

Community Volunteer Force

Volunteer Resource Newsletter

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Christmas Eve free lunch needs volunteers

There will be a free community lunch on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Second and Ludlow Streets in Hamilton. **Join us and have a great time giving back to the community.** Contact Leslie Jewett at 513-560-6675 Ljewett308@gmail.com. The community lunch program is a non-denominational collaboration. We welcome people from all faith traditions as well as those outside the religious community.



City of Hamilton needs volunteers Dec. 2 - 4

Christkindlmarkt - This authentic German Christmas market is held the first weekend in December in the historic German Village district. There will be German food, cookies, beer, games and music along with a variety of local vendors selling Christmas-themed items. **Volunteers are needed for 2 – 3 hour shifts.** Friday, Dec. 2: 6-10pm; Saturday, Dec. 3: 11am-10pm; Sunday, Dec. 4: 11am-6pm. Courtyard Marriott – 1 Riverfront Plaza – Hamilton, OH 45011.

Christmas Walk - Or perhaps you would prefer to **help at the 25th Annual German Village Christmas Walk on Dec. 4,** in German Village from 12 - 5 PM.

Contact Karen Wittmer, Program Coordinator for Volunteers. 513-844-8050 karen.wittmer@hamilton-oh.gov.

Be a Voice for An Abused Child.



Lift up
A child's voice. A child's life.™

CASA 101
Volunteer Informational Meeting
Tuesday, December 6th 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 4th noon to 1:00 pm

PARACHUTE Office
284 N. Fair Avenue, Hamilton
You will not be asked for a donation



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Butler County
Court Appointed Special Advocates

casa@parachutecasa.org www.parachutecasa.org
513.867.5010

Be a voice for an abused child

Please consider attending CASA 101 **Volunteer Informational Meeting**, Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm or Wednesday, Jan. 4, noon to 1:00 pm. Both informational meetings will be held at PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA office, 284 N. Fair Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45011. Attendees will hear about upcoming Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer training class and have the opportunity to ask questions from PARACHUTE staff. You will not be asked for a donation. Call [513.867.5010](tel:513.867.5010), email casa@parachutecasa.org, or go to www.parachutecasa.org to find out more information or to apply online.



Breakfast with Santa volunteers on Dec. 3

Liberty Township's pancake breakfast with Santa is Dec. 3, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Liberty Heights Church, 7904 Princeton. Liberty Township is always looking for volunteers to help with community events! **Student volunteer opportunities available too!** Contact Vickie Daniel at 513-759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com to learn more. \$1 of every \$5 will be donated to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. All other proceeds go towards providing fun, free, family events to the community. Presented by the Liberty Township Trustees and Community Volunteers.



Ushers and ticket-takers needed in December

We will be hosting our booth uptown for the Alive After 5 event on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5-8pm. If you're interested in **helping us with our hands-on, family activity**, please let me know! Volunteers can sign up for either the 5-7pm shift, the 6-8pm shift, or the entire evening.

We're again looking for **volunteer ushers and ticket takers** for upcoming events: Fitton Family Friday, A Christmas Carol, Dec. 2, 6:30 – 9:30pm; Nancy James, A Fitton Family Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 10, 6:30 – 9:30pm; Nancy James, A Fitton Family Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 – 4pm Ushers are needed for duration of show, whereas ticket-takers can leave once all guests have arrived (or can stay for the show as a guest).

Contact Scott Berry [513.863.8873 ext. 128](tel:513.863.8873)
scott@fittoncenter.org, Fittoncenter.org.



Help needed at Pioneer Village & Santa Brunch

Brilliant Bebb: Illuminated Pioneer Village - Friday, Saturday & Sunday Dec. 2-4, various shifts 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Governor Bebb Metro Park. Pioneer Village, 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana OH 45053. Contribute to the splendor of the Governor Bebb MetroPark Pioneer Village, decked out in Holiday lights. Add to the old fashioned celebration - **assist with lighting fires and luminaries, demonstrations, children's activities and games, prep and take down**. Many hands needed. Contact ctrammell@yourmetroparks.net or 513-867-5835 (office) before Friday at noon!

