

Community Partners

Animal Welfare

PAWS Humane

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Program Information

PAWS Humane's mission is to prevent overpopulation and suffering of companion animals, to teach kindness and responsibility toward them and to promote the remarkable capacity of pets to enrich human lives through pet-assisted therapy programs. We have an adoption center, spay/neuter clinic, and education center at the Animal Resource Center located on Milgen Road.

Job Description

PAWS Humane provides volunteers with a wide variety of opportunities. Volunteers can assist with dog walking, socializing, off-site adoption events, humane education presentations, marketing, public relations, and more. Volunteers can help with as many or as few volunteer roles as they would like and are not limited to the existing volunteer opportunities.

In-Room Socializing: Many of our shelter animals may not have had the best experiences with people and do not know the meaning of true affection. Volunteers play an essential role in giving all of our shelter pets a good experience with people, instilling in them that people are not here to harm them, but to provide love and care. A well-socialized animal is happy, which makes them more approachable and makes the transition into a new home much easier on the adopter and pet. Let an animal fall asleep in your lap and soak up some of the love these shelter pets have to offer!

Dog Walkers: Many of our dogs are housebroken or are in the process of becoming housebroken. Dog walkers ensure these animals get outside, so they don't have an accident inside which causes them anxiety. The exercise that walks provide is crucial to decreasing anxiety as well. Beautiful wooded trails are on-site for daily walks.

Facility Cleaning: As you can imagine, much cleaning is needed here at PAWS first thing every morning! Our Animal Care Techs arrive at 7am every day to heavily clean the adoptions and pre-adoptions kennels. Anything from scrubbing floors to changing litter is tackled during this time. It is advisable that volunteers wear long pants and rubber boots if possible.

Photography Assistants: A good photo makes all the difference in getting potential adopters through our doors. Volunteers are needed to assist professional photographers who graciously donate their time to photograph our shelter pets. Tasks such as prop set up, animal handling and posing, and equipment breakdown are just a sampling of what photography assistants can provide.

Requirements

Volunteers for Paws Humane Society must be at least 18 years of age, attend a Volunteer Orientation and purchase a volunteer t-shirt (\$10.80). Registration information and dates can be found on our website at www.pawshumane.org/get-involved/volunteers/.

Hours

Volunteers are welcome to assist us during our normal business hours:

- **Monday - Friday:** 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** closed to the public, but volunteers can help with off-site events

Child and Family Services

Easter Seals West Georgia, Inc.

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Program Information

To bring awareness to the community about the importance of Easterseals West Georgia and the amazing opportunities we provide to families with children or family members who have a disability.

Job Description

Volunteer with children and adults with disabilities. Reading, playing games, outdoor activities, etc. We also have labor volunteer opportunities to help with painting and landscaping when needed.

Requirements

Must be 17+ years of age. If wanting to volunteer for more than 8 weeks at a time an individual must complete a drug screening and criminal background check.

Hours

2 to 4 hours at a time

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Family House of West Georgia

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Program Information

The Family House of West Georgia provides a home away from home to families while their loved ones are in the hospital. We ensure that each and every person who stays with us is cared for while in this time of need.

Job Description

Volunteers are expected to fulfill basic housekeeping and office tasks. They can help around the house or with fundraising/events.

Requirements

If over the age of 18, must complete a background check process before volunteering

Hours

Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm

Goodwill

Contact Person

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Program Information

Goodwill is seeking volunteers to support our free tax preparation service. All volunteers will be trained with IRS certified curriculum and commit to a minimum of 30 hours, all while gaining valuable work experience, becoming certified in tax law and helping taxpayers in the community.

Job Description: Volunteer opportunities include intake/greeter and tax preparers. You will decide to achieve Basic or Advanced certification, considering on your level of interest, past experience, and desired scope of service. Training materials will be provided with online training modules, review, and (Basic or Advanced) VITA certification at no cost. Intake/greeter will welcome clients, review their documents, and connect them to the appropriate tax preparer. Tax preparers are responsible for reviewing documents, data entry, and answering tax questions of the client. A 2-step quality review is always completed before submission, so no experience is necessary. Goodwill understands things happen as well as the importance for accurate tax reporting.

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Goodwill of the Southern Rivers, Financial Services Department

Contact Person

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Program Information

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

For the past 17 years, Goodwill of the Southern Rivers provides no-cost tax preparation services to the community through a partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The program, known as VITA, recruits and trains

volunteers to prepare free tax returns for households that earn less than \$60,000 annually. In addition to tax preparation services, the Financial Services Department also offers no-cost financial workshops and class through community resources.

Job Description

Various Roles Provided at a VITA site:

Greeter/Screeners – You greet everyone visiting the site to create a pleasant atmosphere. You screen taxpayers to determine the type of assistance they need and confirm they have the necessary documents to complete their tax returns. Tax law certification is not required for this position.

Interpreter – You provide free language interpreter services to customers who are not fluent in English. Basic tax knowledge is helpful, but it is not required for this position.

Site Administrator/Coordinator – You have excellent organizational and leadership skills. You are the primary resource for sharing your knowledge of the program and are available to assist with any issues that may arise. You develop and maintain schedules for all volunteers to ensure adequate coverage, supplies and equipment at your site. Tax law certification is not always required for this position.

Tax Preparer – You complete and successfully certify in tax law training, including the use of electronic filing software, to provide free tax return preparation for eligible taxpayers.

Quality Reviewer – You review tax returns completed by volunteer tax preparers, ensuring that every taxpayer receives top quality service and that the tax returns are error-free. You must be tax law certified at least at the Intermediate level.

Tax Coach – You provide tax law assistance and guide taxpayers in preparing their own tax returns. Tax law certification is required for this volunteer role and training is available on-line or through face-to-face instruction.

Requirements

Must be able to complete a background via IRS/Goodwill's third-party services (Choicescreening)

Hours

30 hour minimum

Hope Harbour

Contact Person

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Visit the website at www.hopeharbour.org

Program Information

To provide emergency shelter, crisis interventions, security, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children in a seven-county area.

Service

We have many opportunities for students to develop programs with the women and / or the children. Job needs vary from day to day - Some of these include:

- Children's activities - all ages
- Outings for children and mothers
- Game night for children and /or mothers
- Parenting training
- Tutoring
- Computer skills training for residents
- Event planning
- Marketing - brochures, newsletters, etc.
- Holiday events
- Crisis line operator

Males can volunteer; they just may not have as many opportunities. There are young teen boys in the shelter who could use the contact with a positive male role model.

Requirements

Must fill out a volunteer application and a non-disclosure form. For some services a back ground check is required.

Hours

Flexible, according to volunteer's schedule. This is a 24 hour facility and is staffed 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Ronald McDonald House

Contact Person

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Job Description

Ronald McDonald House Charities Volunteers help provide families at the Ronald McDonald House and the RMHC Family Room with a pleasant and comfortable environment by assisting staff with daily operations of the house and by providing support to the families as needed. Meals from the Heart Volunteers come together in the kitchen and provide a meal for the families, cooking, eating with families (when families are in house) and cleaning and storing the meal.

Volunteers assist with answering House phone, check-in/check out of guests, house tours and input of donor names to computer. Assist with bulk mailings and official correspondence, acknowledge contributions of cash and gifts to the House. Additional daily operational tasks include replenishing guest rooms, checking laundry, tidying up the kitchen and fundraising preparation.

