In 1998, Mitzvah Central began as a resource for students to find volunteer opportunities in the community to fulfill school service hours or for Bar/Bat Mitzvah requirements. Mitzvah Central continues to fulfill that purpose, and it serves as a great resource for many adults as well. Mitzvah Central is available as a pdf on the JFS website www.JFSdallas.org).

All listings are in alphabetical order. The first section focuses on the Jewish community organizations and the second section focuses on the general community. Feel free to visit an organization’s website for more information. The Alphabetical listing (with page numbers) is found on the following pages.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator or Contact Person for each organization to schedule your opportunity. Don’t forget to let Kristen or Barbara know about your experiences. If you have found an organization that is not on our list, but one that would be well-suited for this newsletter, please share the information with us.

Thank you again on behalf of all of the agencies listed, for taking time out of your day to help others.

You can make a difference!

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### Aaron Family JCC

Volunteer at the Aaron Family JCC:
- Volunteer in the **Gift Shop**. Hours vary. Must be 18+.
- Volunteer at Let’s Get Social **community events**, including summer pool parties. Open to ages 15+.
- Volunteer at **Film Festival** screenings. Open to ages 18+. Includes free tix to screening.
- Volunteer at **Book Fest** programs. Open to ages 18+ includes 1 ticket to the event.

**Other volunteer opportunities become available as needed.** Contact Scot Hart with your areas of interest at 214.239.7123 or shart@jccdallas.org.

### Bnai Zion Foundation

They demonstrate their love for the people of Israel with capital projects that address the needs of all its people with dignity and compassion.

Bnai Zion Foundation is a U.S.-based nonprofit that identifies and funds capital projects in Israel in the areas of healthcare, education, community, seniors, and family across the age spectrum. We were founded as a community of Americans who love Israel. With no political or religious affiliation, Bnai Zion is a home where supporters of Israel from all walks of life can come together to strengthen each other and the people of Israel.

Since 1908, Bnai Zion Foundation has raised funds for over 100 humanitarian projects in Israel that have contributed to the physical, mental, and social well-being of Israeli society. Bnai Zion’s focus on investments in capital projects ensures long-term impact with effects that can be seen across the country. By working with partners on the ground, those who care about the people of Israel are able to help build a safer, more unified society. Over its history, Bnai Zion has developed an extensive network of social services organizations and governmental agencies known for their excellence and social impact. We help ensure a lasting legacy by extending those partnerships over multiple projects and years.

**Volunteer:**
Bnai Zion Foundation offers many meaningful volunteer opportunities, both at our projects in Israel and in communities throughout the United States. Whether you are singing with the children of Ahava Village or visiting Holocaust survivors at the Yuvvalim Center, your trip to Israel will feel that much richer for giving your time. Or, help us strengthen Israel by volunteering in your community by organizing a clothing drive or volunteering at a fundraising event!

### Community Homes for Adults, Inc. (CHAI)

They welcome volunteers who are passionate about the services they provide and the people who benefit from them. The most treasured contribution that a volunteer can provide is one-on-one personal time with residents and clients. **Volunteering for CHAI is not a one-way relationship; it is one in which friendships are cultivated.**

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www.chaidallas.org
**CHAI (cont.)**

**Individuals and Groups:** Volunteers can choose from a wide variety of programs including **holiday parties, special projects (challah baking, arts & crafts), athletic, and social activities.**

**House Projects:** Household projects are always needed. Consider (based on need) **painting, fix-it projects, planting flowers or starting a vegetable garden.** These projects can be done with or without participation from the residents.

Volunteering at CHAI is a great way to **earn Mitzvah and Community Service Hours or just give back to the community**

Minimum age: 12-14 accompanied by an adult or 15+

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## Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

*Anytime*

**Spencer Cronin**
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scrinin@dhhrm.org
www.DHHRM.org

The mission of the **Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum** is to teach the history of the Holocaust and advance human rights to combat prejudice, hatred, and indifference. The Museum has been recognized for its compelling and creative programming, internationally recognized exhibits, and world-class speakers.

