

New MANNA Opportunities for OLLI Members



Ambassador Recruitment

As MANNA continuously seeks to expand its reach into our community, we are always looking for volunteers to help represent the FoodBank at benefit concerts, food drives, festivals, fairs, faith-

based organizations, and other community events. If you are comfortable with talking to people and/or public speaking, we would love for you to join our corps of MANNA Ambassadors.

The Ambassador program is comprised of 30-50 volunteers who receive specialized training about how to engage others in the work of MANNA. If you are interested in becoming a MANNA Ambassador, there are training sessions available.

Poverty Simulation Volunteers

Throughout the year, MANNA conducts poverty simulations for community groups and other programs interested in understanding the root causes of hunger. Each simulation uses 15-20 volunteers to play service provider roles in scenarios where participants learn of the daily obstacles and challenges that face those in poverty.

Volunteers who agree to participate will be signing on to play the role of an assigned service provider such as DSS or Health Clinic staff, police officer or landlord. You will provide your token service to participants as they walk through a simulated month in the life of someone living in poverty. We ask that volunteers arrive 1 hour before the simulation begins to get acclimated with your station and go over "rules of engagement". Sessions generally last about 2 hours with breaks in between to allow for station resets.



For any of you who have completed the Leadership Asheville for Seniors (LAS) in recent years, the simulation is similar to the one presented during the class that focused on housing. It is a fulfilling volunteer experience and a perfect fit for many OLLI members.

Interested? Want more information? Contact Sarah Reincke, sarahreincke@gmail.com

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