Requirements

- Clear background check
- Flu Shot during flu season (Cost can be covered by RMHC if you go through them to obtain)

Hours

9 am - 9 pm

Meals from the Heart - four hours in the evening. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm.

Safe Kids Columbus

Contact Person

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Program Information

Safe Kids Columbus is a 501C3 nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of unintentional injuries and deaths in children. We focus on the distribution of safety gear such as bike helmets, life jackets, car seats, portable cribs and pedestrian reflectors AND the education on their proper use.

Job Description

Most volunteers help us at community events with registration or safety gear distribution.

Requirements

Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Typically volunteers work 3-4 hours per event.

Hours

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Seneca, Choices for Life

Contact Person

Karen Geis

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Program Information

Women's Center located next door to the abortion facility. We offer Hope, Help and Healing to mothers and families in need.

Job Description

Volunteers can help with landscaping, cleaning, sidewalk advocacy.

Requirements

Sidewalk advocates must attend orientation and additional training

Hours

Wednesday-Friday 8:30am-3pm, some Saturdays

Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. DBA The Center at 909

Contact Person

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Program Information

Provides free and confidential counseling, advocacy, support, and referral services to anyone impacted by sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. The Center empowers families and communities by providing awareness and training toward the prevention of gender-based violence.

Job Description

Various volunteer opportunities may arise to include cleaning, painting, sorting donation items, support for awareness events, etc.

Requirements

Must be 18 and over

Hours

Hours vary, but office open from 9am to 5pm, Monday - Friday. Events may be held after hours or on Weekends.

Twin Cedars - Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home

Contact Person

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Program Information/Mission

To provide programs and services empowering children, youth, and families to achieve their optimum potential. Our residential programs, as well as our Therapeutic Foster Care program, strive to provide a safe and stable environment to ensure that the highest quality of care is provided to each of our residents. Many of the children or youth that are placed with us may be experiencing complexity of trauma.

Job Description

Provide leadership for the Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home and make necessary decisions for the program daily operations.

Requirements

21 years old, high school diploma, 2 years experience working with adolescents and the ability to communicate verbally and in writing.

Hours

Monday - Saturday, 8am - 5pm

Twin Cedars - Chattahoochee CASA

Contact Person

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Columbus, GA 31901

COVID-19 Protocols

We are currently conducting our volunteer trainings virtually via Zoom. We allow our CASA volunteers to visit with the people on their cases virtually or in person depending on their level of comfort.

Program Information

Chattahoochee CASA strives to improve the lives of abused and neglected children and their families by ensuring that the court has adequate information to make sensitive decisions and court orders promoting the health, safety, and well-being of each child.

Job Description

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are everyday heroes speaking up for the best interest of children in foster care. CASA volunteers are trained, sworn in by the judge, and appointed to a child in foster care. The CASA volunteers then meet with the child monthly, building a relationship with them, while also gathering information about their case and well-being. CASA volunteers then go to court and advocate for the child's best interest. CASA volunteers are the one consistent person in a child's life and walk alongside that child throughout their foster care journey until they reach permanency.

Requirements

There are some national requirements for CASA volunteers. These include but are not limited to:

- Advocate for the well-being of children
- At least 21 years of age
- Pass criminal background checks
- Good verbal & written communication skills
- Ability to be objective & nonjudgmental
- Available to attend court hearings
- Commitment to CASA program for at least 18 months or until case is resolved.

Hours

This is not your traditional volunteer opportunity. There is a mandatory 30-hour training then it is 5-10 hours a month until the case is resolved.

Victory Mission

Contact Person

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Facebook: [Victory Mission Columbus](#)

Program Information

Programs for the underserved community of South Columbus. We have weekly activities, including, hot meals, recreation, bible studies, life skills, and special events. We also offer GED and Job Training for adults.

Job Description

Leading activities for children or adults: games, studies, life skills, etc.

Requirements

Enjoy working with children and a willing, serving spirit.

Hours

Tuesdays, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Other special events at various times and days.

Conservation and Beautification

Columbus Botanical Garden

Contact Person

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Columbus Botanical Garden

3603 Weems Rd

Columbus, GA 31909

Program Information

The Columbus Botanical Garden celebrates the beauty, inspiration, and wonder of the natural world, educating current and future stewards of its care.

Job Description

Working along side with our Horticulture team doing various tasks for the garden.

Requirements

Must have a volunteer waiver filled out. This can be found on our website.

Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Background Check Required?

No

Keep Columbus Beautiful

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Program Information

The Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC) was created by ordinance in December 1986 and started full operation in 1987. The Commission became a Certified Affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. in January 1988. The Commission is directed through a 25 member board of citizens that are appointed by the Columbus Consolidated Government Council. The board maintains a staff of two full-time employees. The Commission's programs and projects supports advanced waste management techniques and enhanced community aesthetics.

Our mission is to engage and educate individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing beautification, protecting the environment, and eliminating litter and blight.

Programs & Projects

- Help-the-Hooch River Clean Up*
- Electronics and Computer Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste Recycling*
- Christmas Tree Recycling
- Citywide Arbor Day Celebration*
- Magic of Recycling Educational program (targeting local schools)
- Telephone Book Recycling (targeting local schools)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Serve-A-Thon Beautification Projects*
- Community-wide Beautification & Cleanup Projects*
- Georgia I-185 Scenic Byways
- Adopt-A-Spot & Columbus Gateways Beautification Projects
- Tour of Gardens
- Environmental Court
- LITTER. It Costs You! (State-wide campaign)
- I Don't Recycle, You Gotta Be Kidding! (State-wide campaign)*

*Denotes student volunteer opportunities.

Job Description

Interested students should contact our office via telephone or email regarding specific volunteer opportunities.

Requirements

No background checks are required, however programs/projects will require a specific dress code.

Hours

Most of the programs or projects will require 1 - 4 volunteer hours.

Trees Columbus, Inc.

Contact Person

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[Host a Tree Planting Application](#)

Program Information

Trees Columbus is a non-profit membership organization whose mission is to plant, preserve, and protect tree canopy in Columbus, GA.

Job Description

We have opportunities for tree planting and maintenance volunteers, office administrative help, social media help, etc.

Requirements

Energy and enthusiasm to help :)

Hours

- Monday - Thursday, 10am - 3pm
- Friday, 10am - 12pm

Education

Experiential Arts Program

Contact Person

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412 King Ave

Pine Mountain, GA 31822

COVID-19 Protocols

Volunteers must wear masks while working with others and everyone must put on hand sanitizer when entering the building.

Job Opportunities

- Serve on the graphic design, marketing, or events team (mornings or afternoons throughout the week)
- Teach classes like dance, photography, theater, music, robotics, cosmetology (Any specialized class) Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 4:00-7:00pm

- Mentor middle and high school students and help in their character building and confidence or serve in the coffee shop (Monday Tuesday or Thursday from 4:00-7:00pm)

Requirements

Must be at least 18 and pass a background check.

Hours

Hours are flexible with students classes and schedules but are typically one of the following:

- 4 - 7 p.m.
- 10 - 1 p.m.
- 11 - 2 p.m.
- 12 - 3 p.m.
- 1 - 4 p.m.

Hardaway High School Servant Leadership Program

Contact Person

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Program Information

The Hardaway High School Servant Leadership Program is an exciting new opportunity designed for students who desire to become and embody a servant leader. The course is built around Mr. Turner's 10 Characteristics of a Servant Leader.

The Servant Leadership program at Hardaway High School is designed to provide students with the basic knowledge of leadership, an overview of leadership theories, an explanation of the basic concept of servant leadership, and the skill sets needed for effective leadership.