Santa's Brunch - Sunday Dec. 11, from 12:00 – 3:30 PM at Voice of America MetroPark, Ronald Regan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45059. Calling Santa's "elves" - **assist with set up, serving food, demonstrations, children's activities and games, and take down**.

Contact ctrammell@yourmetroparks.net or 513-867-5835 (office).

Decoration and Christmas Walk volunteers

The YWCA Hamilton (244 Dayton St.) is looking for volunteer to help with:

Holiday Decorators still welcome: We are looking for groups or individuals who would like to help us "Deck Our Halls". As part of the German Village Christmas Walk, we have loads of decorations to put up and need to do this before Dec. 2. Times are flexible.

Christmas Walk Helpers: We are hosting a craft show as part of the German Village Christmas Walk on Sunday, Dec. 4. Volunteers help vendors unload, direct vendors to booths, inform building visitors what is happening throughout the building, etc.

Season's Greetings Callers: We are looking for folks who are willing to help us clean up our database. ***No sales calling.*** You would simply be calling people to wish them Happy Holidays, thank them for supporting the YWCA, verifying contact info, and marking off if a phone number was incorrect. Times flexible.

Volunteer Front Desk Receptionist: This involves answering calls, light clerical, and greeting people as they enter the building. May require signing privacy and confidentiality form. Times flexible.

Organizer/sorter: If you like sorting and throwing stuff away, this is for you. We have some closets of "stuff" that need sorted/organized/discarded etc. Times flexible.

Maintenance: If you like to work with your hands on a project, we have some ceilings desperately in need of scraping in preparation for painting. Also, help raking leaves, weeding, trimming shrubs. Times flexible.

If you are interested please contact Reva Evans revans@ywcahamilton.com or Ben Powers at bpowers@ywcahamilton.com 513-856-9800



Work for snuggles!

PAWS Adoption Center is in need of wonderful volunteers to help with our mobile events as well as our day-to-day operations at the shelter! **If you're willing to work for snuggles**, call us! [513.539.7297](tel:513.539.7297).



Morgan Township Lunch on Location

Partners in Prime needs 1-2 volunteers every Thursday beginning Jan. 19 through March 30 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., to deliver, serve and clean-up a weekly lunch for area residents age 65 and older. Duties include picking up food from Berkeley Square, located in Hamilton, and delivering to Morgan Township Community Center, 6463 Okeana Drewersburg Rd., Okeana. Food is then unpacked, temperature of food is recorded and lunch is served buffet-style at 12:00 p.m. to approximately 16 diners. Use of hairnets and gloves is required. Supplies are then returned to Berkeley Square. Contact Laurie Kile at (513) 973-2095 or lkile@community-first.org.



LifeSpan tax helpers and financial speakers

Help others get their taxes done FREE! LifeSpan will be an AARP host site for FREE tax preparation for 2017. You don't do the actual tax work - you help it run smoothly. This tax event will run from Feb. 1 through April 15, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 AM – 5 PM. Shifts of 2 and 4 hours. If you can help us, give us a call to put you on our list.

Comfortable speaking to groups? Is teaching your thing? We are looking for volunteers to go out into the community and teach financial education. Various times and places. We provide the PowerPoint (with notes to read!) and get you ready! You do not have to be good at financial topics—we will teach you.

If you are interested give us a call! Teka Reinhold, Volunteer Coordinator, 513-785-4186 or reinholdt@lifespansohio.org.



Students, individuals invited

Are you looking for a rewarding, fun volunteer opportunity? Look no further! Abilities First has several volunteer positions available with flexible days and times. If you are a high school

student (16 or over), college student or individual who wants to give back to the community, call Pam Roark Gibbs today! Pam can be reached at 513-423-9496. www.abilitiesfirst.org We guarantee your life will be impacted!



