

August 2016 Featured Volunteer Openings



Be part of the historic 2016 Presidential Election!

Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of working this historic Presidential Election in November. Contribute to our Democracy by becoming a Poll Worker and helping your friends and neighbors vote. **You will earn \$165 while making a difference in your community.** Go to www.butlercountyelections.org to complete a short application or call the Butler County Board of Elections at (513) 785-5711.



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.



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 the 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 under 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@lifspanohio.org.

Women Helping Women of 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 with 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.



MetroParks of Butler County

Mud Mania: Friday, August 5, from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM; Saturday, August 6, from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, 5701 Reigart Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. **Volunteers are needed to help staff the messiest event in MetroParks!** But no need to get down and dirty. Jump into the fun at Mud Mania by helping with info tables, registration and the mud obstacle course.

Night Time Exploration: Friday, August 12, from 8:30 PM - 11:00 PM at Governor Bebb MetroPark, 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, Ohio 45053. Volunteer to help with this night hike through Governor Bebb MetroPark. **Volunteers will be assisting with program registration and monitoring participant safety during the night hike by following behind program participants.**

Stepping Forward: Service Day on Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Forest Run MetroPark, Timberman Ridge Area, 1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013. Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of activities at various parks throughout the year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. Volunteer with MetroParks to help create habitat for monarch butterflies at Forest Run MetroPark! **Volunteers will be planting plants in an area that will become a Monarch Waystation.**

Fun on the Farm: Saturday, August 20, from 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM at Chrisholm MetroPark, Chrisholm Historic Farmstead, 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067. Enjoy a day at the historic Chrisholm farmstead! Fun on the Farm offers farm themed activities, games, and demonstrations. **Volunteer help is needed for games and crafts, hayrides, caring for the animals and other farm activities.**

Stepping Forward: Service Day: Saturday, September 3, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Sebald MetroPark, 5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042. Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of

activities at various parks throughout the year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. **Volunteer with MetroParks to perform trail maintenance and prepare the horse trails for Horse Daze.**

Horse Daze: Saturday, September 17, various shifts at Sebald MetroPark, 5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042. **Help with Horse Daze, a day of horse activities and family fun!** There are multiple volunteer shifts during the event - volunteers may sign up for more than one shift. Sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d44a8ab2da5fd0-horse>

MetroParks also has many on-going and group service projects. Contact Zach Marcum at (513) 867-5835 zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net.



Butler Soil and Water Conservation District

Help cut down on pollution and add "Do Not Pollute" labels to storm drains in your neighborhood. Most storm drains locally are not connected to water treatment facilities. Instead, anything that washes down a storm drain ends up in our creeks, including litter, oil, pet waste, yard waste, etc. **We are looking for volunteers, either individuals or groups, to label storm drains** with "Do Not Pollute: drains to creek" decals. You can choose your location, day and the amount of time you wish to spend on the project. The weather is the only limiting factor as the labels cannot be placed when the ground is wet. Contact: Beth Downs at downsea@butlercountyohio.org 513-887-3720. For more conservation volunteer opportunities, visit the volunteer page on the district's website at <http://www.butlerswcd.org/>

PAWS Adoption Center

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).

Too many local children are being hurt.
You can help save an abused child.



Be a child's voice

Volunteer to be a **Court Appointed Special Advocate**
Find out how at

CASA 101 (Volunteer Informational Meeting)

Wednesday, August 3rd 6:00 to 7:00 pm
PARACHUTE office 284 N. Fair Ave. Hamilton

Wednesday, August 17th Noon - 1 pm
MidPointe Library - West Chester
9363 Centre Pointe Drive

You will not be asked for a donation.

PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocates)
www.parachutecasa.org 513.867.5010 casa@parachutecasa.org



Parachute CASA

Nobody longs for a safe and loving family more than a child in foster care. As a CASA volunteer, you are empowered by the courts to help make a child's dream of a forever home a reality. You will be the one consistent adult in these children's lives, fighting for and protecting their right to be treated with the dignity and respect that every child deserves. You will not only bring positive change to the lives of these vulnerable children, but also their children and generations to come. And in doing so, you will enrich your life as well.