Job Description

CSU student volunteers will help plan/teach lessons, text-lg activities, introduce/plan for guest speakers, mentor and help with tutoring for the students.

Requirements

The CSU student mentor should dress appropriately for a school environment. Dress code will also depend upon on the activities planned for the day.

Hours

3:30-4:30

Literacy Alliance (Columbus Literate Community Program Inc.)

Contact Person

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Columbus, GA 31902

Mission

To increase literacy levels for youth and adults in the Chattahoochee Valley region.

Job Description

Volunteers work with pre-k students individually to increase their vocabulary development and interest to learn to read. Volunteers/mentors work with adults individually or in a text-sm group to increase reading proficiency and high school equivalence certificate.

Requirements

Youth volunteers are required to have a positive background check on file (\$18 to \$20).

Hours

Volunteer reading buddies are scheduled one hour, during the morning (between 8:30am and 10am), once a week (Monday - Friday) for eight weeks. Mentors schedules are flexible and frequency is based on the needs of the adult learners.

Office of Recruitment & Retention: Brand Ambassadors

Contact Person

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Program Information

Brand Ambassador - Volunteers to provide campus tours and information to prospective students and their guests

Job Description

Brand Ambassador - A Volunteer opportunity to help assist the Office of Recruitment with on campus events such as Discovery Days and Daily Campus Tours The ideal Brand Ambassador volunteer will be someone that is excited to represent Columbus State University and their program. These volunteers will need to be outgoing, dependable, and able to relate to prospective students and their families. As a Brand Ambassador Volunteer, they will need to be available for Discovery Days (Feb 10 & March 2). Volunteers will have training on campus tours and speaking with prospective students and families.

Daily Campus Tours are hosted Monday-Friday at 10 am on Main Campus and 1:30 pm on RiverPark Campus. The Main Campus tour volunteer will need to be available from 10 am to 12 pm and the RiverPark tour volunteer will need to be available from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. During Daily tours, the volunteer will be responsible for providing prospective students and their families with a tour of the campus and provide information on student life and other CSU information. We also host a RiverPark tour one Saturday a month from 11 am to 12:30 pm. The tour times are not flexible and will require the volunteer to be there the duration of the tour.

Discovery Days will be hosted on Saturdays throughout both Spring and Fall semesters. When working these events, duties will entail welcoming prospective students and their guests along with providing campus tours of both Main Campus and RiverPark. Throughout the day the volunteers will be a group of prospective students that are interested in

the same major they are currently in. Pairing current students with prospectives of the same major, the conversation about what to expect and the experiences will come naturally to all and make for a connection between current and prospective student.

Requirements

There are no set requirements, but we do ask that the volunteer commits to a whole semester.

Hours

Hours depend on the event

- Daily tours: 10am-12pm or 1:30am-2:30pm
- Monthly Saturday Tours: 11am-12:30pm
- Discovery Day: 8am-2pm

Truth Spring Academy

Contact Person

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Program Information

Truth Spring Academy is a private, Christian school that serves children living in poverty. Our mission is to rebuild a foundation of Christ-centered living by offering a quality, Christian education that focuses on challenging academics, character development, and servant leadership.

At Truth Spring Academy, we believe in challenging our students academically by raising the bar of what is expected of them, while continuing to affirm and encourage them to rise to meet the challenge. Our aim is to teach our students based on Biblical principles that address the nature of the learner and learning itself, the nature of truth and authority, and what is truly important to learn and remember.

We also believe in a "living curriculum." This is typically not part of any written curriculum but stands equal, in its importance. The life of the teacher, teacher and student relationships, discipline, and discipling are all part of the living curriculum. Teachers must understand how to constructively develop and foster healthy relationships with their students. The result is that the child is able to see a clear path forward for their personal development. The process of a Christian education is CHANGED LIVES CHANGING LIVES, not just the sharing of ideas and skills. Christian education has as its core goal: LIFE CHANGE.

We LOVE volunteers at Truth Spring Academy. This is because we have BIG dreams and BIG plans for each child that attends the school and bringing those plans and dreams to life requires all of us working together.

Veterans Memorial Middle School

Contact Person

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Program Information

We are looking to expand community partners to include aid assist in mentoring, teachers assistants, volunteers during school-based activities and programs, and overall familiar community faces for students.

Job Description

- Answering phones.
- Helping teachers in class: grading, extra hand in classroom.
- Helping keep watch in hallways and cafeteria.
- Helping keep watch during games.
- Aiding students with classwork and homework.
- Helping school organizations like Health care choir music theater, school programs, dances.

Requirements

- 18 years or older.
- Ability to stand longer than 40 minutes.

Hours

Depending on individual schedule.

Health and Wellness

Piedmont Columbus Regional

Contact Person

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710 Center Street

Columbus, GA 31901

Program Information

Volunteer Services provides qualified volunteers for Piedmont Columbus Regional in over 20 placements

Job Description

Each placement has a different description.

Requirements

ages 18 +

Hours

Varies based on Placement

American Cancer Society

Contact Person

Abby Mitchell

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Program Information

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Opportunities for volunteerism include (but not limited to): planning events; serving as committee members on committees in the community to develop leadership skills; fostering relationships through mentoring of Relay For Life teams; sharing the mission of the American Cancer Society throughout the community at health fairs, churches, civic organizations, etc; Become a Road to Recovery driver

Job Description

- Work with staff and other volunteers to successfully implement and execute the mission of the organization through events. Responsibilities may include phone calls, securing supplies, recruiting & coordinating volunteers, etc.
- Students will be able to build leadership skills, develop communication skills, learn how to work with a team of volunteers, and learn how to manage time-sensitive tasks

Requirements

- No training necessary for most volunteer opportunities.
- Be willing and available!
- Road to Recovery does have some requirements specific to the program
- Dress appropriately for the event type

Hours

- Very flexible!
- Daytime or evening events
- Office hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

American Red Cross

Contact Person

Steve Dantzer

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Program Information

The American Red Cross is in local communities every day, helping people prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. Last year, Georgia's Red Cross helped more people following home fires with food, shelter and other essentials than any other region in the country! We teach life-saving skills, provide resources for military families and help international families in crisis.

We also support our Southern Blood Services region in their efforts to ensure a safe and ready blood supply in Georgia. How do we empower so many of our neighbors to respond to emergencies? By mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We can't turn heartbreak into hope without your help!

The American Red Cross of Southwest Georgia serves the counties of Baker, Calhoun, Chat-tahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Marion, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Turner, Webster, and Worth.

COVID Protocols

We have made many volunteer opportunities virtual, and where that isn't possible we are using CDC guidelines - social distancing and face coverings.

Job Description

Students can volunteer at blood drives, work at shelters (in the event of a hurricane or other major disaster), work as dispatchers for our Disaster Action Teams, do case work for our Service to Armed Forces division, or help with volunteer recruitment.

Requirements

You must complete an online application and pass a background check.

Hours

Varies depending on the position.

St. Francis-Emory Healthcare

Contact Person

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Mission

To improve the overall patient and employee experience. Great opportunities for those interested in customer service focused activities.

Job Description

Cheer Cart - Volunteers push the cart offering a variety of drinks and snacks to visitors and employees throughout the facility, assisting with purchases and spreading good cheer.

Gift Shop - Volunteers assist with stocking, sales, and purchases using point of sale system.