Job Exploration Host Site Locations needed

Junior Achievement (JA) host sites are needed for Lakota Hopewell & Liberty Junior schools (8th grade) on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and Lakota Plains and Ridge Junior schools on Friday, March 3, from 10-1 for a small group (15-20) of students to learn about the world of work by visiting your company/organization. Contact Carol Lucio, 513.673.9357 or Carol.Lucio@ja.org.

Junior Achievement (JA) classroom volunteer – Butler County area youth can benefit from your experience in just 45 minutes 1x/week for 5-7 weeks by becoming a JA classroom volunteer. JA provides a one-time new volunteer training of 1.5 hours and provides all the materials to lead the activities and discussions in K-12 classrooms. Coordination of the days and times of classroom visits is done between the volunteer and the teacher at the school at which you're paired. Many options this Winter and Spring all over the county. Contact Carol Lucio, 513.673.9357 or Carol.Lucio@ja.org.



Play with and care for shelter animals

Animal lovers needed for walks and cuddles! Animal Friends Humane Society is looking for caring individuals 16yrs+ who would like to spend a few hours a week playing with and caring for shelter animals. There is no set schedule required and volunteers who have completed orientation can come anytime during open shelter hours, (M,T,F,Sa,Su 11 am to 4:30 pm & W, Th 1 pm-7 pm). Contact volunteer connection 513-867-5727 (main). Next orientation is Saturday, Dec. 17.



LifeSpan Court Appointed Guardians

Many of Butler and Warren County's most vulnerable elderly, mentally ill and developmentally disabled residents have experienced improved lives thanks to the advocacy of court appointed guardians from LifeSpan. LifeSpan was the first organization to offer a guardianship programs in Butler County and remains the only one serving both elderly and those with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

LifeSpan Guardians are appointed by the Probate Court to make decisions for their persons under Guardianship relating to their health care, living arrangement or safety issues. Persons Guardianship are individuals who have no immediate family able to or willing to help them or they have limitations that impair their ability to make competent decisions. They typically live in nursing homes, group homes, or in other supported living environments. Many times, our Guardian is the only person who visits outside of medical professional or caregivers.

LifeSpan is always in need of compassionate Volunteer Guardians or Friendly Visitors as each year the Guardianship programs sees an increase in referrals. This your chance to help those whom may have no where to turn. Volunteer's must be at least 18 years old and will receive orientation and ongoing training.

Volunteers develop a personal relationship, oversee care, advocate, or just be a friend with individuals under Guardianship. Contact Angelic Frazier- Volunteer Guardian Coordinator 513-785- 4189 or frazier@lifespansohio.org. For more information on LifeSpan www.lifespansohio.org



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Feeder Fill – Feeder Watch! NEW! Flexible times - throughout late fall and winter at Forest Run Welcome Center, 1976 Timberman Rd. Hamilton OH 45013. **Stop by and fill the bird feeders once a week.** View wildlife from the wildlife viewing area at the Welcome Center and record your observations! Training available. Contact Joe Dumyah jdumyah@yourmetroparks.net

Trail Ambassadors – Great Miami River Recreation Trail.

Flexible times. Great Miami River Recreation Trail – Trenton to Middletown Section. **Trail Ambassadors monitor the trail at least 4 hours a month on their bicycle.** Trail Ambassadors report maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, assist trail users when necessary, provide information to trail users, and perform light trail maintenance. Join the next training! Contact info@yourmetroparks.net

Group Service Projects - MetroParks always has various

projects for groups to complete! If you have a youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day, contact info@yourmetroparks.net for more information.

Program Event & Preparation Support - Multiple Locations.

Park Connections staff presents multiple education, recreation, and conservation programs and events throughout the year. **Volunteers are needed to help with preparing for MetroParks events and programs.** Volunteers may create crafts, prepare signage, organize materials and supplies, clean materials and supplies, and other general tasks- and volunteer for the program itself! Contact Program Manager Lynette Dean ldean@yourmetropark.net

Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark - Volunteers

are needed at the Welcome Center at Voice of America MetroPark. **Welcome park customers with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks.** Training provided.

