

# Featured Volunteer Ideas

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## Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care

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](mailto:Gretchen.Eagle@crossroadshospice.com).



## Great Pumpkin Fest (West Chester)

West Chester Township seeks volunteers to work The Great Pumpkin Fest on Oct. 8 at Keehner Park. **We could really use 10-15 costumed volunteers to pass out candy from 2-6 p.m. on the Not-So-Scary Haunted Trail.** Annual fall event is a favorite among families and requires support of hundreds of volunteers to lead games and activities, decorate and more. Shifts available Saturday before (set-up), during and after (tear-down) the event from noon until approximately 7 p.m. Great opportunity for students to earn service hours while giving back to community in a fun way. No limit on number of volunteers. The Great Pumpkin Fest includes a costume contest, horse-and-

wagon rides, petting zoos, a not-so-scary haunted trail, crafts, games and more. No cost.

Contact: 513-759-7301 or [areeder@westchesteroh.org](mailto:areeder@westchesteroh.org)  
[www.WestChesterOH.org](http://www.WestChesterOH.org).  
<https://www.facebook.com/WestChesterOH/>



## Great Miami River Cleanup

Butler Soil and Water Conservation District and partners are holding the Great Miami Cleanup event on Saturday, Oct. 22. **There are multiple locations to choose from starting Carlisle all the way to the Ohio River. We provide gloves, bags, water and a t-shirt to all volunteers.** Youth groups such as scouts and girl scouts can receive a patch.

The cleanup will occur in and along the river, so be prepared for walking through brush and getting muddy. **To register and for more information,** please visit our website <http://greatmiamirivercleanup.org/> where you will find a link to the online signup (not required, but recommended). There is also a link to the waiver. Please make sure that the parent/guardian signs this waiver for all minors that you bring. If you have any other questions, then please call 513-887-3720. **This event is family friendly and open to all ages.**



## The Caring Craftsmen

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 the 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](mailto:caringcraftsmen@gmail.com)



Pumpkin weigh-in 2015

### City of Hamilton

Operation Pumpkin will return to Hamilton on Oct. 7, 8 and 9. **Volunteers are needed for several activities.** There will be artisans, cuisine, entertainment, amusement rides, zipline and pumpkin contests. Hours are 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. For full schedule visit <http://www.operation-pumpkin.org>. Contact Karen Wittmer, Program Coordinator for Volunteers. 513-844-8050 [karen.wittmer@hamilton-oh.gov](mailto:karen.wittmer@hamilton-oh.gov).



### People Working Cooperatively

Join PWC on Nov. 12 for our annual Prepare Affair event and rake leaves, clean gutters and perform other minor tasks to help elderly, low-income and disabled homeowners prepare for the winter season! Put a group together (or sign up independently) and **help people who are unable to keep up with their yard due to age or disability.** Prepare Affair is an opportunity for people of all ages and skill levels to come together and "rake a difference" in our community!

Register at PWC's website: [www.pwchomerepairs.org](http://www.pwchomerepairs.org). Call Aaron Grant at 513-482-5120 for more information, or email at [granta@pwchomerepairs.org](mailto:granta@pwchomerepairs.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).



### Pause For Parents, Play for Kids

Parent's Night Out program is for families who have children with any type 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. **October 13- Charleston Club; October 21- Center Pointe; and October 28- Hamilton Church of God.** For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.bcsc.org/page/pause-volunteer-respite> Or find us on Facebook: Pause for Parents, Play for Kids.



### Parachute CASA

The Problem: Overwhelmed Systems - Reports of child abuse, especially related to parental drug use, have escalated over the past several years and hundreds of abused and neglected children in Butler County find themselves in foster care and family court systems each year. The average child will spend nearly 2 years in foster care and may change homes 3 times before permanent placement. **The Solution: Citizen Volunteers - PARACHUTE trains community volunteers who help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes.** The Results: Brighter Futures - CASA programs change lives and give hope for a brighter future. A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home and is half as likely to re-enter the foster care system. And, they are more likely to succeed in school, get services to heal from their trauma, and less likely to spend three or more years in foster care than children without a CASA. Our Vision: Serving Every Child - Since 1988, over 490 Butler County CASA volunteers have helped change the lives of nearly 2,000 local children. We need to do more. Helping children early means a better community for everyone. Call [513.867.5010](tel:513.867.5010), email [casa@parachutecasa.org](mailto:casa@parachutecasa.org), or go to [www.parachutecasa.org](http://www.parachutecasa.org) to find all the ways you can help an abused child.



**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 Fall, Winter and Spring all over the county. Contact Carol Lucio, 513.673.9357 or [Carol.Lucio@ja.org](mailto:Carol.Lucio@ja.org).

Junior Achievement (JA) Job Exploration Host Site Locations needed – **Host sites are needed for Hamilton (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Fairfield (9<sup>th</sup> grade) students on Thursday, Nov. 10** from 10-1 for a small group 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](mailto:Carol.Lucio@ja.org) for more information or to sign-up.



**Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum**

We are **looking for volunteers to dress up like Zombies and hand out flyers** on Oct. 6 from 5 - 9 PM and Oct. 8 & 9 from 12 - 5 PM. Must provide their own zombie costumes. We are also looking for folks to work the zombie ball on Oct. 15 in parking.

Contact Jeni Barton at [jbarton@pyramidhill.org](mailto:jbarton@pyramidhill.org) or [513-868-8336](tel:513-868-8336).



**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](http://www.justserve.org) and enter your zip code.** Many of the items on this list have further information on the JustServe website.



**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 line 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@lifespanohio.org](mailto:frazier@lifespanohio.org). For more information on LifeSpan [www.lifespanohio.org](http://www.lifespanohio.org)

**Also from LifeSpan...** Are you looking for some ways 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](mailto:reinholdt@lifespanohio.org) for more information.



*Help needed for fall hayrides at Forest Run*

## MetroParks of Butler County

### Fall Hayrides

Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10:45 AM – 2:15 PM  
 Saturday, Oct. 8, various shifts 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
 Saturday, Oct. 15, various shifts 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
 Saturday, Oct. 22, various shifts 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

All are at Forest Run MetroPark, 1976 Timberman Ridge, Hamilton, OH 45013. **Volunteers will ride on the hay wagon with groups.**

**Trail Ambassador:** Trail Ride on Monday, Oct. 3, from 5:00PM – 7:00 PM at Bicentennial Commons, Carmody Boulevard and Central Ave, Middletown, OH. **Join trail ambassadors in monitoring the Great Miami River Recreation Trail** and learn more about becoming a MetroParks of Butler County trail ambassador. 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.**

**Stepping Forward: Service Day** - Friday, Oct. 21, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Chrisholm MetroPark, Chrisholm Historic Farmstead, 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067. **Volunteers to complete garden maintenance at the Historic Chrisholm Farmstead alongside the Friends of Chrisholm group.**

**Stepping Forward: Service Day** - Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Timberhill Activity Area, 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Hamilton, OH 45011. Join MetroParks and the Timberhill Restoration Coalition in preparing the Timberhill Activity Area for winter. **Help take down tent shelters, perform park clean up, trail maintenance and general maintenance tasks.** This Service Day is part of Make a Difference Day!

**Great Miami Clean Sweep** - Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, 5701 Reigart Road, Hamilton, OH 45011. Great Miami River Recreation Trail, Bicentennial Commons, Carmody Blvd at Central Ave., Middletown, OH, 45042. **Participate in the Great Miami Clean Sweep by picking up trash in and**

**around the waterways** that feed into the Great Miami River from Rentschler MetroPark. Participants will receive a t-shirt. Help keep the Great Miami clean!

**The Howl** - Sunday, Oct. 23, from 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM at Voice of America MetroPark, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069. Join MetroParks of Butler County at Voice of America MetroPark to help with the Howl, a trick or treat trail for dogs and their human families. **There are a variety of roles to be filled. Tasks will include event set up, registration, activities along the treat trail, judging dog costume contest, and event take down.**

**Harvest Day** - Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Forest Run MetroPark, Timberman Ridge Area, 1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013. Help with Harvest Day, a day of Fall-themed activities and family fun! **Volunteer roles will include event set up and clean up and facilitation of various event activities and booths.**

Contact Zach Marcum at [\(513\) 867-5835](tel:5138675835)  
[zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net).



**Home for the Holidays** is a new initiative where community members volunteer to host individuals with developmental disabilities in their homes during their own holiday celebrations with family and friends! From now until Oct. 10, we are hoping to find ten families who have a little extra space in their hearts to make a little extra space at their table this holiday season for someone who may otherwise be spending the holidays alone. For more information or to apply to become a host family, please contact Bri Combs at [bscombs@butlerdd.org](mailto:bscombs@butlerdd.org) or 513-785-2884 by Monday, Oct. 10!

**October 8 - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM** - The Haunna Meyer Memorial Foundation (HMMF) is having a water station at the Queen Bee Marathon on Oct. 8. It is a lot of fun to **hang out, cheer on the runners, and pass out water bottles.** If you are interested, please e-mail Lysa Meyer at [meyer@haunnahmeyer.org](mailto:meyer@haunnahmeyer.org) and she will send you a link to register as a volunteer.

**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. On Oct. 15, a small group is volunteering at the Harvest Run/Walk-Craft Show and Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The proceeds of this benefit 4-H camp programs. On Nov. 12, from 8:30 to about 1:00 PM, a group will volunteer for the RASKALS (Random Acts of Kindness Affecting Local Seniors) program for the fall yard clean up. If you would like to join our **GIVE BACK CREW** and sign up for either of these events, please contact Scott Osterfeld at [sdosterfeld@butlerdd.org](mailto:sdosterfeld@butlerdd.org) or 513-785-2813.