With a larger space and expanded programming and exhibitions, **volunteer roles include** Visitor Guide, Gallery Docent, Classroom Volunteer, Dimensions in Testimony Facilitator, and more. Minimum age: 16.

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## Dallas Jewish Historical Society

*Anytime*

**Jessica Schneider**
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info@djhs.org
www.djhs.org

**Dallas Jewish Historical Society** offers community service volunteer opportunities for anyone with an interest in history, genealogy, video production/editing, social media/marketing, website enhancement, information/records management, or museum studies.

**The DJHS Archive** is bursting with primary documents, sound and audiovisual recordings, photographs, and cultural artifacts that illustrate the rich history of the Dallas Jewish Community from the 1800's to today. Volunteers will receive a broad introduction to the archives, and will have the chance to assist on a variety of projects depending on competency and level of interest.

Possible projects include:

**Oral History Volunteers:** Learn to interview local Jewish residents, summarize recordings and help to identify specific topics, themes or genealogical information in the recorded Oral Histories. Assist with converting recordings, transcribing interviews editing to post on web, and inventorying existing collections.

**Social Media/Content Creator** – DJHS is always in need of volunteers to help tell its story. Write about a “Treasure from the Archive,” an interesting interview subject, publicizing events and historical tours or the relevant subject of your choice.

**Community Reference/Genealogy:** Help to create family genealogies for local Jewish families using the community reference collection and to further arrange, scan and describe the community reference materials.

**Event Volunteers:** Hands-on volunteers are always needed to take tickets/money at events, help with the Kosher Chili Cook-off and Israel Independence Day. All are welcome!

**Scanning/Photography Volunteers:** Help us go digital by scanning, editing and documenting the thousands of photos, documents and artifacts in the Dallas Jewish Archive.

This is an exciting, hands-on opportunity to learn more about the history of the Dallas Jewish Community while gaining experience in an archival setting. Come help preserve the past and ensure the future of this amazing collection of cultural treasures. Please contact the office at 214.239.7120 or archivist@djhs.org for information about how to apply.
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<td>Leah Dubrawsky</td>
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<td>SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteer opportunities that fall on specific dates Annual Diaper Shower Drive – Throughout September and October: Stock the JFS Food Pantry with infant to adult diapers, pull ups and wipes for community families in need and help us reach our goal of over 100,000 diapers this year! JFS will accept donations for the Diaper Shower through October 31. “Embrace-a-Family” Gift Program – November and December The Holiday Gift Program has been a long-standing tradition for Jewish Family Service and the community to give gifts to clients over the December holidays. We ask our licensed professional staff to collect wish lists for kids who could benefit from a nice surprise over the holidays. These children may be dealing with hardship, so this act of kindness by volunteers and donors truly makes a positive impact on the children. In order to keep client confidentiality when purchasing gifts, we keep names anonymous, but provide age, gender, and item(s) they wish to receive. Then, on Sunday, December 8 from noon to 2pm, we’ll come together for a wrapping party and cookie decorating! National Hunger and Homelessness Week – November 16-24 If you’re interested in learning about hunger in Dallas during National Hunger and Homelessness Week,</td>
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Jewish Family Service (cont.)

January - March

Klein Internship Program Application goes live in January! We are expanding the internship program to develop a more in-depth and enriching experience regarding the provision of non-profit services. Our program seeks to help teens actualize the concept of social justice and will allow participants to share experiences and learn from one another while developing their personal communication skills as they widen their understanding of the needs of the clients served by each organization. This will serve as the basis for participants to work together on projects that may involve direct service, philanthropy, advocacy, and community organization as they build their own communication and workplace skills. The end of the program will culminate with each intern receiving a certificate reflecting their participation and service to the Dallas community Interns are chosen through a competitive process involving a written application and in-person interview. Students from all Dallas Metroplex high schools are invited to apply at JFSDallas.org/volunteer/internship. Students are selected based on merit—without regard to religion, race, or ethnicity.