Requirements

- Completion of volunteer application to include background check.
- Drug screen
- Complete general HR requirements
- Hospital orientation

Hours

3-4 hour shift once per week for a period of at least 6 months; evening shifts can be accommodated.

Hunger and Homelessness

Benning Hills Baptist Church - Food Pantry 8 Esquiline Drive Columbus, Georgia 31903

Contact

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Mission Statement

To provide groceries to low-income elderly individuals in our community, bringing glory and honor to God while maintaining the dignity of each individual.

Program Information

A great percentage of the children in our community actually actually depends on the food programs at the local schools. The food bank allows BHBC the opportunity to come alongside families to help them acquire enough groceries to feed their families for the month. We strive to help supplement the meager food budget of families in South Columbus, particularly those in the Benning Hills area.

Hours

Tuesdays from 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, Inc. d/b/a Hope Harbour

Contact

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Website: www.hopeharbour.org

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Requirements

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Hours

Hours vary

Brown Bag of Columbus

Contact

Gail Minton

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To provide groceries to low-income elderly individuals in our community, bringing glory and honor to God while maintaining the dignity of each individual.

Program Information

The Brown Bag is a nonprofit agency, which provides groceries to low-income elderly individuals in our community. The program is manned 100% by volunteers. Presently, over 350 elderly are helped each month in Columbus. Our sites are set-up like a text-sm grocery store where the members can make their own selections of the items they get at no cost to them. The site is manned by volunteers who do greeting, registration, shopping, bagging, carry bags for those who can't, and just show each of them that people do care about them. Volunteers also send out birthday cards, make home deliveries to homebound individuals, provide pickup trucks and manpower on the days we stock the site. At Thanksgiving, we give each member a whole chicken, to go along with the bag of groceries, and for Christmas we have a Get-Together, which for many is the only holiday activity they have.

Job Description

- Greeters - greet individuals upon arrival
- Sorters - separate food items and stock shelves
- Shoppers - help members make food selections
- Toters - help carry groceries to member's vehicle
- Homebound volunteer - deliver groceries to member's home

Requirements

We want individuals who care about people, especially the elderly; smiling faces and huggers (we have quite a few members to whom this means a lot).

Hours

The site is open from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., the third week of each month and volunteers are also needed (same hours) on Wednesday and Thursday of the second week of each month for unloading, stocking shelves, etc.

*This would not be a full-time placement but would be a great place to earn extra hours if you can arrange your class schedule around their hours.

They also have a Phenix City site where students can distribute groceries one Saturday a month. This location is at First United Methodist Church (1600 Sandfort Road, Phenix City)

If Interested, please view their calendar on <https://www.brownbagofcolumbus.org/>.

Columbus Dream Center

Contact Person

N/A

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Program Information

The Columbus Dream Center is a non-profit, faith-based, Christian organization. Since 2001, it has been serving and enhancing the at-risk and economically deprived communities in the city of Columbus.

Job Description

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Paperwork
- Crowd Control
- Bagging groceries
- Dream Center food and clothing banks- distributing food and clothing
- Sorting clothes

Requirements

Volunteers are expected to be role models and positive examples for the children. The volunteers should display good morals and character.

Hours

- 3rd Saturday of each month, 11:00 a.m-1 p.m.

Feeding the Valley Inc.

Contact Person

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Program Information

Our organization provides food to over 190 charities that provide food for families in need in 13 counties of Georgia and Russell County, Alabama. We provide evening meals to children in need at 10 locations through our Kids Cafe Program. We also provide food boxes to families in rural counties through our Mobile Pantry Program.

Job Description

The primary work we have is packing food boxes for our Mobile Pantry Program. At times we may have some light clerical work for our office. We have some seasonal events for our Kids Cafe Children. Student responsibilities may also include: Packing Food Boxes, sorting canned goods and produce, and warehouse tasks

Requirements

We do not require background checks. Volunteers need to dress in work clothes such as jeans, t-shirts, and closed-toe shoes (no sandals for safety reasons).

Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; Friday, 8:00 am - 12 noon

FOCUS Ministries

Contact

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232 Hamilton Square
Hamilton, Georgia 31811

Mission

Our mission is to serve the emotional, financial, and educational needs of residents living in Harris County. We do this through a large Food Pantry, Emergency Services program and children's after school program.

Program Information

Established in 1986, a 501(c3) Faith based organization serving Harris County. Programs include Food Pantry, Emergency Services, Experiential Arts Center for Children's Programs and Pastoral Services.

Job Description

1. FOCUS Operations - Social Media and marketing. Will assist with social media through several communication vehicles, news letter, poster, flyers, and updating the website.
2. Children's After-School Program: Assist the director with programming and working with the children. The center is located in Pine Mountain and provides 15 classes in the arts: music, drama, keyboard, gardening, art, sewing, cooking, etc.
3. FOCUS Thrift Store, customer services: operate cash register and assist with stocking.

Requirements

Each job is flexible and requires a "big heart" and eagerness to serve.

Hours

Flexible - day hours and some weekend

The Children's program is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the evening.

Habitat for Humanity

Contact Person

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Program Information

Our Vision - A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our Mission Statement - Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our Story - Founded in 1984 as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry, Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity (CAHFH) built its first house in 1987. CAHFH has continued to build, renovate and repair more than 400 homes in the Columbus area! In 2021 we expanded our service area to include Talbot County too. Our efforts have assisted deserving families by creating affordable and safe housing. Over the years, CAHFH has been blessed to partner with people of compassion who have provided the financial and time resources necessary to carry out our mission.

With nearly 40 years now of working to address issues through the creation of new and maintaining currently owned housing, CAHFH will continue to address the needs of families to enrich their lives and improve the standard of living in our community.

Job Description

Construction Site - offers volunteer opportunities for you to help with all aspects of home building. We have both construction and non-construction volunteer opportunities available to you. You do not need to be an expert in construction to help out on a work site. On-site construction work is the most popular of Habitat's volunteer opportunities. We make every effort to incorporate all willing volunteers regardless of skill level.

Volunteers work on nearly every facet of home construction, helping with dozens of tasks ranging from framing to painting and landscaping. Volunteers may bring their own work gloves and tools, but please mark your name on them and remember to take them home with you. We do have gloves and tools onsite.

ReStore tasks and responsibilities may vary based on available projects during your registered volunteer shift and on your interests. Potential tasks include:

- Receiving donations.
- Stocking store shelves.
- Sorting materials (hardware, tile, tools, etc.).
- Merchandising (building and creating displays).
- Basic maintenance (sweeping, cleaning, and organizing aisles).
- Greeting and customer service.
- Loading and unloading trucks.
- Assembling donated products.
- Testing electrical or other donated products.
- DIY projects.
- Abide by all safety policies and procedures.
- Take direction on assigned tasks from Habitat ReStore leadership.
- Communicate effectively with the Habitat ReStore team.
- Volunteers should be prepared to perform tasks as part of the larger team. At times, you may work independently on daily projects.
- Water is provided. Bringing a refillable water bottle is recommended.

Requirements

NO SKILLS REQUIRED

Construction Site - DRESS CODE REQUIRED

- Sturdy closed-toe and closed-heel shoes. (work boots are preferable)
- Shirts with short or long sleeves; and pants, not shorts
- Appropriate attire for the weather.
- Clothes you do not mind getting dirty or potentially stained; do not wear clothing with images that might be considered offensive or inappropriate
- As a safety consideration, avoid loose-fitting or baggy clothes.