### RASKALS accepting volunteers

RASKALS (Random Acts of Simple Kindness Affecting Local Seniors) is accepting volunteers for its fall clean-up effort on Saturday, Nov. 12. This West Chester Township program is in its 20th year and needs volunteers more than ever. Volunteer teams of all sizes are matched with local senior citizens to help them with simple outdoor chores such as raking leaves, trimming shrubs and other tasks. Volunteers must be at least 10 years of age or accompanied by an adult if younger. Each RASKALS event benefits more than 100 local seniors with hundreds of volunteers offering helping hands. The program helps seniors remain more self-sufficient while developing meaningful relationships between volunteers and clients. Contact 513-759-7312, [areeder@westchesteroh.org](mailto:areeder@westchesteroh.org) or visit [www.WestChesterOH.org](http://www.WestChesterOH.org). <https://www.facebook.com/WestChesterOH/>



### Cedar Village Retirement Community

**Thinking of you!** - Is your business, school group or youth organization looking for a project? Cedar Village is looking for young artists to create handmade cards for residents. Each morning we'd like to give a card to 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](mailto:dslovin@cedarvillage.org).



**What's in your junk drawer? Help provide music for seniors with dementia! iPod shuffles needed!** - Cedar Village is a Music and Memory Certified Care Organization. We are currently collecting iPod shuffles to be used our residents for our Music and Memory program. If you have iPod shuffles just sitting around in your junk drawer or you are part of a group that may be interested in hosting an iPod collection drive for Cedar Village, we would love to involve you in this great project. Please click on this link to get more information about this amazing program and the effects that it has on residents with memory issues. <https://youtu.be/fyZQf0p73QM>. Currently we have more residents who would benefit from the program than we have iPods. iPods can be dropped off at the front desk and labeled "Music and Memory".

**Community Give Back Day** - Cedar Village is looking for local area businesses and organizations who would like to help plan and participate in our annual day of giving back to the community. Our Mitzvah Day (day of doing good deeds) will take place in March and we would love to have your organization participate. We are looking at projects that will take place within our facility and also projects in the local community that residents can assist with. Please email Diane Slovin if your organization is interested in participating in this special day of giving back and/or if you have a project idea.



### YWCA Hamilton

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

**Holiday Decorators:** We are looking for groups or individuals who have the holiday spirit and 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 would need to do this the week following Thanksgiving. (November 28-December 2) Times are flexible during that week.

**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

**Girls Inc. Afterschool Mentor:** The 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.** *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:** The 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 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.*

If you are interested please contact Reva Evans [revans@ywcahamilton.com](mailto:revans@ywcahamilton.com) or Ben Powers at [bpowers@ywcahamilton.com](mailto:bpowers@ywcahamilton.com) 513-856-9800



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), [Caitoj@bcesc.org](mailto:Caitoj@bcesc.org), Butler County Educational Service Center, 400 N. Erie Blvd. Suite A. Hamilton, OH 45011.



### Supports to Encourage Low-income Families

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 Thanksgiving and 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!

*Any questions?* Contact Rebecca Palen at [rpalen@selfhelps.org](mailto:rpalen@selfhelps.org) or 513-820-5010.



### Focus on Youth

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.)

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 community’s most vulnerable populations, children in the child welfare system. **We are in need of volunteers both days to help provide childcare.** 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.



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](http://www.butlercountyelections.org) to complete a short application or call the Butler County Board of Elections at (513) 785-5711.

## WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence,  
Sexual Assault & Stalking

### 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 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](mailto:Staff.whw@gmail.com) for more information and application.



### 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](mailto:cfs.erinf@gmail.com) or 513-896-2350.  
[www.centerforfamilysolutions.org](http://www.centerforfamilysolutions.org).



### 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** (main). **The next orientation session is Saturday, Oct. 15.**



### Opening Minds through Art

Intergenerational art program for people with dementia is in need of volunteers for their sessions at Cedar Village Retirement Community in Mason. Training is required and participants will meet weekly with elders on Friday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am to enable the elders to create art. **We welcome high school students, home school students, college students or community volunteers. (College credit and post-secondary credit is available).** Contact Beth Rohrbaugh, ssistant director of the program at [rohrbaea@miamioh.edu](mailto:rohrbaea@miamioh.edu) or 513-529-7172. Training will be held Sept 9 & 16, 2016.



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](http://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.



### 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](mailto:michaelalbrecht@gmail.com)).



### 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](mailto: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/>



### Mercy Health St. Raphael

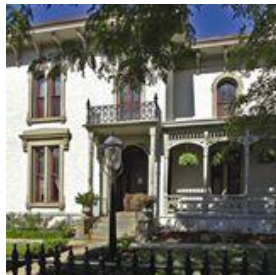
Want to make a difference in someone's life, meet new friends and give back to your community? If so then please consider bringing your skills and interests to Mercy Health St. Raphael.

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](mailto:bgemmons@mercy.com).



### **Butler County Historical Society**

BCHS is looking for volunteers in a number of different areas. We are always in need of people interested in doing research on a variety of Butler County history topics, as well as assisting others in genealogical research. Tour guides are also needed on a regular basis, as well as for special events. We are also in need of a receptionist/clerk for greeting visitors as they arrive, answering the telephone, and general office work. We are also looking for someone to assist with inventory and entering the collection into a computer program. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Creighton at 513-896-9930 or email [bcomuseum@fuse.net](mailto:bcomuseum@fuse.net).

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