

Community Volunteer Force

Volunteer Resource Newsletter

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Volunteers needed at Monroe High School series

A leadership group of students at Monroe High School is working to make their school a more healthy and positive place to learn. Each year there is series of assemblies for students.

For the past two years, they have focused on teen dating violence, but this year they are expanding to cover teen dating violence, suicide risk and building resiliency in students.

They are looking for volunteers for this year's program on Feb. 14 and 15. Various time slots available. Full day from 7:30-3:00 or half day with the AM shift being 7:30-10:30 and the PM shift being 12:30-3:00. Volunteers do not have to volunteer both days. They can volunteer for just one time shift, whatever fits best for them. There is also no experience necessary to volunteer. All materials needed will be provided and will be sent it to volunteers a couple days ahead of time to look over but then will have hard copies the day of the program.

The Center For Family Solutions partners with Monroe Schools to offer this program. Contact Heather Riley, M.Ed, The Center for Family Solutions, Education and Outreach Coordinator cfs.heatherr@gmail.com or by phone at [513-896-2349](tel:513-896-2349)

hamilton living water ministry, inc.

Work with children after school

Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc. (HLWM) is a grassroots, non-profit organization serving some of Hamilton's neediest youth and families since 1999. We offer year round educational and recreational programs to hundreds of children free of charge and have become a safe haven for youth.

Volunteers are always welcome to help make our programs successful. We need individuals to work with our children (grades K-6) and teens (grades 7-12) with homework, enrichment activities, art, science or be an extra pair of eyes to

support our staff and help to show the kids love and kindness.

We love to have volunteers share their talents and skills with our youth. Come and volunteer one day or as much as your time allows! We run after-school and summer programs for children so we always need organization of classrooms, organizing the kitchen and snacks for feeding the children, decorating the building for the programs, anyone with IT experience to check out computers/electronics for usage, purging and shredding files. Depending on the time of the year, weeding and planting landscaping, official striping of the soccer field.

Contact Pam at 513-894-9892 or email p.raines-bowers@fuse.net.



Volunteer from home or at opera house

The historic Sorg Opera House, 63 S. Main, Middletown, seeks ongoing volunteer assistance on most Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, even working from your home computer as we race towards opening our doors.

Over all from home: Webmaster, marketing, fundraising, grant writing, funding research, community outreach, corporate outreach, donor relations, communications, seeking in-kind repair & supplies services . . . We also welcome board committee members for similar roles including event staffing, tour guides . . .

Within the theater and commercial building in no particular order for short and long term projects: Public restroom demolition, partial construction, cleaning & painting; Carpet installation on main aisle; Box seat floor repairs; General cleaning and maintenance; Window cleaning; Moving theater seats to new location; Steel panel cleaning/paint removal; Moving plastic items into commercial building; Painting of boarded up windows; Painting fire doors; Creating a window display team and updating regularly; Light repairs on marquee (paint scraping, painting...); Creating a model office space; Planning for temporary theater concessions; Cleaning second balcony; Remove dirt from rear parking lot drain. And, as we say - more!

We'll ask that you sign a release form and bring tools, lunch, drinks, masks, safety glasses - items appropriate to the task. The complex was built in 1891 and has gone through some

"deferred maintenance" issues yet remains a diamond in the rough. We do not have heat or air conditioning at this time and hope to have that issue solved by fall. Dress for the weather and for the work. There are two restrooms on stage that are not 5 star quality. We have running water when the weather remains warm. Downtown Middletown features Mockingbirds, Murphy's Landing, Triple Moon Coffee House and @ the Square all within a 3 minute walk. Plenty of free parking.

Contact info@sorgopera.org and follow the Sorg Opera House on Facebook.



Volunteer training/meet & greet

Mark your calendars to attend one of the training dates below. Sara Schapman, our new volunteer coordinator, will host the training for our volunteer software, Volgistics. Please RSVP to Sara at sschapman@YourMetroParks.net.