Ongoing

ORGANIZE A DRIVE OR MAKE A DONATION: Donations from the community help JFS and our clients in tremendous ways

Birthday Bags
Can you imagine not having the chance to blow out birthday candles or open a present on your birthday? Birthday celebrations are something that many of us may take for granted. Host a collection or go shopping on your own to create birthday bags. Your bags should be complete with birthday candles, cake mix, cupcake pan, cupcake papers, birthday decorations, and a small gift.

Hygiene Kits for the Food Pantry
Food stamps do not cover hygiene or diapering items so with the help of community drives and corporate teams – we are able to provide our clients with what we consider “the basics.” This includes shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, shaving cream, razors, and more. You collect the items and then we have a packing party to put the kits together! We can create them at your location or at JFS main office. The hygiene kits are then put on shelves in the Food Pantry for anyone that may need them.

Can Openers for the Food Pantry
The Food Pantry shelves are stocked high with cans but what if our clients don’t own a can opener? That’s where you come into play! Organize a drive to collect can openers for our Food Pantry client and make sure that they can get all the food that they need and not skip the cans. This opportunity can be paired with a day of stocking the shelves in the Pantry.

Mitzvah Making
Put the Fun in FUNdraising – Make your cents for your skills! Exercise your mind, body and spirit! Have friends or family members give you monetary donations for reading, walking, running, hitting home runs, or shooting baskets...whatever you do best! Have fun while raising funds for programs at Jewish Family Service (medication assistance, food pantry, kosher home delivered meals and more).

Resale Shop Donations
Host a donation drive and make a difference for those on a budget and for those who need our wrap around mental health and social service care. Make a day of it! After collection is over, volunteers can schedule an opportunity to meet at The Resale Shop and help organize and hang clothing donations. For more information about the Resale Shop needs, please visit our website at JFSdallas.org.
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**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Help your organization, business, family, or friends to put themselves into someone else’s shoes**

**The Inclusion Experience**
This is a **hands-on interactive, multi-sensory curriculum** designed for participants to experience the effects of specific disabilities, to help build awareness and to create an environment of empathy. Rotate through 6 simulation stations including Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Hearing Loss, Dyslexia, Speech, and ADHD. If you have a preference, we will try our best to accommodate that. Each station will leave time to discuss how you, as an organization or business, can be inclusive and mindful of special needs.

**The Food Pantry Experience**
The Food Pantry Experience helps people to put themselves in the shoes of a family living at or below the poverty line. Your group will split into “families” and work together to get food for a week with a limited budget, leading us to a discussion about hunger and health for families who are living in poverty. There are two possible versions of the simulation activity. The first, is largely focused on learning the value of a dollar. Your group will walk to Walmart (directly across the street from JFS) and make decisions about what food to buy to feed their family on a limited budget. The second version is focused on what it may feel like for a family needing to use the Food Pantry at JFS. Each “family” will shop in the Pantry as if they were a client coming to JFS for the first time. The cost is $5 per youth participant, 100% of that cost is donated back to JFS.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS: Use your art to brighten someone’s day**

**Create a Card**
Each month and holiday, JFS uses cards to cheer up clients (families and individuals in our food pantry as well as home bound seniors with our meal delivery program). Every card is designed and created by you, our volunteers. Making a card is easy and fun! Whether you’re looking for something to do on a rainy day, or planning an activity for your youth group, all you need is a bit of paper, a few pens, your choice of design medium (no glitter, please!) and a little imagination. An unlimited number of cards can be used.

**Decorate New Brown Grocery Bags for the Pantry**
Artists, be sure to sign your first name! Bags can be brought to the pantry for a tour. **Please, no glitter!** (Appropriate for groups or individuals, especially young children)

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“Anytime” **volunteer opportunities at the Federation:**
Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are encouraged to do their mitzvah hours or fundraising projects for Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. Help Jews in need around the world! B’nai Mitzvahs can either raise funds or donate a portion of their gifts that will touch so many areas of need in our community and around the world. Areas of interest to consider include the following:

**The Needy:** 350,000 American Jews live below the poverty line; another 500,000 live in low-income housing. Federation dollars help provide emergency cash assistance, food programs, low-income housing and job placement assistance.
### Jewish Federation (cont.)

