our 'Join Us' page. Imagine the strong impression that a block of maybe 30-100 tiny photos on that page would make. So, please email us a photo of you. We'll clip it and size it.

10. The really important thing about the FARN is this: It matters a great deal.

We firmly believe it will eventually make a life-or-death difference to millions of people, when we deploy a multi-billion dollar program or project. We don't ask a lot, but your efforts will always count. Even when you just reply that you can't help, it helps us tell others that we have 30, 50, or 100+ volunteers and that will help them take *Group Genie* more seriously. So please never ignore a request, by assuming that others will answer it. If you find that you are always too busy, just email us asking to be dropped from the list. We will thank you for doing what you could!