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Metro Headquarters lights up the downtown skyline on Valentine's Day in 2008. Photo by Mark Clifford.

## Volunteers Needed to Turn On Metro's Heart Lights on Thursday

- Metro's Headquarters light display pledged to promote the American Heart Association's annual campaign.
- To volunteer, send an e-mail to [southwickj@metro.net](mailto:southwickj@metro.net).
- Volunteers will meet in the Design Studio conference room on the 19th floor at 3 p.m. Thursday.
- Important reminder for Thursday, Feb. 5: **All Gateway employees, please close your blinds by 3:30 p.m. If you are on floors 12-21, please leave ALL floor lights and office lights on. Our team of volunteers will do the rest.**

By GAYLE ANDERSON

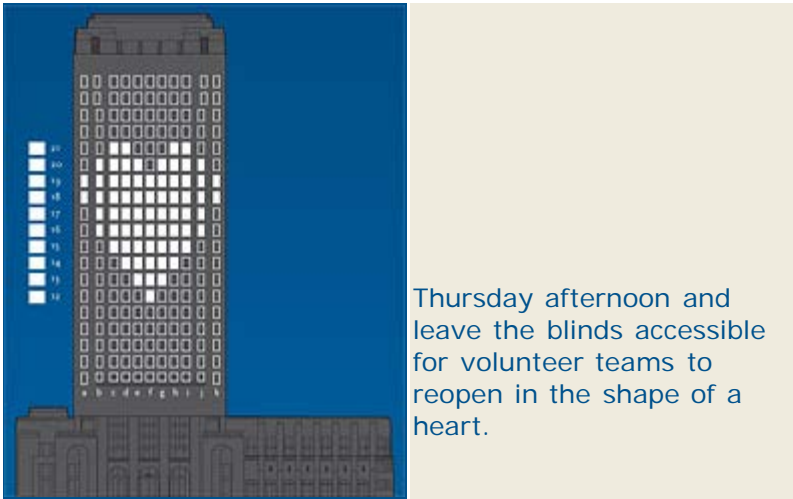
(Feb. 3, 2009) In a motion by Director Mike Antonovich approved Jan. 22, the Metro Board pledged to cast a heart-shaped glow from the Metro Headquarters building Feb. 5 to promote the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign that encourages women to take care of their hearts.

The effort requires staff to arrange heart-shaped configurations of office lights and window blinds during the evening hours of Feb. 5.

Volunteers will be coordinated by Design Studio photographer Josh Southwick. To volunteer, send an e-mail to [southwickj@metro.net](mailto:southwickj@metro.net).

At least 20 volunteers are required to accomplish the task, but it will take the whole building to do it.

**How it works:** Blueprint outlines configuration of office lights and window blinds that creates the nine-story hearts. Volunteers will close the blinds on all floors on



“We ’re asking Metro employees who share or face a window to close the blinds by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon,” said Southwick. “We’re also asking employees to leave the blinds accessible for the "Go Red for Women" volunteers, who will come around to each floor and open certain blinds to create the heart shape.”

The light display will become visible at sunset and end at 10 p.m. when the building's office lights automatically shut off for the night.

As the skyscraper sparkles in the downtown skyline, the heart light display will be visible throughout the region and cast a glow on traffic along three freeways – I-5, I-10 and I-101.