ReStore - DRESS CODE REQUIRED

- Sturdy closed-toe shoes (tennis or running shoes are acceptable).
- Shirts with short or long sleeves. Appropriate attire for the weather.
- Long jeans or khakis.
- Refrain from wearing dirty, stained, ripped or paint-spattered clothing. Clothing worn during your volunteer time should be properly laundered, not only for visual purposes, but also for odors or dust that we may acquire during your volunteer time.
- Please do not wear clothing with images that might be considered offensive or inappropriate. Remember that you will be representing Habitat for Humanity during your volunteer time.
- As a safety consideration, avoid loose-fitting or baggy clothes.

Hours

- ReStore Hours
 - Tuesday thru Friday **9am – 1pm** or **1pm – 6pm**, with a 30-minute lunch break if volunteer all day.
 - Saturday **9am – 1pm** ONLY
- Construction site
 - Tuesday - Friday **8am - 4pm** with a lunch break if volunteer all day
 - Saturday **8am – 12pm**.
 - Please check the online volunteer site for construction site address.

To **register** for volunteering:

www.columbusareahabitat.volunteerhub.com

Homeless Resource Network, Inc2221 2nd Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31902

Contact

Lydia Jackson

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Job Description

Volunteers are needed to:

- Prepare and distribute hygiene packages
- Assist staff with client mail
- Client storage
- Basic receptionist duties
- General maintenance and janitorial duties
- Assistance with information technology and keeping the computer systems running is always a need.

If a volunteer has an interest and is willing to be trained the volunteer can work with clients at another level. This is particularly interesting for a volunteer that is interested in social work, sociology, counseling, social service, or nonprofit organizations.

Requirements

A non-judgmental attitude, an open heart and a sense of humor - working with the issue of homelessness is not for the faint of heart. Must also be able to work in a very busy environment.

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.
Closed on Wednesdays with the exception of special projects.

MercyMed

Contact Person

Brooke Franklin

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Program Information

MercyMed is a health care center that cares for people in all walks of life. They are **appointment only** and take in new patients with registration. Individuals with and without insurance are all welcome to call MercyMed their medical home.

They care for all people with a sense of awe. They know that Christ created every living person in His image and declared his creation "very good." Therefore, they desire to treat people with respect, love and honor. Since your body is created in His image, they desire to give it the highest quality healthcare available.

MercyMed wants to treat not only your physical ailments, but care for your mental and spiritual well being as well. They have counseling services as well as people willing to pray with you on site. Our specialty services continue to expand as we work with doctors in the local area to meet the needs of our patients. Currently they offer dental, GYN, vision, cardio, dermatology, and ultrasounds.

Mission Columbus

Contact Person

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Columbus, GA 31906

COVID-19 Protocols

Mask must be worn while in the building. Temperatures will be taken.

Opportunities

Food and clothing distribution

Job Description

Packing food boxes and stocking clothing and other items.

Requirements

Must be 18 or over

Hours

Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Background Check Required?

No

Open Door Community House

Contact Person

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Mission

The mission of Open Door Community House, Inc. is to empower impoverished people in our community to realize their full potential as children of God. The focus is to empower and create opportunities for long-term solutions to poverty.

Program Information

Open Door Community House, Inc. has been opening doors of faith, hope and opportunity since 1935. Through various ministries and programs, we serve persons who are of low-income or who are homeless. Below are the current ministries and volunteer opportunities offered through Open Door.

Children and Youth Program: serves ages 5-18 during the school year and ages 5-12 during the full-day Summer Academy program. Volunteers may assist with arts and crafts, dance, music, drama, games, sports, tutoring, or serving food in Kids' Café.

Circles: A program for persons living in poverty to create and implement a personal plan out of poverty. In a group format, individuals learn empowering ways to move beyond their current circumstances.

Senior Adult Program: meets each Monday at 2 p.m. for lunch and a program ranging from bingo to line dancing. Volunteers may assist with food preparation and serving, provide a program, or be a greeter helping all senior adults feel welcome.

Showering Program for the Homeless: operates each weekday morning from 8-11 a.m. The program offers women and men living on the streets a warm shower, breakfast, a clean change of clothing, haircut, access to a clothes washer and dryer, and assistance with computer help and job search. Volunteers may register participants, distribute hygiene items, cook and/or distribute breakfast or wash clothes.

Other ministries of Open Door may utilize volunteers on special occasions. These include: the Transition Home for Women in Crisis, a 12-bed facility for homeless women; Community Case Management for Homeless Women, providing supportive services to homeless women and children in all shelters in the Columbus area; Chaplaincy, providing basic needs assistance and counseling to all persons in need; Family Support Services, providing group-based curriculum to help low-income persons move beyond poverty to become economically self-sufficient; and the "Open Door Institute," a culinary arts and life skills training program.

Job Description

Oversee the Children and Youth program (Mathew Promise Academy) and the Open Door Culinary Arts Institute.

Requirements

- An application is required.
- Volunteer must be at least 18 years of age.
- National background check

Hours

40+ hours

SafeHouse Ministries

Contact Person

Neil Richardson

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Program Information

The SafeHouse is a Resource Center. They have contact information for homeless people, men and women in recovery and ex-offenders to find the help they need to successfully transition back into the community. They point individuals to opportunities for housing, employment, transportation, education, emergency assistance, government programs and private groups, for a better chance for success for the future.

Job Description

- Assisting with Breakfast and Lunch
- Assisting with Various classes that they have for the Homeless Population. They have classes for creative writing, an art class sponsored by Bo Bartlett, and I want a Job Classes.
- Assist with the day-to-day operations of the facility

Requirements

A willing to serve

Hours

SafeHouse is open from 7AM-2PM

There may be other needs and times that you can assist with.

Salvation Army

Contact Person

Sendena

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Program Information

In Georgia, 18.1% of our population lives in poverty. Last year, because of people of all ages who volunteered their time, talents, and resources, The Salvation Army in Georgia was able to help 1.75 million people.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Sara Spano Clothing Bank

Contact Person

Jane Sussenbac

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Program Information

Children enrolled in the Muscogee County School District may be referred to the program. Referrals are made based on parental request or teacher's observation of need and requires the approval of the principal, assistant principal or guidance counselor. Children may visit the Clothing Bank twice a year, once in the Fall/Winter and once in the Spring/Summer. During each visit, children receive new socks, new undergarments, new athletic shoes, and an assortment of gently used items, including a winter coat. The mission of the Sara Spano Clothing Bank is to enhance self esteem and promote a positive self-image of disadvantaged children in the Muscogee County School System by providing them with a school wardrobe consisting of new and gently worn items.

Job Description

Each volunteer will be asked to help sort clothing donations, fold and/or hang and put away clothing, as well as assist children with correct sizes of clothes to try on.

Requirements

Must be kind to children, helpful and friendly to others. Casual dress would be appropriate.

Hours

For helping with children please come Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:30 am - 12:00 noon (MCS D School Calendar). Other days including Saturdays will be available as needed.

Stewart Community Home

Contact Person

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Program Information

Stewart Community Home is an assisted living facility in Columbus, GA. Stewart Community Home offers activities at their location for residents. These activities generally allow residents to maintain healthy lifestyles by encouraging movement and socializing with their peers.

Being able to chat with other residents becomes an important part of many peoples' lives and Stewart Community Home offers common spaces indoors to support that need. The benefit of living in an assisted living community is that making meals can be costly and time consuming process so Stewart Community Home provides meals for residents.