**The Elderly:** A million North American Jews are over 65. The Federation leads all humanitarian networks in providing a complete system of senior care. That includes services that let the elderly stay in their homes; adult day care, Kosher Home Delivered Meals and respite care; assisted living and skilled nursing care all the way through to acute medical and end-of-life care.

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### The Legacy Willow Bend

**The Legacy Willow Bend** - Lifecare Community located in Plano: Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Short-Term Rehabilitation, Long-Term Care, Skilled Nursing

**The Legacy at Home** - Medicare Certified Home Health Care Services, Nurses, Short-Term Rehabilitation, Private Duty Services, Personal Care Assistants

Volunteers enhance the quality of life for seniors in our community and in their homes.

The following volunteer opportunities are available at The Legacy Willow Bend: **Assist with Administrative tasks, Bar and Bat Mitzvah project, Bingo, crafts, general companionship, high school community service hours, mah jongg, manicures, musical performances, outings, popcorn parties, short stories, socials, trivia, word games, and more.** Help with Shabbat services and holiday celebrations. Please call to see how you can help. **Flexible hours and adaptable activities.**

The Legacy at Home:  
**Assist with Administrative tasks, Challah delivery the first Friday of the month.**

For volunteers 21 years & older. The Hospice program needs dedicated volunteers. Special training required.

### The Tycher Library

Located on the 2nd floor of the Aaron Family JCC, needs help from teens and adults in the following areas:  
- Shelving books or assist with other various projects as needed  
- Stuffing envelopes for events and thank you notes  
- Data entry and filing  
Contact Karen Schlosberg. Minimum age: Teens and adults

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### Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger

**MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** is a national nonprofit organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. MAZON, which means “food” in Hebrew, was the first national organization to rally the American Jewish community around the issue of hunger, and remains the only national Jewish organization dedicated exclusively to that same cause.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah students can help raise awareness about hunger and advocate for change:

- **Create a video or book** that portrays the problems that hungry people face, and share your creation with your classmates, family and friends.
- **Coordinate a “Walk to End Hunger”** event in your community and invite all...
of your friends and family to participate.

- **Write a letter on a paper plate** that expresses why hunger is important and why we must do something to end it. Invite your friends and family to do the same. Send your plate(s) to your Congressperson as a plea for him/her to take action on behalf of the hungry people in your community.
- **Write an article for your school newspaper** about the prevalence of hunger and what your peers can do to help address the issue.

**Adults** can:

- **Submit an Op-Ed to your local newspaper** outlining the prevalence of hunger in your community and the steps we should be taking to end it.
- **Lead a MAZON Hunger Seder for Passover**. Encourage a conversation about hunger among guests and provide ways for them to do something to address the issue.
- **Create and lead a Hunger Shabbat for your synagogue** to raise awareness about hunger among your congregation.
- **Like/follow MAZON on social media and promote its messages to friends and family.**
  - Facebook.com/mazonusa
  - twitter.com/mazonusa

Visit mazon.org to get more information about these projects and discover other ways to support MAZON in the fight to end hunger.