You do not have to be a lawyer or social worker to be a volunteer. We welcome people from all walks of life. As a volunteer, you will be thoroughly trained and well supported by professional staff to help you through each case. Please volunteer to help a child today! Call 513.867.5010, email casa@parachutecasa.org, or go to www.parachutecasa.org to find out all the ways you can help the abused, neglected, and abandoned children.

Board of Developmental Disabilities

Volunteers needed to assist at a Whiffle Ball Tournament and Fun Day on September 17th from 1:00 PM to 9 PM at the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields. You can sign up for as a little as an hour or help as long as you want."

Volunteers needed to assist individuals with disabilities participate in a variety of small group fitness classes at the East Butler YMCA. Dates and times to be determined, but

please let us know if you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity to make a difference.

To sign up or receive additional information contact Scott Osterfeld at sdosterfeld@butlerdd.org or 513-785-2813.



Sculpture Cleaning: (July & August) Volunteers needed to dust, brush, scrub and/or polish our magnificent outdoor sculpture collection. Hours and duties are flexible.

Weeding/Gardening: (July & August) Volunteers needed to give our gardens some TLC. Weeding, pruning, trimming, etc. Hours and duties are flexible.

Contact Jeni Barton at jbarton@pyramidhill.org or 513-868-8336.



Shared Harvest Foodbank

From now until October we are assembling our holiday mailer. The meet-ups have typically been Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 11:30am and 1pm - 3pm.

On-Going Opportunity (Wednesdays; 9am - 2pm) We are looking for a weekly volunteer to staff the front desk on Wednesdays. Duties would consist of answering the phone, ensuring people sign in, taking messages, sorting mail. If you would like more information on this, please respond with "FRONT DESK" in the subject line. Contact Crystal Corbin crystal@sharedharvest.org at Shared Harvest Foodbank (513) 874-0114 or www.sharedharvest.org.



American Red Cross

Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Region

The American Red Cross is looking for **volunteers to help on Disaster Action Team (DAT)**. **Volunteers would respond to local fires and disasters in Butler County.** When there is a fire and someone is home, the fire department calls the 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. There is training involved and you will always go out in a team. To sign up to volunteer go to www.redcross.org and sign up to Volunteer for the Disaster Response or for more information you can call Tammy Simendinger at 513-579-3031.

Cedar Village Retirement Community

Thinking of you! Is your business, school group or youth organization looking for a project to do? Cedar Village is looking for **young artists to create handmade cards for our residents.** Each morning we'd like to give a card to our residents to brighten their day, put a smile on their face and let them know that someone is thinking of them. If you are interested in participating in this project please email dslovin@cedarvillage.org for more information.

Opening Minds Through Art The training for the Fall semester of the Opening Minds through Art program at Cedar Village will be held on September 9th and 16th. The sessions with the residents will begin on September 23rd. All sessions will be held on Friday mornings. Volunteers must attend the training prior to the beginning of the semester. This is a wonderful **program which pairs a volunteer with one resident for the semester.** No prior art knowledge or expertise is required. It's about the relationship between you and a resident with dementia. Training is provided. Email dslovin@cedarvillage.org if you are interested and would like further details.

Butler County Visitors Bureau

The Butler County Visitors Bureau is welcoming new volunteers into its Tourism Ambassador Program. **Ideal Tourism Ambassadors possess a passion for tourism and enjoy interacting with the public.** They have great interpersonal communication skills, a good knowledge of Butler County and a willingness to help a diverse population of people. They assist the Visitors Bureau at many popular sporting and community events throughout the year, as well as helping at the BCVB office with mailings, etc. Must provide own transportation. For more information, contact Sandy Walther at 513-860-4194 or swalther@GetToTheBC.com.

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

YWCA Hamilton

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

Girls Inc. Afterschool Mentor: 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.

Time commitment: 4-6pm, 1-2 days a week when school is in session. Begins September 2016-May 2017. *Location:* 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: Volunteers to help in Girls Incorporated, a national non-profit that inspires girls to be strong, smart and bold. We are currently looking for workshop presenters. 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. *Time commitment:* 4-8 hours each month with a commitment of at least 6 months. Hours are flexible Monday-Saturday. Begins September 2016-May 2017. *Location:* Various Sites 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.*

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.