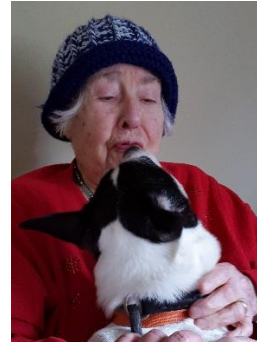
Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Voice of America
Thursday, March 2, from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Voice of America
Saturday, March 4, from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Chrisholm MetroPark

Nest Box Monitor Training: Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10:00 a.m.–noon at Chrisholm MetroPark, 2070 Woodsdale Rd., Trenton OH 45067. MetroParks Nest Box Monitors record bird activity at nest boxes and perform maintenance and repairs on nest boxes as needed. Attend this training and receive all information needed to be a nest box monitor. This is a great volunteer opportunity for the whole family and is fun for all ages! Contact Zach Marcum at zmarcum@YourMetroParks.net with questions.



Game night with teens

Laugh, have fun and make new friendships at Game Night with teens who have developmental disabilities! **Volunteers ages 14 and up are welcome – perfect for families, youth groups, college students,** etc. looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend an evening! Contact Melody Schurgast at mdschurgast@butlerdd.org or 513-785-4667 to get involved.



Take dogs and cats to visit senior citizens

Animal Friends Humane Society is seeking **volunteers for its new program to encourage interaction between animals and senior citizens.** Dr. Carole Kuhn has developed a fund called 'Carole's Canine Companions' with the help of Animal Friends Humane Society and Hamilton Community Foundation. Currently the fund is servicing seniors at both Berkeley Square and Westover.

Animal Friends Humane Society, with help of volunteers, is taking selected dogs and cats on regular visits to both Berkeley and Westover. The goal is to expand the scope to accommodate many more senior citizens' organizations in the future.

Volunteer Specifics: 1. must first become volunteer and attend regular volunteer orientation. 2. required to attend separate orientation (1hour in length) after regular volunteer orientation to familiarize yourself with the program. 3. must be at least 18 years of age or older. Volunteers are not required to participate in other volunteer opportunities as long as they stay active in the Carole's Canine Companions program with at least 4 hours a month.

Animal Friends still has regular volunteer opportunities. The next orientation sessions are Jan. 21 and Feb. 18. For more information Contact volunteer connection **513-867-5727** or visit www.animalfriendshs.org

Power Thursday

Work with children in faith-based program

Power Thursday is looking for adult **volunteers to work with children ages 4 to 10 years of age in a faith based program.** Power Thursday, is an inner city ministry (Princeton Pike Church of God), **located at 412 South Front Street, Hamilton, OH 45011.** This is a weekly event that is held from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one Thursday a month. References and background check is required. Contact Christine Birhanzi (voice or text) at 513.502.9631 or christinebirhanzi@yahoo.com.



You can change a child's life

Help an abused child find healing and a safe, permanent, and loving home by becoming a **Court Appointed Special Advocate**. CASA Volunteers are ordinary people who are caring, honest, and committed to doing what is best for a child. No special experience or knowledge is required. All volunteers are trained to understand courtroom procedure, social services, and the basics of the juvenile justice system and the needs of children who have been abused or neglected. **PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA welcomes volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethnic, and educational backgrounds.** CASA volunteers are rewarded with some of the most fulfilling experiences imaginable, and are empowered when their actions aid our most vulnerable citizens, abused children.

YOU can CHANGE a child's life...

- SCHEDULE a short program for your next club meeting. Learn about child abuse and the value of volunteers.
- VOLUNTEER – Lift up an abused child's life, become a CASA volunteer. Training is free and CASA volunteer service takes about 8 hours a month.
- CALL [513.867.5010](tel:513.867.5010), email casa@parachutecasa.org, or go to www.parachutecasa.org to find out more and to apply. A Child is Waiting....



Vacancy Announcement - Board of Zoning Appeals

The City of Hamilton announces a vacant **volunteer position on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)**. The City is seeking candidates to fill the unexpired term (through January 2019) of a recently vacated position. City of Hamilton residents who are interested in serving as a volunteer on the BZA are encouraged to apply. This is a unique opportunity for civic involvement at a time of heightened development and redevelopment interest. Responsibilities of the BZA (described in [1160.00 and 1170.00](#) of the Hamilton Zoning Ordinance) primarily involve the review

of temporary uses of structures, interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance and review of Variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance within the City of Hamilton.