| **Ongoing Mitzvah Mavens** | **Mitzvah Mavens: a knitting & crochet group**, a project of Chabad of Plano/Collin County (at this time women only). **You don’t have to be Jewish to join the group.** Knit & crochet items for area hospitals, nursing homes, Jewish Family Service, hospice and VA Hospital of Dallas. Always looking for new projects and new places to deliver. **Ongoing projects:** baby blankets, lap blankets, stuffed animals, burial sacks for stillborns & kimonos, Chemo hats, healing shawls, stuffed animals, trach bibs. **Anyone who can knit or crochet or has the desire to learn these skills is welcome.** Almost anyone can and will be taught to knit or crochet. The group meets every Monday at a house in Plano at 7pm. **Attendance is not necessary** to join. Many members would rather **work at home** and hand in finished work. Minimum age: 12 w/good hand skills & concentration **Collect/donate:** yarn, knitting needles & crochet hooks, stuffing, ribbon or monetary donations made out to Chabad of Plano with Mitzvah Mavens written in the lower left hand corner. |
| **Anytime North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry** | **NACOEJ**, a non-profit organization founded in 1982, is the only major American organization committed solely to the welfare of Ethiopian Jews in Israel and Ethiopia. NACOEJ’s **Mitzvah Projects** offer opportunities for B’nnai Mitzvah students to get to know their underprivileged Ethiopian-Jewish peers in Israel, and help them get ahead in school by raising funds for the **NACOEJ Limudiah Program**, which provides educational assistance and nutritious lunches for Ethiopian elementary school children. Adults celebrating a life event are also invited to create Mitzvah Projects. |
| **Please Visit Me 613** | **Please Visit Me 613**: Volunteer to visit Jewish clientele young or old, bedridden or just homebound who would enjoy some company and sociability. Volunteers visit homes, hospitals, assisted living and rehabilitation facilities. Many volunteers have had personal experiences leading them to want to participate in this project.  
The volunteer ideally has the ability to be patient and understanding and a good listener. There are no required parameters to the visit. It is whatever works and for however long, and however often a schedule allows.  
**To register as a volunteer** please email pleasevisitme613@aol.com with your name, contact information and reputable reference. You can register on behalf of someone who would appreciate a visitor. Minimum age: All ages welcome |
| Monica Ribald | pleasevisitme613@aol.com |

| **Ongoing** | **The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR)** has a special program for B’nai Mitzvahs. Combine the mitzvah of tzedakah with education – be matched with a Christian rescuer which enables the B’nai Mitzvah to learn about an individual who saved Jews during the Holocaust. If you like to knit or crochet check out the JFR Charity Knitting Project started in 2011 for volunteers to make scarves for rescuers (male and female) supported by JFR. Mail completed scarves to: The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous 305 Seventh Avenue New York, New York 10001-6008 JFR will mail the scarves to rescuers. Call or check the website for more information on both projects. |
| The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program (JFR) | 212.727.9955  
jfr@jfr.org  
www.jfr.org |

| **Anytime** | **Vogel Alcove**  
Heather Bradford  
214.368.8686x332  
volunteers@vogelcove.org  
www.vogelcove.org | For over 33 years, **Vogel Alcove** has provided free, quality child development services for Dallas’ youngest victims of poverty: homeless children 6 weeks to 12 years old. Vogel Alcove is the only comprehensive early childhood education program in the City of Dallas whose primary focus is to provide free childcare and case management for children and their families referred by 21 local emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, housing programs and organizations that serve homeless families. Vogel Alcove intervenes with children at this critical time in brain development, providing trauma-informed care that helps to counteract the effects of homelessness and them on a path to success in school.  
Volunteers (adults and youth, ages 13+) can serve in a variety of ways. By giving of their time or talent interacting with the children at our facility, or organizing a donation drive for new children’s clothing (sizes 2t-5t, and up to school aged clothing), diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, or just a monetary donation to Vogel Alcove. Service projects are available for individuals and groups. Please contact Heather Bradford to see what opportunities will work best for you to help families break the cycle of homelessness and hopelessness right here in our community. |
| **Volunteers for Israel** | **Volunteers for Israel**: Since 1982 this non-profit, non-political, non-denominational organization provides aid to Israel through hands-on, civilian work. It is administered in Israel by Sar-El, which arranges work placement of volunteers on IDF facilities. Volunteers come from all 50 states and more than 35 countries. To date, well over 100,000 volunteers have participated and provided the IDF with over 440,000 net man hours per year, work that would otherwise have to be done by soldiers.  
The VFI work program includes: Free accommodations, kosher meals, military work uniforms, lectures and cultural programs, possibly guided trips, adventures of a lifetime, memories of making a difference, and immense personal satisfaction. An IDF “madricha” or group leader coordinates your activities, |
| Jack Solka  
512.527.3799  
Jack@Solka.net | www.vfi-usa.org  
info@vfi-usa.org |
YACHAD-The National Jewish Council for Disabilities