Volunteer Maintenance/Custodial: We are down a team mate. Our maintenance guy could sure use a hand until we can get new staff hired. Sweeping cleaning-up. Some maintenance tasks like painting as well.

Marketing Committee Members: We are looking for individuals who are willing to participate in the active marketing of the YWCA. This will require help with events from concept to execution. Possibilities are endless, from creating materials such as videos, and other digital media, to fliers, to social media, to Mail Chimp/Constant Contact monthly emails, quarterly newsletters mailed planning, to working events with other volunteers and staff.

Fund Development Committee Members: We are looking for individuals who are willing to participate in the active fund raising efforts on behalf of the YWCA. The possibilities are endless here too. We have some fund raisers already in the planning process, and there is room for more. We need help throughout the process. No specific expertise is required.

Board Members: The YWCA is looking for empowered women to help lead our organization as members of the Board of Directors.

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

Focus on Youth

Do you have a heart for 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 our monthly foster parent meetings, occurring on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 9:30 am-11:30 pm and from 6:00-8:00 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) to find out more about how you can help. (Childcare volunteers need to be older than 16 years of age to provide childcare.).

October 21-22, Focus on Youth, Inc. is our 3rd annual Adoption Conference in Sharonville. We hold this conference for our caregivers who serve one of our communities most vulnerable populations, children in the child welfare system. We are in need of volunteers both days to help provide childcare for children. The volunteers would be asked to commit to at least a 4 hour time span i.e. 8:30-12:30 or Noon- 4:00. We need 10-12 volunteers each day, for each shift. Children will be sorted in classrooms with appropriate ratios, with planned activities, and food will be provided.

Supports to Encourage Low-income Families

SELF offers utility assistance, free home repairs & mobility modifications and supportive, educational services designed to help low-income individuals achieve long-term self-sufficiency. SELF is the community action agency for Butler County with offices in Hamilton, Middletown and West Chester with office hours in Oxford.

Build-up Academy Advisory Board Members (Quarterly) -

Help support SELF's newest program Build-up Academy that provides free construction training and employment training for low-income young adults. SELF is seeking volunteers who can help build the program. We are looking for members who can connect us to additional employers in the community who will hire our graduates, help teach classes, volunteer at hands-on work sites and assist with resume writing and mock interviews.

Dress For Success Personal Shoppers (Quarterly) -

Help suit a deserving client with an interview outfit that will make her feel great! SELF is seeking personal shoppers to help with Dress For Success Mobile events, these events provide work appropriate attire for clients who are going back to work or have gained full-time employment. SELF also accepts donations of clothing, purses, shoes and accessories that are donated to these events, which are held 4xs per year.

HR & Financial Professionals (Year Round) -

There are guest speaker opportunities for professionals to help educate SELF clients in areas of financial literacy, starting a business and employment. We are also looking for volunteers for our JOBS NOW! employment classes to help with resumes and mock interview practice on **Tuesdays & Thursdays (Hamilton or Middletown).**

Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair Initiative (Year Round)

- SELF provides free, community-driven home repairs and mobility modifications to low-income Butler County homeowners who are physically and financially unable to make the repairs themselves. SELF needs volunteers to help with interior and exterior painting, power-washing, construction of wheelchair ramps, minor drywall repairs, installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and repairs to porches and roofs. Projects are available every Tuesday, Thursday and on the second Saturday of each month from 9am-1pm. We have flexibility to accommodate other days as needed. Each summer, SELF partners with national and local community groups to host 3 concentrated "Home Repair Blitz Weeks". SELF can also always use donations of home improvement store gift cards to purchase supplies from places like Home Depot, Lowes, Menards or Walmart.

Welcome Home Baskets (Year Round) -

Welcome Home Kits are created for our clients who are in the process of obtaining permanent housing or are given as "raffle"

prizes at community social service fairs. Volunteers create these kits by filling a laundry basket with household items. This kit could include basic household items such as kitchen towels, dish soap, bath towels and wash cloths, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, etc. We are also in need of Kroger or Walmart gift cards to add to these baskets in \$25 denominations.