The Food Mill, Inc.

Contact Person

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/thefoodmillcolumbus

Program Information

As the Director of Community Engagement and Volunteering, I text-ig initiatives to strengthen community ties and enhance volunteer experiences. I oversee strategic planning, recruitment, training, and recognition within our volunteer program, ensuring a positive environment. My role includes building partnerships with local organizations and coordinating events to foster community bonds. I communicate our mission and opportunities effectively and use metrics to assess and improve our community engagement efforts. With a passion for community building and strong leadership skills, I am committed to making a positive difference and creating a thriving community.

As a 501(c)3 Non-profit Social Enterprise, The Food Mill, Inc. is committed to eliminating barriers to nourishing food, addressing the root causes of diet-related chronic illnesses, creating economic development opportunities, championing urban farming, and advocating for equitable and sustainable food policies. Our volunteers play a vital role in achieving these goals, and we welcome you to join our community dedicated to making a positive impact.

Job Description

Volunteer Programs:

1. The Food Mill Mobile Pantry (ALL AGES)

- Distribute food to those in need through our food pantry program.
- Support families facing food insecurity with a helping hand.

2. The Food Mill Mobile Farmers Market (ALL AGES)

- Engage with local farmers, artisans, and food enthusiasts at our vibrant farmers market.
- Support sustainable agriculture while enjoying fresh, seasonal produce and locally sourced goods.

3. The Food Mill Farm-To-School Program (18 YEARS OR OLDER)

- Connect FoodCorps service members with local elementary schools.
- Provide fresh, locally grown produce to nurture healthy eating habits and promote agricultural education.

4. The Food Mill Cooking Matters Program (ALL AGES)

- Explore the art of cooking nutritious meals on a budget through Cooking Matters classes.
- Learn valuable culinary skills and empower others in the community to cook with confidence.

5. The Food Mill Fox Community Garden (ALL AGES)

- Volunteer to nurture our community garden, engage in sustainable practices, and contribute to a more nourishing community.
- From hands-on gardening to educational workshops, our garden is a place of shared knowledge and community bonding.

6. The Food Mill Healthy Homes, Healthy Families Program (ALL AGES)

- Volunteer with Transformative Health Coaching and make a lasting impact on family wellness.
- Guide families through a 12-week journey, contribute to preventative health, and join a supportive community dedicated to fostering healthier homes with personalized, sustainable habits.

7. Farmstand Fridays (ALL AGES)

- Volunteer at Farmstand Friday to help create a lively marketplace with diverse vendors offering produce, crafts, and artisan goods.
- Contribute to our Mobile Market initiative, ensuring fresh and affordable produce is accessible, directly fostering community well-being and supporting local economic growth. Join us to connect, contribute, and promote a healthier community at Farmstand Friday.

8. Cooking Demonstrations (ALL AGES)

- Volunteer at the Food Mills cooking demonstration to actively teach the community that a healthy lifestyle can be easy, quick, and delicious. Your involvement empowers individuals to make nutritious choices effortlessly.

-Volunteer at the cooking demonstration to play a crucial role in educating and empowering community members. By showcasing the ease, speed, and tastiness of healthy eating, you contribute significantly to the overall well-being of the community.

Requirements

N/A

Hours

N/A

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley

Contact Person

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Program Information

OUR COMMUNITY'S MISSION: **REDUCE POVERTY.**

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley leads efforts to address our community's toughest challenge: Poverty. We partner with organizations and people of all backgrounds to provide every person in our community with opportunities to succeed. Let's work together for a brighter future for all.

Job Description

United Way holds several Community-wide volunteer opportunities throughout the year that work to connect volunteers to the work of United Way Program Strategies and Community Partners. Volunteer roles and descriptions vary by opportunity and project.

Requirements

Volunteer requirements vary by role and opportunity.

Hours

Vary by project.

UGROW, Inc./The Food Mill

Contact Person

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Program Information

The Food Mill, a branch of UGrow Inc., 501 (c)(3), is a multi-functional food pharmacy that works to eliminate barriers that text-ig to food insecurity and high rates of diet-related illnesses in our community. We do this by connecting Columbus

residents to nutritious, locally sourced food through farm to table healthy meal distribution, farm to school programs, our farmer and mobile markets, mindfully tailored meal program, and partnerships with other nonprofits and organizations. Our partnerships also foster a health minded culinary culture that enriches our local economy through a shared kitchen space, on the job training and creates employment opportunities in the hospitality and urban agriculture industries.

Job Description

Garden maintenance to include planting, weeding, harvesting and seasonal preparations. We are in the beginning phases of starting a new urban farm on 2nd Ave and will need help maintaining the farm and bigger seasonal projects. Farm to School Program volunteers to help in the school gardens and classrooms.

Requirements

Must be able to work outside in varying weather conditions. Will be using your hands and working in the dirt, may get dirty. Farm to School Program working with elementary age students.

Hours

2-10 hours a week

Valley Rescue Mission Women and Children's Center

Contacts

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Program Information

Women and Children's shelter

Job Description

Internships are available! Volunteers will help with children, administration, cooking, teaching, front desk, landscaping etc

Requirements

Must be **Female** (This is a Women's shelter)

Hours

7am to 9pm all week

Wynnton Neighborhood Network
2100 Hilton Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31906

Contact

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Program Information

The Wynnton Neighborhood Network (WNN) was established in 1985 by a group of interfaith congregations with the goal of pooling their resources to help people in need throughout the community. Over the years, the congregations have changed but the mission has not.

Currently there are eight congregations who help provide the volunteers, leadership, financial and food support for this all-volunteer organization. WNN provides emergency food and utility assistance to those in Muscogee County.

Hours

Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12:30 PM and some Saturdays

On-Campus

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center

Contact Person

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Program Information

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, inspiring and empowering all people, including those with minimal access to nature, to engage actively with their environment for continued learning.

At the southern end of the Columbus Riverwalk, the Center offers a view of the ecoregion of West Central Georgia and the Chattahoochee Valley and provides access to samples of the area's rich communities of plants and animals. Opened in 1995 as a collaboration among Columbus Water Works, Columbus State University, and the City of Columbus, the Center provides exhibits, displays and nature trails, and also offers formal and informal programs about the ecology and natural history of the region. Interpretive and hands-on programming is provided by Columbus State University professional staff, contributing faculty, student assistants, and volunteers.

Job Description

Volunteers assist with any tasks that will enhance and/or maintain the facility both outdoors and indoors. Volunteers are also crucial to making our special events successful, including but not limited to Nature Fest (formerly Reptile Fest), Honey Harvest, and Frogwarts.

Requirements

Volunteers must be age 16 years of age and older and complete a Volunteer Application and Waiver Form. Applications can be found on our website and must be submitted to the Volunteer Coordinator prior to volunteering at the facility. [Click here to view their website.](#)

Hours

Hours vary. Most volunteer opportunities are hosted on Saturdays, including special events and Saturday Work Days.

Springer Opera House

Contact Person

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Program Information

The Springer Opera House Mission Statement

“To make every aspect of the Performing Arts an instrument for education, participation, entertainment, and growth while using, restoring, and preserving the Springer Opera House building as a part of a working theatre and museum complex.”

Volunteer Mission Statement

“To use our talents, skills, and initiative in the integration of volunteer and staff efforts to carry out the Springer Opera House Legacy & mission to all who enter the Springer doors.”

