



Community Volunteer Force

Volunteer Resource Newsletter

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Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Butler County

Mentors needed!

Volunteering just a few hours a month with a young person can start something amazing. Our kids say their Big Brothers/Sisters have helped give them hope and changed their view of what they thought was possible for their future. **There are many flexible ways to volunteer including community-based mentoring, after-school programs and lunch buddies.** For more information on getting involved, call us at 513-867-1227 or visit www.bbbsbutler.org.



You can assist at Zion Lutheran Church

Several volunteers needed for Hamilton Empty Bowls on **Saturday, April 1**, at Zion Lutheran Church, 212 South Front Street, Hamilton, OH 45011.

This event will benefit The Open Door Food Pantry in Hamilton. The Open Door Food Pantry has been serving families in crisis in the Butler County area since 1981. In addition to providing food, Open Door Food Pantry also provides baby formula, diapers, and other personal items as they are available. The event is held in collaboration with the Butler County United Way. To register for any of the following volunteer openings: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044badaf2da7f58-hamilton> or contact Pam Cottle at United Way. **Registration table (10:30 – noon and noon to 1:30 p.m.); bowl supervisors; bread and water servers; busers; dessert servers; supply runners; soup servers; clean-up crew (1 – 3 p.m.)**



Casual, low-key projects

Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum is **sprucing up for the summer season. We could use some help getting ready.** These are casual, low-key projects.

-Painting deck at visitor center. Includes deck floor, railings and finials. We would pressure wash it first and supply paint, brushes etc.

-Police park for branches, limbs, etc for mowing. There are areas where debris has fallen after the winter storms. These are lawn areas that need to be clear for mowers to cut.

-Help with Fishing Derby. We have a 12-and-under fishing derby Saturday, June 17. Morning event from 10 am - noon. We need help starting at 9:00 am. Duties include set up, directing families, checking in, assisting young fishers and keeping track of number of fish and size for prizes, clean up.

Contact Shaun Higgins, 513-868-8336, shiggins@pyramidhill.org



Volunteer with PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA

In the month of April choose to make a difference in an abused child's life by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate. **CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in court and are rewarded with some of the most fulfilling experiences imaginable. CASA volunteers are highly effective in getting their recommendations accepted in court, and their reports lead to a higher number of services being ordered for children and families.**

To learn more about upcoming CASA volunteer training, starting May 3, go to www.parachutecasa.org, email casa@parachutecasa.org or call **513.867.5010**. A Child is Waiting...



Family FunFest seeks volunteers

The Center for Family Solutions is seeking volunteers for our 6th annual Family FunFest on April 29 from 1:00-5:00. Volunteers will help with game and activity stations and assist with set up and clean up. This is a fun event and a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. Families are welcome to volunteer with their children, and age 15+ can volunteer on their own with parental permission. This is a great opportunity for youth groups, scout troops, and students who need last-minute community service hours for school! Register to volunteer by texting VOLUNTEERFFF to 41-444 or through this link <https://app.mobilecause.com/f/1a46/n> Please call [513-887-4303](tel:513-887-4303) with any questions.



**48th
Hamilton
Current**
Hamilton's Local Art Competition
formerly known as
The Greater Hamilton Art Exhibition

Volunteer team needed to help artists (now!)

Hamilton Current: Hamilton's Local Art Competition at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts is seeking a team of volunteers to help artists during the competition entry process. Volunteers will help with art handling, entry paperwork and/or Excel database data entry. We will receive art entries at the Fitton Center on: **Friday March 31**, 2-5pm and **Saturday April 1**, 10am - 2pm. Contact Cat Mayhugh, Director of Exhibitions to schedule your volunteer hours! cathy@fittoncenter.org [513-863-8873](tel:513-863-8873) ext. 122



Step Out Against Heroin And Addiction

Sojourner Recovery Services needs 5K Volunteers on June 10. Set up, registration, water stops, etc. at 1430 University Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45011. This is an early morning event. All volunteers are asked to arrive at 6:15am. You will be home by noon. Last year we had over 300 participants. Contact Christine Birhanzl, cbirhanzl@sojournerrecovery.org 513.896.3450.



Service Days on Saturdays in April

Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Voice of America MetroPark, Athletic Complex, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069. Adults and teen volunteers will help prepare the Athletic Complex for season by getting nets put onto our many goals.

Saturday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Timberhill Area, 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Hamilton OH 45011. Adult and teen volunteers will help prepare Timberhill for spring. Assemble tent shelters, perform trail maintenance, and general indoor facility maintenance.

Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Indian Creek MetroPark, 1899 Oxford-Reily Road, Oxford, OH 45056. Adults and teens will help in habitat improvement at Indian Creek MetroPark by removing invasive species with hand tools along the waterfront and drives.

Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Elk Creek MetroPark, Seabald Park, 5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042. Adults and teens will perform trail maintenance in preparation for horse trail opening.

Programs and Special Events

Dog Gone Bone Hunt - Saturday, April 1, from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Timberhill Area, 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Hamilton OH 45011. Adults and teen volunteers are needed for set up, filling eggs for dogs, event registration, safety, and much more.

Kites 'N MPX - Saturday, April 8, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Voice of America MetroPark, 7850 VOA Drive, West Chester OH 45069. Adult and teen volunteers are needed for set up, event registration, safety, and much more.

Eggstravaganza - Sunday, April 9, from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Voice of America MetroPark, 7850 VOA Drive, West Chester OH 45069. Adult and teen volunteers are needed for set up, event registration, assisting with the egg hunt and much more.

Flashlight Egg Hunt - Friday, April 14, from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m. at Forest Run MetroPark, Wildlife Preserve, 1810 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013. Adult and teen volunteers are needed for set up, event registration, assisting with the egg hunt and much more.

Contact Sara Schapman at sschapman@YourMetroParks.net

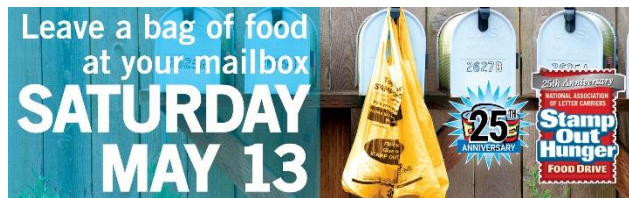


Help at Hamilton Flea and RiversEDGE Concerts

We need 4 volunteers, two in each booth, to help with the Hamilton Flea. It entails serving beer or selling merchandise on May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12 and September 9. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon; noon to 2 p.m.; 2 to 4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. (which include clean up.) **The Hamilton Flea** is Hamilton's first curated, urban flea market. The Flea is held in historic downtown Hamilton's newly established Marcum Park. This monthly event features a wide variety of local artisans who specialize in handcrafted goods and unique, high-quality services.

RiversEDGE Concert series - volunteers are needed to sell beer - June 2, June 8, June 15, June 23, June 29, July 4, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 10, August 17, August 24 and August 31 - volunteers need to arrive at 5:30 pm. On June 24, we need volunteers by 2:30 pm.

Contact Karen Wittmer karen.wittmer@hamilton-oh.gov (513) 844-8050.



Letter Carriers Need Volunteer Support

May is a tough month for food banks, because food donated during the holidays is running out.

On Saturday, May 13th, the National Association of Letter Carriers will continue a tradition, the phenomenally successful Stamp Out Hunger food drive. **Volunteers are needed for a few afternoon hours to help postal drivers with unloading their vehicles and loading trucks or trailers at various post office locations in Butler County.** Some heavy lifting is involved however; the majority of collections come loose or in plastic grocery bags that drivers load in mail bins or boxes.

Please contact Mitchell Willis for more information: Mitchell@sharedharvest.org (513) 874-0114



RASKALS needs groups and others May 6

For some neighbors, spring cleaning would be impossible without a little help. RASKALS (Random Acts of Simple Kindness Affecting Local Seniors) is a community-wide service program offering local senior citizens in West Chester the help they need around their homes. **On Saturday, May 6, volunteer teams will complete simple yard clean-up and outdoor chores for the elderly. Work is coordinated by West Chester Township. Volunteers should register by Friday, April 21.** There will be a team leader meeting to assign work to teams on Wednesday, May 3. For more details, call (513) 777-5900 or go to: <http://www.westchesteroh.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/3349/122?curm=5&cury=2017>



Easter Egg hunt volunteers sought

Liberty Township Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. until Noon at Liberty Park (rain or shine). The Easter Egg Hunt will have designated start time for different age groups: 1-2 year olds 10 a.m.; 3-4 year olds 10:30 a.m.; 5-6 year olds 11 a.m.; 7-8 year olds 11:30 a.m.

The township says "we are always in need of volunteers to help run events and/or help with the preparation of events. **Student volunteer opportunities available too!**" Contact Vickie Daniel at 513-759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com.