Other Ideas? - If you have skills or interests that you would like to translate into volunteer service for MetroParks, but don't see that option listed, contact us! MetroParks is always looking for new and innovative ways to get volunteers involved in the parks. *PLEASE NOTE: All ongoing volunteer opportunities must be scheduled directly with volunteer services. If you are interested in any of the above ongoing volunteer opportunities, please contact info@yourmetroparks.net or call (513) 867-5835 for more information.*



We are looking to add more "Kindness Couriers" to our roster. This is someone who donates a little time to **deliver or pick up items for individuals with disabilities (i.e, household items, groceries, furniture, etc).** If you are interested, we will put you on our roster and just e-mail you some opportunities as they arise. **As the season progresses we also will need people who can help shovel snow, provide transportation or even just be a "buddy" for individuals with disabilities.**

Come volunteer with the GIVE BACK CREW and serve in your local community. The **GIVE BACK CREW** is a group of folks who volunteer at different community events throughout Butler County, as a way to say thank you to the support shown by our community for people with developmental disabilities. The **GIVE BACK CREW** consists of individuals with disabilities, family members, friends, and community members.

Do you like to bake? We need **volunteers to bake cookies, brownies, and/or other treats for something we call "Fast Breaks."** A Fast Break is where a small group of people, including folks with disabilities, deliver treats to a local business for their staff meeting.

We have many other projects that need a caring helping hand. **Many are ideal for class, sports team, church, business, or civic groups.** Contact Scott Osterfeld at sdosterfeld@butlerdd.org or 513-785-2813.



Inspiring all girls
to be strong,
smart, and boldSM

Afterschool Mentor: YWCA Hamilton is looking for volunteers to help in Girls Incorporated, a national non-profit that inspires girls to be strong, smart and bold. We are currently looking for afterschool mentors. Afterschool mentors will provide homework assistance to girls in grades 3-6 and help with lessons, games, and activities that: promote confidence, encourage girls to set achievable goals, explore their worlds, and dream beyond their realities. 4-6pm, 1-2 days a week when school is in session. Begins January-May 2017 at Elementary Schools in Butler County. *Expectations:* Create a positive climate, provide support, relate and communicate with youth, knowledgeable about contemporary adolescent culture, willing to learn from youth, friendly, appropriate role model, sensitive to group dynamics. *All volunteers must pass a background check (provided by the YWCA) and attend training/orientation at the YWCA.*

Girls Inc. Workshop Presenter: YWCA Hamilton is looking for volunteers to help in Girls Incorporated. Girls Inc. has a variety of workshops that offer solutions to the unique challenges girls face; workshops target girls ages 9-12 and 15-18. Workshop presenters will work to schedule and present workshops that average 3 hours. Workshops may be split into two days or offered in full. 4-8 hours each month with a commitment of at least 6 months. Hours are flexible Monday-Saturday. Begins September January-May 2017 at various Sites in Butler County. Create a positive climate, provide support, relate and communicate with youth, knowledgeable about contemporary adolescent culture, willing to learn from youth, friendly, appropriate role model, sensitive to group dynamics. *All*

volunteers must pass a background check (provided by the YWCA) and attend training/orientation at the YWCA.

If you are interested please contact Reva Evans revans@ywcahamilton.com or Ben Powers at bpowers@ywcahamilton.com 513-856-9800



Respond to disasters or work from home

The American Red Cross is looking for **volunteers to help on Disaster Action Team (DAT).** **Volunteers respond to local fires and disasters in Butler County.** When there is a fire and someone is home, the fire department calls Red Cross to send volunteers to help the family. To help someone who may have just lost everything is priceless. You will find this a very rewarding project that actually doesn't take up much of your time. Training involved and you will always go out in a team.

Virtual Intake Processing Volunteer: This is a great position for those **volunteers who wish to work from home!** All you need is a computer! Your job is to be in contact, through email and phone calls, with incoming prospective volunteers. You will help those incoming volunteers finish their applications and refer them to their correct department of interest! It's a great way to volunteer and help the Red Cross!