The Board meets the first Thursday of every month, except scheduled City holidays, at 1:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 1st Floor, 345 High Street.

Interested City of Hamilton residents should submit the completed application and any supporting information to: John Creech, Community Development Department, 345 High Street, 3rd Floor, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.



Neighbors Who Care Home Repair needs you

SELF helps low-income families in Butler County (mainly elderly or disabled) stay in their homes. The repairs can range from simple painting to wheelchair ramps or more complex repairs. **We can choose projects that meet the abilities of the volunteers and provide supervision and help as needed. We also supply materials and tools.** The groups we currently partner with like AK Steel and Bethany United Methodist Church find these projects rewarding, spiritually uplifting and fun. Contact John H. Post, Housing Coordinator, Supports to Encourage Low-income Families jpost@selfhelps.org. 513-787-9956 Next scheduled dates: **Feb. 25, March 25, April 22, May 20.** (We can also schedule a specific date for your group!)



Work for snuggles!

PAWS Adoption Center in Monroe 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).

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

The YWCA Hamilton (244 Dayton St. Hamilton) is looking for volunteers:

Thank You Callers: We are looking for folks who are willing to help us clean up our database. There would be *No sales calling. * You would simply be calling people to thank them for supporting the YWCA, verify contact info and mark off if a phone number was incorrect.

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. T

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.

Administrative: Help with filing, sorting and data entry.

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.

Event planner: We are in need of people to help with various events and activities. This would entail helping to get sponsorships for the event or in-kind donations of food, merchandise or gift cards.

Promote the YWCA: We will host a booth over the summer at Hamilton Flea. We would love engaging folks to come help us staff our booth, talk about our mission and sell split the pot tickets. Dates to be announced.

Times are flexible on most volunteer activities. If you are interested please contact Reva Evans 513-856-9800 revans@ywcahamilton.com.



Classroom volunteers needed

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 materials to lead activities and discussions in K-12 classrooms. Coordination of days and times of classroom visits is done between volunteer and at school at which you're paired. Many options this Winter and Spring. Contact Carol Lucio, [513.673.9357](tel:513.673.9357) or Carol.Lucio@ja.org.



Be a buddy for Parent's Night Out

Pause offers families of children with physical, mental, developmental, medical, behavioral and/or learning challenges, access to a broad range of support options maximizing the use of community resources and family support networks. On the current menu of options, Pause provides: respite, free family fun, caregiver networking/resourcing and community service events to help families with tangible needs.

Here is how you can help this month: Be a buddy for our February or March Parent's Night Out respite events. Volunteer as a family, group or by yourself! The benefits to our families are immeasurable and we can't do it without our volunteers! Contact PauseVolunteer@bcsc.org or visit <http://www.butlerfcfc.org/page/volunteer-pause>.



LifeSpan needs tax helpers for AARP program

LifeSpan is an AARP host site for their tax preparation. This tax event will run for 10 weeks, 3 days a week, from 8 AM – 5 PM. You pick a 2-hour block. If you are interested give us a call! Teka Reinhold, Volunteer Coordinator, 513-785-4186 or reinholdt@lifespansohio.org.



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. It is that simple!!



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). <http://www.animalfriendshs.org/> The next volunteer orientation is Saturday, February 18.



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!



Student and community volunteers welcome

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). See our website for more information: www.ScrippsOMA.org or call Beth Rohrbaugh at 513-529-7172.



Guardians and 'Friendly Visitors' needed

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 nowhere to turn. Volunteers 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



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 noon. 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).



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 at Elementary Schools in Butler County.

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. 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.

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 vary.)

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



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



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. **If you are a seasoned craftsmen or someone that would enjoy learning a new skill while helping others** contact Dave Glock Jr. [\(937\)304-5774](tel:9373045774) or caringcraftsmen@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.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

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.



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.



Help at clinic or in food pantry

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.

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