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Dallas Chapter Coordinator
214.663.1650
Rohant@ou.org
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DallasYachad@ou.org

What is INCLUSION?
www.njcd.org

What is TEAM YACHAD?
www.TeamYachad.com

What is SPECIALNEEDS AWARENESS?
www.NAIM.org

YACHAD: Promotes and facilitates the inclusion of all people with disabilities. YACHAD activities provide members with opportunities for personal growth and enriched lives. The ‘inclusive design’ gives the special population their rightful place within the Jewish community, while helping to educate the community about the members’ abilities and strengths. YACHAD is open to children with mild to moderate disabilities, and provides opportunities for Jewish children with special needs to integrate with their “typically functioning” peers.

YACHAD EVENTS: Monthly social activities (1.5 to 2 hours), usually on Sundays. Each event has YACHAD members and their “typically functioning” peers (open to any child 8th-12th grade), both of whom are supervised by advisors (young adults who have training or experience working with children with special needs). Activities include bowling, making care packages, kickball, games, pizza baking, concert and music events, martial arts, zoo and museum trips, experiential Jewish learning, mini-golf, and more! Locations for activities vary from month to month. Orientation is required and done on an individual basis. Minimum age: 8th grade

There are also opportunities for post-high school volunteers to be advisors for the program. They should have training, experience or comfort level to work with children with special needs. Please contact Terri Rohan
Please note that because this newsletter is widely distributed and used in the Metroplex by schools and community organizations, dates of opportunities listed may conflict with Jewish religious holy days. These listings do not constitute a change in Jewish Family Service’s observance of the Jewish religious holy days.

Volunteer Opportunities in the General Community

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<td><strong>Individual Volunteers</strong> At Ability Connection, they utilize volunteers in many different capacities. Being a Connection Ambassador gives you the opportunity to share your time, talents, and energy with people in your community. It is an opportunity for you to help people in need in your community, make new friends, social connections, participate more in your community, and learn job skills and social skills.</td>
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<td><strong>Here are the ways the Connection Ambassadors can help:</strong> <strong>Training Center</strong> At the training centers they utilized Connection Ambassadors with administrative support by filing, making copies, organizing, and with mailings. There are also opportunities to help with facilities assistance, by helping with janitorial work, handyman services, and grounds cleanup. They encourage Connection Ambassadors to interact with members by teaching a special class on art, music, movement, science, tech, gardening, spelling, Spanish, reading, or any other activity that would enrich the lives of their members. Also Connection Ambassadors can come to the training centers to socialize, play games, or help during meal time. <strong>Group Homes</strong> There are 7 group homes that Connection Ambassadors can go to interact with members by having a cookout, planning a Game Night, reading to members, start and/or maintain a veggie garden. There are also opportunities to help with maintenance in the group homes. <strong>Field Trips</strong> Members enjoy going on different adventures in the community. Connection Ambassadors are encouraged to <strong>Special Events Support</strong> There are special events throughout the year that utilize Connection Ambassadors. The three main...</td>
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Ability Connection (cont.)

events are the Black & White Ball, Vine & Dine Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament.

Connection Companion
One of the Connection Ambassador programs is called Connection Companions. The Connection Companions are paired up with one of the members to establish an enriching one on one relationship. The goal is to help members that can be socially and physically isolated to develop relationship with people in the community. The Connection Companion would visit the member in their home, set up fun activities in the community, and stay in regular contact with the member.

Group Volunteer
Ability Connection welcomes and appreciates various groups who come to our training centers and group homes to volunteer with their members. The Volunteer Coordinator can help brainstorm ideas to engage your group in meaningful ways to help our members.