Contact Rebecca Palen for more details at 513-820-5010 or Rpalen@selfhelps.org.



PAUSE For Parents, Play for Kids

Parent's Night Out program is for families who have children with any time of special need (behavioral, developmental, physical, or intellectual). It is a volunteer-run, community-based program that is free for any family who would like to participate. We currently operate out of 3 locations in Butler County, each hosting an event up to once a month. We will kick off our 2016-2017 with a PAUSE Family Picnic in September! For more information, please visit: <http://www.bcesc.org/pausevolunteers.aspx>

Fitton Center for Creative Arts

We need volunteers to help staff our Fitton Center hands-on activity booth at various community events around Hamilton, including Alive After 5 (first Thursday evening of every month), Pyramid Hill Art Fair (last weekend in September), and Operation Pumpkin (first weekend in October).

Contact Scott Berry, Director of Community Outreach and Volunteer Engagement, at [513-863-8873](tel:513-863-8873) or scott@fittoncenter.org.

Opening Minds Through Art

Opening Minds through Art is continually growing and accepting volunteers. We are an intergenerational art program for people with dementia. Volunteers are needed to facilitate the art making process for our elders. No art background is needed and training is provided. We serve long term care facilities in Oxford, Hamilton, Mason and beyond. Please contact Beth Rohrbaugh at rohrbaea@miamioh.edu for more information.

LifeSpan

Are you looking for some way to volunteer and help the community out at the same time? If you answered yes,

you have found your match. LifeSpan is looking for the perfect volunteer to help us with creating client packets and inputting survey information. You can set your own schedule as you like while helping us catch up on very important work-client information. If you are interested in working in a laid-back and comfortable office environment and want to work in a fun group, then give us a call. We can't wait to hear from you!

CONTACT Teka Reinhold, Volunteer Coordinator, 513-785-4186 or reinholdt@lifespanohio.org for more information.

The Center for Family Solutions

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.

UC Health West Chester Hospital

Calling All Crafters! West Chester Hospital has an ongoing need for handmade knitted or crocheted baby hats to be distributed to newborn babies. Hats must be made from baby soft yarn in an environment free of smoke or other allergens and should have a circumference of 12-14". Instruction is available for beginners who wish to learn! For a complete list of guidelines or to arrange for a donation, please contact Christine.Martin@uchealth.com.

Animal Friends Humane Society

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 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](tel:513-867-5727) (main).

JustServe

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.



Rethreads

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 who come to the store on four days each year (one for each season). Quarterly giveaways typically draw between 200 and 300 clients to be shopping in our store that day. 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).

Lakota Local School District Child Nutrition

Please help serve lunches this summer! Summer can be a difficult time for low income families who rely on free lunch at school during the school year. We need **volunteers** to touch the lives of these kids each day at lunchtime.

This is a GREAT opportunity for sports teams, youth groups, church groups, school staff, local businesses and families. We have changed our format a bit this year....You can sign up to **be a lunch monitor, play games OR sign up to help with learning activities** (all materials provided).

Program runs Monday - Friday through Aug. 12. Meet at Meadow Ridge apartment complex at building 5270 Aster Park Drive, West Chester, near the playground. **Lunch is served Rain or shine!** This is a new collaboration between Faith Alliance, Lakota Schools/Child Nutrition, Butler County Success and community volunteers.

Lakota Child Nutrition will be operating buses to deliver meals to economically disadvantaged students. Bus will stop, students will board, receive a meal and then disembark to eat his/her meal in close proximity.

Contact Sue Mahlock smahlock@thefaithalliance.org or Chris Burkhardt Chris.burkhardt@lakotaonline.com. www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949aeaa2ba3fb6-lakota/

Ground Water Consortium

We need interested **volunteers for various area events such as Hamilton Earth Day, Children's Water Festival and Clean Sweep of the Great Miami.** Contact Tim McLelland

at [513-785-2464](tel:513-785-2464) or tim.mclelland@hamilton-oh.gov or (www.gwconsortium.org/). Follow us on Facebook at The Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium. The Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium is made up of 7 local public and private water suppliers / users. All work together to ensure the water you use daily is clean, safe and tastes great!

This list compiled as a service of:



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