Volunteer Purpose Statement

The purpose of the volunteer program is to assist and provide operational support to various departments at the Springer, such as front of house, backstage, costume shop, scene shop & administrative.

Volunteers also provide support for Special Events that include the Children's Arts and Ed performances, special Springer Society functions, as well as some rentals and Season Announcements.

Volunteers are ambassadors for the Springer and assist with Public relations while working at the Springer.

Volunteer Policy

The Springer Opera House recognizes the valuable contribution of time, talent, skills, and knowledge given to our organization by volunteers, to our theatre.

Job Description

1. **Usher** = Our ushers are essential to the Patron Experience. As an usher, you Greet our patrons as they enter the building and direct the patrons to the Saloon, restrooms, and their assigned seats in the main stage theater. Ushers also mingle with the Patrons before the performance starts and during intermission, and patrons may ask you to take a picture of them in front of our backdrop or Christmas Tree. Our ushers must wear either a solid black dress with a solid black jacket or long sleeve sweater and solid black shoes, or a solid black skirt or solid black pants with a solid white button-up shirt and the black shoes and jacket or sweater. We provide an usher name tag and neck or bowtie to wear while here.
2. **Docent** = Our Docents take patrons on a guided tour throughout the building. Attire for docents is Business Casual. Tours last about an hour and will be on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

3. **Crew** = The crew volunteers do many different things and must commit to being here for every performance of the play they are crew for. Below are the types of crew jobs.

- **Run Crew**

- Moves scenery, sets and strikes furniture, etc.
- Requires ability to move, lift, carry, etc.
- On their feet for the majority of the show.
- Most shows need 5-15 Run Crew and must be 15+.

- **Spot Opt**

- Operate a spotlight from the 2nd-floor balcony.
- Must be okay with heights.
- Able to sit on a stool for this job.
- Most shows need 2 Spot Opts and must be 15+.

- **Fly Crew**

- Pulls ropes on the fly rail to fly in and out scenic pieces.
- Must have decent upper body strength in order to pull heavier pieces.
- On feet the majority of the show.
- Only needed on Mainstage shows, typically need 2-4 and must be 18+

- **Dresser**

- Assist actors with costume changes.
- Must be able to move quickly.
- On feet the majority of the show.
- Typically need 2-4 and must be 18+ (can not be Academy student, even if 18)

- **Board Op**

- Run Lights, sound, or projections by pressing "GO" when the stage manager calls a cue.
- Lights and soundboard ops are only needed in Children's Theatre.
- An easy job; usually sits the entire show.
- Must be 15+

Requirements

Must be 15 years old, friendly, and respectful.

Hours

Hours vary, depending on the job you are doing.

Senior Care

Columbus Hospice

Contact Person

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Mission

With compassion and excellence, we enhance the quality of life for those living with serious illness.

Job Description

Patient care volunteer - volunteer would sit with a patient to give the family a break up to 4 hours at a time.

Program Information

Columbus Hospice provides care to patients with a life limiting illness. We are a nonprofit agency that was established in 1979.

Requirements

Must attend a volunteer training which includes a background check, fingerprinting, drug screen and TB test. Must have flu vaccine.

Hours

Hours are flexible to include evenings and weekends.

The Oaks at Grove Park

Contact Person

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Program Information

Oaks at Grove Park is an Eden Alternative® certified assisted living and memory care community located in historic Columbus, Georgia. Our senior living community provides senior care services for older adults across different levels of care. Faith-based, family-operated and person-directed, our community's culture gently enriches each resident's mind and spirit.

Job Description

Volunteering in assisting with different activities and events, including BINGO, exercise, outings and trips, family events, and art classes. Develops relationships with older adults to create friendships.

Requirements

Positive attitude, helpful spirit

Hours

Hours vary

Youth Development

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Contact Person

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Community Mentoring

Job Description:

This is the core BBBS program that matches children ages 6-13 from primarily single-parent homes with thoroughly screened, responsible, caring adult volunteer mentors. The primary goal of this program is relationship development that will text-ig children that will have improved self-confidence, raised academic achievement and strengthened community and family relationships. The volunteer is asked to commit to spending four - eight hours per month for at least one year with the child. The match can spend time together in a variety of ways out in the community, such as; playing board games, working on homework, going to a ballgame, doing arts and crafts, visiting museums, biking, etc. Most importantly the volunteer is available to their "Little" to share their feelings, talking through problems and celebrating accomplishments.

Requirements:

- Orientation and interview
- 3 references
- Background & driving record check
- Home visit

Hours:

- 8 hours a month for community-based mentoring
- 4 hours a month for school-based mentoring
- Commitment is for one school year and summer contract

School Based Mentoring

Job Description:

This program focuses on matching elementary age students with volunteers able to meet with them for one hour once a week at a local elementary school. "Bigs" and "Littles" spend time eating lunch together, reading, working on arts and crafts projects and may incorporate some academic assistance but focuses primarily on building a positive and lasting relationship.

Requirements:

- Orientation and interview
- 2 references
- Background check

Hours:

- 8 hours a month for community-based mentoring
- 4 hours a month for school-based mentoring
- Commitment is for one school year and summer contract

Boys and Girls Club of the Chattahoochee Valley

Contact Person

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Education & Career Development

As part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America strategy "Every Member, Every Year." The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley works to partner with youth, parents, schools and other community stakeholders to implement strategies in academic enrichment and school engagement. Our aim is to ensure that all Club members graduate from high school on time, ready for a post-secondary education and a 21st-century career.

Character & Leadership

Helping youth become responsible, caring citizens and acquire skills for participating in the democratic process is the main thrust of these programs. They also develop leadership skills and provide opportunities for planning, decision-making, contributing to Club and community and celebrating our national heritage.

Healthy Lifestyles

The purpose of the Sports, Fitness and Recreation area is to help members develop daily fitness regimens, make positive uses of leisure time, reduce stress appreciate the environment, and improve social and interpersonal skills.

Job Description

There are many opportunities to volunteer with the BGCCV by sharing your time and talents. If you are interested in volunteering and depending on your desired involvement there are several choices: Arts, Education and PowerHour (daily homework time), Healthy Lifestyles (physical activities indoors/outdoors), Teen Center and general time mentoring young children.

Volunteers at Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley get the training and support they need to be a successful part of our clubs and the lives of our members.

Requirements

We require a background check as well as have requirements for dress in the Clubs.

Hours

2pm-7pm During School (Aug-June)

7am-6pm Summer (July-Aug)

Boy Scouts of America

Contact Person

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Columbus, GA 31901

Opportunities

- Summertime Weird Science Day Camp Staff
- Office Administration
- Bike Rodeos
- Summertime Fun program opportunities
- Public Speaking

- Teaching and Mentoring
- Elementary school scout rallies and round ups.
- There are additional opportunities for: Graphic Design, Art - merrows, labor skills.

Job Description

Provide indoor and outdoor Scouting experiences for boys and girls ages 8 - 17 years old. We are looking for volunteers both male and female to interact with our youth and teach them some skills that we will train them on. We need volunteers that can be creative, energetic, and that can take initiative if needed. Leadership and mentor opportunities are available, but most of all it is a lot of fun!

Requirements

Volunteer will need to set up an interview with Muscogee District Executive to determine what program area they are the best fit and what is their time availability. Volunteer must complete Youth Protection Training on my.scouting.org and print the certificate. Finally the volunteer will fill out a Boy Scouts of America Adult Application and Background check form and turn in documents to the District Executive so that they can be assigned.