To sign up to volunteer go to www.redcross.org or for more information you can call Tammy Simendinger at 513-579-3031.



Historical Society seeks volunteer help

BCHS is looking for volunteers in a number of different areas: **Receptionists – greet guests, light office work; Tour guides – provide tours of the Butler County Historical Society to visitors (will train); Data entry – Assist with the inventory and collection of the Butler County Historical Society.** All hours are subject to the availability of the volunteer. We are open Tuesday-Friday 9-4 and Saturday 9-2. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Creighton at 513-896-9930 or bcomuseum@fuse.net.



Peer Partner volunteers needed

Peer Partner volunteers: Butler County Community Wraparound (through Family and Children First Council) is adding additional support to our process in the form of Peer Partners. These individuals will be partnering with the youth on Wraparound teams to help empower them to ensure voice is being heard at meetings, as well as help them navigate through the many systems of care. We are currently **looking for young adults (over the age of 18) with lived experience (such as involvement with juvenile justice, mental health, children services, substance abuse, developmental disabilities or special education) to partner as volunteers** (stipend for attending meetings and mileage reimbursement will be included). If you are eager to learn and grow and help other youth who are struggling to see that they are supported, this may be a good fit! (One year commitment if possible. Hours per week will vary.)

Contact Julie Caito, LSW, [513-594-1007](tel:513-594-1007), Caitoi@bcesc.org, Butler County Educational Service Center, 400 N. Erie Blvd. Suite A. Hamilton, OH 45011.



Adopt-A Family Volunteers needed

Each year stores bring out holiday displays earlier and earlier, already bringing to mind the extra financial strain that our clients face during the holidays. Our "Adopt-A-Family" for 2016 program needs **volunteers to work within their own organizations** to make the program a success.

To be eligible for the Adopt-A-Family program, individuals must be actively working with SELF's staff to **achieve greater self-sufficiency**, through programs designed to be a bridge out of poverty – to help them obtain better employment, increase their education, learn financial literacy skills and build assets for a better future. Adopt-A-Family sponsorship shares the joy of the season with these families and allows them to focus on their long-term goals.

Some ways you can support this rewarding project:

Adopt a family by providing gifts from a "gift wish list" for any number of family members (a rewarding project for offices, clubs, churches, families or individuals.)

Holiday Meal Boxes for Christmas (a great project for groups and kids too!)

Donate gift cards or cash and let SELF's elves do the shopping for you, with the toys, clothing, household items and food to make holiday wishes come true!

Contact Rebecca Palen rpalen@selfhelps.org or 513-820-5010.



On-site childcare for foster children on Thursdays

Do you have a heart for working with children? Do you want to help support our foster parents but have only a few hours a month to give? **We need volunteers to help provide on-site childcare for foster children during monthly foster parent meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 9:30 am–11:30 am and from 6:00 pm–8:00 pm in the West Chester/Cincinnati area.** This commitment is only a few hours per month, but is invaluable to our foster parents to help them receive the training they need and allow them to relax for a few hours. After you successfully complete the approval process (may include background checks) you will be eligible to care for our children. Focus on Youth, Inc. would love for you to join our team. Call us today at [513-644-1030](tel:513-644-1030). (Childcare volunteers need to be older than 16 years of age to provide childcare.)



Volunteers needed in Butler County

Volunteers needed to provide companionship for lonely hospice patients and family members. Volunteers visit individuals in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and patient's private homes. Crossroads Hospice cares for patients in 7 surrounding counties and **we have a need for volunteers in Butler County.** Activities may include reading, listening, sitting and talking, playing board games, crafts, singing, sharing music, or other interests. A smile, a caring attitude and a compassionate heart is all that is needed to touch lives and make a difference... *the life you touch may be your own.*

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Volunteer interview, training, TB test and background check is required (all cost covered by Crossroads). Volunteering can be flexible around your schedule.