Here are a few examples of how Groups can help:

- Spending time with members at Group Homes or Training Centers
- Game Night or Cookout at Group Homes
- Assisting with Field Trips
- Teach a class on art, music, movement, science, tech, gardening, spelling, Spanish, reading, etc, at the Training Centers
- Painting at Group Homes
- Maintenance of Group Homes or Training Centers
- Administrative Support at the Training Centers

To get started please contact:
Landon Cole at lcole@abilityconnection.org

ACEing Autism Dallas
Adrienne Bransky
Program Director
: 214-901-9010
aceingautismdallas@gmail.com
www.aceingautism.org

Connecting kids thru tennis

ACEing Autism Dallas is a non-profit organization (501c3) that offers weekly tennis lessons to children and adults on the autistic spectrum. Each student works one-on-one with 1-2 volunteer instructors. The program leverages the game of tennis to improve gross and small-motor skills, hand-eye coordination, communications, social skills, and self-esteem. They also run a Special Olympics tennis delegation, ACE10.

Classes are held at the tennis complex on the campus of UTD in Richardson as a result of a joint sponsorship by the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, and the Men’s & Women’s Tennis Team. They run 3 seasons a year (fall, spring and summer). Each season runs approximately 8 weeks long. There are 6 different sessions held each season: 5 to 8 years (8:30am to 9am), 9 to 11 years (9am to 9:50am), 12 to 18 years (10am to 10:50am), Adult A (9am to 9:50am), Adult B...
ACEing Autism Dallas (cont.)

(10am to 10:50am), Special Olympics (9am to 10:25am).

Register to volunteer:
1. Go to http://aceingautism.org/volunteer/
   a. Scroll down to Volunteer Registration
   b. Click Blue Button “Become A Volunteer”
   c. Complete the form:

2. If you are 18 years or older
   go to www.ncsisafe.com
   a. Click on “Start Your Background Screening Now.”
   b. Complete 3 steps:
      i. Enter Self Registration Number: 69266874
      ii. Enter Your Information as Requested
      iii. Provide Legal Authorization and Certification
      It is important when entering your name, that you use your full state ID with name and DOB). Please also verify that your social security number was typed correctly. Using nicknames or failing to type a correct social security number may delay or invalidate your background check.
   3. Receive email notification from national that you are officially registered
   4. Receive email from ACEing Autism Dallas with volunteer instructions (Do NOT register to volunteer until you receive our email)

Anytime

Achieve
(formerly Citizens Development Center)
Diane Jones
djones@achievedfw.org
www.cdcdfallas.org

Achieve exists to empower men and women with disabilities to achieve their highest level of employability. The Center is located in the I-35 and Mockingbird area.

Classroom Instructor: Teach specialized classes, such as arts and crafts, to individuals with developmental disabilities. Assist agency staff in teaching daily living and vocational skills classes. Availability/Time Commitment: weekdays; flexible but prefer 4 hours per week; 1 hour weekly minimum. Minimum age: 16

Employment Buddy: Assist individuals with disabilities find and keep employment - identify job leads, provide emotional support and friendship, and/or provide follow-along support. Time Commitment: flexible. Minimum age: 18

Lunchroom Monitor: Monitor, visit and assist individuals with disabilities during their breaks and lunches – open food or help using snack/drink machines. Availability: weekdays, flexible but prefer minimum 2 hours per day, 1 day per week. Minimum age: 16

Marketing Assistant: Assist marketing staff - obtain leads for contract packaging tasks for work center clients through telephone contacts and internet searches. Work may be done from home or at Achieve facility. Availability: flexible. Minimum age: 18
Allen Community Outreach
Janis Christie
972.727.9131
Janis@acocares.org
www.acocares.org

Allen Community Outreach (ACO) has helped families and individuals in Allen, Fairview and Lucas rebuild their lives through the many programs and services they have provided since 1985.

