



Group Volunteer Opportunities

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Please note: Listings are by age and are updated weekly on our website,
www.volunteergso.org
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These are just some ideas for ways your civic or church group may volunteer in the community. Please call us The Volunteer Center at 373-1633 for additional ideas. Check our website, www.volunteergso.org, for additional listings. Click on "Special Opportunities" and "Group Projects." Also check our Calendar of Events at the same location.

General ideas:

- For Greensboro Urban Ministry and homeless shelters: Bake a batch of cookies or other goodies. Gather warm clothing or toiletry items. Greensboro Urban Ministry can provide a list of necessary items. Plant a garden and grow vegetables to donate to a soup kitchen.
- Hold a canned food drive for one of several organizations that host a community food bank.
- Call local nursing and retirement homes and ask the activities director if a resident would like to receive a monthly pen pal letter from your child or the students at your school or club. Once children have established a relationship, ask if they can visit their new friends.
- Hold a litter pick up. As a group, identify a park, section of a stream, or neighborhood for cleaning. Ask friends and relatives to sponsor students for every bag of litter they pick up. Donate funds to an environmental agency.
- Make bookmarks for students and adults learning to read.
- Participate as a group in The Volunteer Center's Human Race held each March and raise money for the nonprofit of your choice.

Specific requests from nonprofit agencies for group projects:

URGENT NEED

Senior Resources of Guilford needs volunteers to deliver Mobile Meals and visit with homebound seniors. Must have own transportation and a valid NC driver's license and insurance or be working as part of a team with someone who meets these requirements. Routes provided. Must be able to lift coolers full of meals into car. Minimum one-year commitment. All expenses including mileage are tax-deductible. Minimum age 16.

Sharon Sciandra, 373-4816, extension 249, volcoordinator@senior-resources-guilford.org

ON SPECIFIC DATES

Madison Elementary School needs volunteers to help with its annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 21. Volunteers will help with setting up and cleaning up after the event, manning carnival-style booths, supervising children of all ages on inflatable equipment, helping prepare food, selling tickets, and helping in the prize redemption and silent auction areas. Minimum of two hours volunteer time any time on April 21. Minimum age 18. Good opportunity for groups.

Tamara Dick, 392-5004, K0CRZY7@aol.com

North Carolina Amateur Sports needs volunteers for the State Games of North Carolina, June 1-24 at more than 40 venues in Greensboro. Volunteer needs in office administration, data entry, ticket taking, merchandise sales, scorekeeping, and timing. Volunteers working at least 4 hours will receive a free t-shirt. Games will be held each weekend (Friday-Sunday) from 8 am – 8 pm. Training provided. Minimum age 15.

Chip Hofler, 919-361-1133, extension 3, chip.hofler@ncsports.org, www.ncsports.org

ONGOING

Clapp's Nursing Home: Visit with seniors, play games, entertain, bring friendly pets to visit.
Hillary McFee, 674-9378

City of Greensboro, Adopt-a-Stream Program: Keep streams and lakes clean by adopting sections of streams.

LaVelle Donnell, 373-2055, lavelle.donnell@greensboro-nc.org, ww.ci.greensboro.nc.us/stormwater/

City of Greensboro, Drain Marker Program: Glue drain markers on concrete covers of city storm drains and curbsides.

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Evergreens Senior Healthcare: Provide entertainment for seniors including dances, musical performances, magic shows, storytelling, comedy shows, and more.

Susi Hudson, 218-7587, shudson@eshc.org

Feral Cat Adoption & Placement: Foster animals and help at weekly adoption fairs.

Christy Ricafrente or Jennifer McCollum, 819-5346, jennifermccollum@triad.rr.com

Food Assistance: Bag and deliver groceries to seniors and adults with disabilities. Regular monthly warehouse workdays on Fridays and Saturdays.

Jane Carlson, 988-8899, foodassistance@att.net

Friends Homes of Guilford: Visit and befriend seniors and help with regular monthly social activities. Read to seniors, write letters, and participate in crafts projects.
Sheila Dunning, 292-8187, specialservicesfhg@friendshomes.org

Friends Home West: Assist with special events/parties for residents, play bingo and other games, read mail and books to residents, participate in crafts projects.
Dorian Edwards, 292-9952, dedwards@friendshomes.org

Greensboro Interfaith Hospitality Network: Help families move into new homes.
Kenyatta Richardson, 574-0333, director@gihn.com

Greensboro Manor: Visit and befriend seniors, play games, and listen to or perform live music.
Beth Lynch, 297-9900

Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department: Variety of group opportunities in city gardens and parks.
Gerry Alfano, 373-2199, gerry.alfano@greensboro-nc.gov

Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center: Maintain the agency building and grounds.
Elizabeth Atkinson, 274-4901, elizabeth@greensboropcc.org

Greensboro Urban Ministry: Cook and serve meals at Potters House Soup Kitchen or help in the clothing and/or food banks.
Gail Gore-Lewis, 271-5959, ext 305, lewis@guministry.org , www.greensborourbanministry.org

Guilford County Animal Shelter: Foster animals, help at weekly adoption fairs.
Dana Williams, 297-5020, dana@guilfordcountyanimalshelter.com, www.adoptshelterpets.org

Guilford County Schools: Tutor children individually or in small groups, be a lunch buddy and share lunch once a week with a child. Some schools run year-round.
Call 370-8355

Habitat for Humanity: Assist in building affordable housing for people in need. No experience or equipment needed.
Butch Sherrill, 275-4663, bsherrill@hhgg.org, www.hhgg.org

Happy Hills Animal Foundation: Foster animals, maintain agency's grounds, help at adoption fairs.
Cheryl Routh, 622-3620, info@hhaf.org , www.hhaf.org

Heritage Greens Retirement Community: Visit with seniors, play games, help with arts and crafts projects.
Pat Wade, 299-4400, ext 4312

Horsepower Therapeutic Learning Center: Provides therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities. Volunteers may help with classes, work in the barn or stables, and maintain trails.
Sarah Lupinacci, 931-1424, volunteer@horsepower.org, www.horsepower.org

Jewish Family Services: Visit seniors in retirement communities and skilled nursing facilities.
Diane Goldstein, 852-4829, ext 227, dgoldstein@shalomgreensboro.org