Hours

7 days a week are available, we are always scouting. Summertime hours vary between 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Overnights are available as well for camping opportunities.

Background Check Required?

Yes

D.A. Turner YMCA

Contact Person

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Program Information

We are a workout facility, but also offer swim lessons, summer camp, before & after school care, youth basketball, youth soccer, youth baseball/t-ball, competitive travel basketball, and competitive swim team.

Job Description

We are looking for volunteers to help clean in and around our facility and to wash our school buses.

Requirements

Please have volunteer wear comfy clothes and closed-toe shoes as we will be doing a good bit of walking. If they want to bring work/garden gloves they can. We will supply rubber gloves.

Hours

2-3 hours in the morning to complete the work

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

Contact Person

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Girl Scout Mission

Girl scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Job Description

Special Event Planner:

Works with staff and volunteers to successfully execute special events and activities for the girls. This person will contact businesses, organizations or persons to coordinate events. Other responsibilities include securing and managing supplies, coordinating volunteers, implementing program, etc. Activities can range from sports clinics, camping activities, crafts and many more.

Time involvement: Flexible

Involvement w/girls: Varied

Special Event / Episodic Volunteer:

Works with the Special Event Planner and/or volunteers. Most events include direct contact with girls in facilitating the program and activities. This person would also assist in the implementation of events. Activities can range from sports clinics, camping activities, crafts and many more.

Time involvement: Flexible

Involvement w/girls: Varied

Troop Leader, Troop Co-Leader, Assistant Troop Leader:

Works closely with troop leaders and girls to help successfully present Girl Scout Program. Ensures the Girl Scout program is presented in a fun and beneficial manner.

Time involvement: Average 10-20 hours/month

Involvement w/girls: Extensive

Special Interest Group/Pathway Series Volunteer:

Works closely with other adult volunteers and girls to provide specialized knowledge or skills of their choosing with a group of girls. Special interest subjects could include the areas of outdoor activities (archery, canoe, camping), arts/theatre, dance and much more. Ensures the program is presented in a fun and beneficial manner.

Time involvement: Varied

Involvement w/girls: Varied

Workshop Facilitators & Trainers:

Works closely with council staff and volunteer trainers to conduct workshops and classes to ensure adult volunteers are trained on a wide variety of subjects. Can specialize in specific content areas of their choice, such as outdoor cooking, leadership, child behavior, child abuse and neglect, crafts, finances, etc.

Time involvement: Flexible

Involvement w/girls: Varied

Cadette/Senior & Ambassador Aide:

Works specifically with girls in the 11-17 age range to provide young, positive role models and mentors to this group to promote good decision making skills, leadership and community service. Would participate in a variety of activities and programs according to the interests and expertise of the advisors and the interests of the girls. These activities could include but are not limited to horseback riding, book clubs, community service projects, ropes/challenge courses, canoeing, track, and chat/discussion groups.

Time involvement: Varied

Involvement w/girls: Extensive

Requirements

Orientation and background check. Other training may be provided according to position chosen.

Hours

Flexible

Girls Inc. of Columbus & Phenix-Russell

Contact Person

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Social Media:

Facebook: Girls Inc. of Columbus

Instagram: @girlsincolumbus

Program Information

Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold in an equitable society.

Job Description

Marketing and Development Officer

Requirements

Background check to be able to work with underaged girls (ages 6 to 18).

Hours

Summer hours: 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM Monday through Friday

Regular school hours: We pick up from over 40 different Muscogee County schools (elementary through high school) and offer programming from 2:45 until 7PM Monday through Friday (weekly)

National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center

Contact Person

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Columbus, GA 31903

Mission

To honor the legacy and valor of the U.S. Army Infantryman.

Job Descriptions

Volunteers who are engaging, passionate, and committed to preserving and telling the stories of the United States Army Infantry.

Requirements

- 18 yo+ will be required to pass a background check
- All volunteers have forms to complete
- Adhere to our dress code

Hours

- Tuesday - Saturday 9am - 5pm
- Sun 11am - 5pm
- Special Occasions

Teen Advisors

Contact Person

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Mission Statement

To empower students to impact their culture with integrity for life through positive peer pressure.

Job Description

- Older students present classroom sessions to younger students on topics such as drug use, sexual abstinence, stress, self-worth, parents, friends, etc.

- Hold monthly big events and training events.
- Sponsor an optional Bible study.
- Weekend retreats three times a year.
- Assist in administrative needs.
- Plan and execute projects and events.

Requirements

Must be willing to sign & keep a contract promising to model a lifestyle of integrity and to abstain from drugs, alcohol, tobacco and sexual activities for one year.

Hours

Very flexible!

Office open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Event times: 1-2 events per month (usually week nights or weekends); 2-4 hours per event.

Teen Challenge Southeast

Contact Person

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COVID-19 Protocols

We have lifted all restrictions and are operating as normal.

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Opportunities

This semester, we do not have any volunteer opportunities available. This is subject to change in the very near future.

Job Description

We are the Regional Office of Teen Challenge Southeast, a network of 21 faith-based residential recovery centers throughout the Southeast United States.

Being that we serve our residential centers in an administrative capacity, volunteer opportunities with our organization will mainly focus on data entry, direct mail preparation, donor communication, and assisting with various departments to achieve goals and meet deadlines.

Requirements

No educational or vocational requirements, just a servant leadership focus and a great attitude!

Hours

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Background Check Required?

Yes

YMCA

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Mission

Sports, Aquatics, Child Care, Summer Camp, Fitness/Wellness

Job Description

Assist Program Directors with a variety of sports, aquatics, school-aged children activities, or adult or youth fitness/wellness activities during regular programming or special events.

Requirements

Willingness to be physically active and engage with participants.

Hours

Varies.

Our facility hours are Monday-Friday 6am-8pm, Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm.

YoungLife

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Visit the website at <https://greatercolumbus.younglife.org/>

Program Information

Inviting college students to experience community, adventure and significance.

Job Description

Young Life / WyldLife leaders

Young Life is a relational ministry to teenagers. We walk along side teenagers and do life. This may look like helping them navigate a difficult situation or learning how to better their grades in school. Most importantly we share the love of Christ.

Job Description

We offer community groups and a training program for becoming a Young Life leader.

Requirements

Willingness to serve.

Hours

Training meetings are usually one hour.

Veterans

House of Heroes

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Program Information

House of Heroes is a nonprofit organization serving our nation's military and public safety veterans (and their spouses) who are disabled, living on a fixed income, or facing other physical/financial challenges. Volunteers perform minor repairs and make improvements to the homes of veterans and their spouses - at no cost to the veteran - through the generosity of individuals, civic organizations, and corporations.

Job Description

Volunteer opportunities include home repair projects, yard work, painting, cleaning, minor renovations for veterans, office administration, warehouse inventory, filing, and organizing.

Requirements

Must be dependable, flexible with projects, and willing to work with others. Dress code for the office is business casual.

Must be 18 years or older

Hours

Office hours are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Hours may vary. Home repair projects are usually 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, some Saturdays and Sundays.

Warrior Outreach, Inc.

Contact Person

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[Warrior Outreach Website](#)

Program Information

To increase quality of life of Veterans Past, Present and future by providing opportunities through Equine, Music Therapy, Veterans Helping Veterans and much more.

Job Description

Maintenance of ranch, remove debris, and dialogue with Veterans about CSU

Job Description

We offer community groups and a training program for becoming a Young Life leader.

Requirements

10+

Hours

2pm-4pm