Contact Gretchen Eagle (513)786-3752 or Gretchen.Eagle@crossroadshospice.com.



The Caring Craftsmen could use you

We do home repair, accessibility modification and general craftsmen projects for people with developmental disabilities and/or their families. We are an all-volunteer group and our projects are paid for through donations. We do our projects at no cost to families. We have site leaders that have expertise in what the project entails. Site leaders help volunteers learn the craft at hand. We are building our volunteer network and would love to have you aboard. If you are a seasoned craftsmen or someone that would enjoy learning a new skill while helping others, please contact us. Contact Dave Glock Jr. [\(937\)304-5774](tel:9373045774) or caringcraftsmen@gmail.com

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Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence,
Sexual Assault & Stalking

Respond to hospital calls in Butler County

We are looking for volunteers to serve survivors of sexual assault! Volunteers must be over 18, attend our 40 hour training and then sign up for a minimum of 2 on call shifts per month. Volunteers will be partnered and respond to hospital calls in Butler County if someone has been sexually assaulted and go empower, support and provide resources for the survivor. Contact Staff.whw@gmail.com for more information and application.



Assist victims of domestic violence

One in 3 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Make a difference - volunteer with The Center for

Family Solutions. Volunteer victim advocates assist victims of domestic violence with applying for Civil Protection Orders (CPO); provide crisis intervention services and emotion support; accompany victims to court for CPO hearings; assist victims with court preparation, safety planning and resource referrals. All victim advocate volunteers will complete a comprehensive 40-hour training program that includes classroom instruction, online learning and direct observation / shadowing. No prior experience required! Contact Erin: cfs.erinf@gmail.com or 513-896-2350. www.centerforfamilysolutions.org.



Students, community volunteers sought

Intergenerational art program for people with dementia is in need of volunteers. Training is required. We welcome high school students, home school students, college students or community volunteers. (College credit and post-secondary credit is available). Contact Beth Rohrbaugh, assistant director of the program at rohrbaea@miamioh.edu or 513-529-7172.



Sort clothing on Saturday mornings

Rethreads, a free clothing store in Fairfield staffed solely by volunteers, needs help sorting clothing every Saturday from 10 AM to 12 PM. Rethreads is located at 1425 Nilles Road, Fairfield, OH 45014 in the old Fairfield Church of the Nazarene building.

Clothing is free to clients on four days each year (one for each season). Quarterly giveaways typically draw between 200 and 300 clients. Rethreads can arrange to have groups volunteer at other times. Contact Fairfield Church of the Nazarene (513) 549-6394 or Michael Albrecht (michaelalbrecht@gmail.com).



Help plan events for First Tee

Interested in volunteering? Have an interest in planning events? Please call Brian K. Parkhurst, PGA, Executive Director, at (513) 383-6706 or bparkhurst@thefirstteegmv.org to learn more about our events sub-committee.



St. Raphael offers flexible schedule

Want to make a difference in someone's life, meet new friends and give back to your community? If so then please consider bringing your skills and interests to Mercy Health St. Raphael.

You can volunteer according to your personal schedule, morning or afternoon and depending on your qualifications choose your role!

We interview all applicants to assess interests and skills. We will make every effort to make the appropriate match between the volunteer and the area of need.

Opportunities are available in the clinic and our Choice Food Pantry. Food Pantry Assistants, Lunch Window Attendant, Stocking shelves, Donation Assistants, Volunteer Nurses, Volunteer Physicians, Telephone-Patient Follow-up, Intake Screening, Special Projects.

Find out if being a Volunteer at Mercy Health is the right fit for you. Contact Volunteer Services at 513-981-4211 or bgemmons@mercy.com.



Volunteer openings in our area

JustServe is a free website that matches faith, nonprofit, community and governmental organizations that need volunteers with volunteers willing to help. It is an easy way for volunteers to search for opportunities that resonate with their interests. For information about projects in our area visit: www.justserve.org and enter your zip code. Many of the items on this list have further information on the JustServe website.

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