Can you help at our Carnival?

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.

Come help at our Parent's Night Out end of season CARNIVAL on Friday, May 5th from 5-8:30!

Volunteers needed to run carnival games, be buddies to children, man our prize table and more! Volunteer as a family, group or by yourself! The benefits to our Pause families are immeasurable and we can't do it without our volunteers! Contact PauseVolunteer@bcsc.org or visit our volunteer page at <http://www.butlerfcfc.org/page/volunteer-pause>



Hamilton, Fairfield, Oxford volunteers sought

The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley needs volunteers at HAMILTON/FAIRFIELD (Miles of Golf, Potter's Park Golf Course, Twin Run Golf Course); OXFORD (Indian Ridge Golf Club).

VOLUNTEER ROLES - Check-In/Check-Out (check in participants and monitor attendance, distribute name tags and collect at the end of day, collect yardage books and ensure participants are checked out at the end of day) **Group Leader** (escort participants to each station following rotation schedule, keep eye on time to stay on schedule, communicate with participants about life skill of the day as you are rotating from station to station, reinforce safety guidelines and make sure they're being followed) **Golf Station Leader** (lead golf skill at assigned station following lesson plan for day, ensure safety and use of coaching philosophy) **Set-Up / Tear-Down** (arrive

early to set-up stations for day, pull out loaner clubs and put away at the end of day, after session ends, clean up).

Minimum one day a week for a 3- or 4- week session. Contact Wendy Mockabee | Director of Outreach & Administration wmockabee@thefirstteegmv.org | (937) 432-9600 ext. 3.

600 volunteers needed in Cincinnati

To help meet the families in need Cincinnati Red Cross will be installing 1,200 smoke alarms in several neighborhoods for Mega Blitz 2017. On Saturday, April 29, we will need approximately 600 volunteers to go door to door installing, informing and recording the houses we install alarms in. We will convene at Jack Casino for a morning and an afternoon shift. (Groups and individuals from Butler County welcome!!) Volunteers can register at <http://smokealarmssavelives.org/> or call 513-579-3031. Food and festivities also included. Each volunteer will receive a "thank you" bag and the first 600 volunteers will receive two free tickets to a Reds game. Every day 7 people die in home fires...that's 7 too many! Come out and support your community and help save lives. In 2015 the U.S fire department responded to a fire every 23 seconds, here at the American Red Cross 90% of the disaster response work we do is from fires. 65% of reported home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms.



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!!



Work for snuggles!

The PAWS Mobile Team is gearing up for Festival Season! PAWS attends local festivals, fairs and schools to promote responsible pet ownership and adoption of our animals. Our Mobile Team has so much fun and the animals always benefit from the social time and exposure! Come get some fresh air with our pups! **If you're willing to work for snuggles**, call us! [513.539.7297](tel:513.539.7297).



Help serve meals at Hope House Mission

Every day, Hope House Mission, Middletown, serves more than 160 hot meals to homeless and hungry guests. Often, a meal served with kindness is the first step on the road to recovery for hurting men, women, and children we serve. It's more than a meal. It's hope. **We are in need of individuals and groups to assist with serving lunch or dinner, Monday through Saturday, at our men's or women/children's shelters.** Volunteers can provide and serve a meal (for up to 50 people) or simply help serve meals our cook has prepared. **In the spring and summer we are also in need of volunteers who can mow the lawn at our women/children's shelter.** Together, we can break the cycle of poverty and despair, one life at a time. Visit our website hhmission.org to get connected or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at lfields@hhmission.org.



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.

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.

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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. **Volunteer training starts Monday, April 3rd.**



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: **April 22, May 20.** (We can also schedule a specific date for your group!)

Power Thursday

Can you help run sound for us?

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 located at 412 South Front Street, Hamilton, Ohio 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. **We have an urgent need to have someone run sound for us on Thursday evenings, training provided.** References and background check is required. Contact Christine Birhanzi (voice or text) at 513.502.9631 or christinebirhanzi@yahoo.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 Spring. Contact Carol Lucio, [513.673.9357](tel:513.673.9357) or Carol.Lucio@ja.org.

**ADOPT A PET.
SAVE A LIFE.
GAIN A FRIEND.**



Volunteer orientation is April 22

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](tel:513-867-5727) (main). <http://www.animalfriendshs.org/> The next volunteer orientation is **Saturday, April 22.**



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!



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



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.



Expect more from us. We do.

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.



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).



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 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.



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.

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