ACO Food Pantry: Volunteers needed weekdays to sort food donations and stock shelves. For specific dates and times contact Janis Christie.

ACO Resale Shops: Volunteers needed weekdays and Saturdays to sort donated household items, clean, assist sales staff. For specific dates and times contact Janis Christie, Volunteer Services Director, Janis@acocares.org, 972.727.9131

Collect needed items for drives and/or volunteer to help organize and pack donations. For dates and times go to www.acocares.org

All volunteers must complete a volunteer application available online at www.acocares.org.

Under 18 no background check required. Over 18 Criminal Background Check with an $18 fee.

Please see the following requirements for various age levels.

Adults 18 years or Older are required to complete the volunteer application on ACO’s website. All adults are subject to a criminal-only background check or an included motor-vehicle check if you would like to volunteer for Meals-On-Wheels. Background checks are required with no exception. Theft and assault charges are not accepted.

College and High School students may work independently at the ACO Resale Shop and the ACO Food Pantry.

Students 18 years of age and older must complete all parts of the volunteer application and will receive an email clearance

High School Students under the age of 18 must complete part 1 only, and have parent’s consent to volunteer.

Students in Middle School (12-13 years of age) are required to work with a parent and are eligible to work at the ACO Resale Shop, the ACO Food Pantry, and special events or projects. Students may complete only Part 1 of the ACO Volunteer application, parents will need to complete all parts of the application.

Alley’s House
214.824.8700
info@alleyshouse.org

Alley’s House: Alley’s House exists to fully transform the lives of teen moms and their children. Their vision is to break the generational, economic and social impact of teen pregnancy. The Pathway to Independence program includes: counseling,
parenting, financial literacy, job readiness, GED attainment, mentoring and community outreach. In 2018, Alley’s House served 69 low-income teen mothers and their children, provided 164 counseling hours, 241 workshops by staff/partners, and 765 service hours by 72 volunteers.

The following volunteer opportunities are available Tuesday – Friday from 9 AM – 4 PM during the program operation hours.

1) GED Tutoring: Give support by providing one-on-one tutoring to teen moms who are preparing for the GED test. Materials and orientation to tutoring is provided. Subjects include: reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. A minimum of 2-hour weekly commitment requested from Tuesday to Friday, 1pm-3 pm. Retired teachers specialized in math, science, social studies, reading, and language arts are preferred.

2) Childcare: Provide structured educational and entertaining activities to children (average age is 18 months old) in a fun and safe atmosphere. Your help allows teen moms to focus on their studies and participate in the program. Minimum 2-hour weekly commitment. Minimum volunteer age: 16.

3) Workshop Facilitation: Provide hands-on support to program staff include assisting clients in the office with different program activities such as:
   - Workforce Development
   - Financial Literacy
   - Parenting
   - Health and Wellness
   - Personal Enrichment

The following volunteer opportunities have a flexible schedule:

1) Host a donation/wish list drive: This is a great opportunity for your family, civic group or company to show support for a good cause and help teen mothers in need. Alley’s House incentive program allows teen mothers to earn needed items for their children and themselves. Throughout the Pathway to Independence Program, teen mothers “earn” Alley’s House points as they accomplish their goals. Alley’s House points are then used to select items weekly from the Alley’s House Boutique. Due to the size of the Boutique, they are limited in the scope of accepted items. Donations accepted during regular office hours Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM. Please call
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Anytime

Alzheimer’s Association
Dallas & NE Texas Chapter
Kelly Wilmore
214.540.2431
kewilmore@alz.org
https://alz.org/dallasnetexas
24/7 Helpline: 1.800.272.3900

Alzheimer’s Association: The Alzheimer’s Association, the world leader in Alzheimer’s research, offers support and assistance for Dallas & Northeast Texans facing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Ongoing volunteer opportunities:
Minimum age: 18 for all opportunities

Community Educators: The Chapter provides speakers for presentations on various aspects of Alzheimer’s disease. If you have good presentation skills and enjoy speaking to groups, this could be for you!

Early Stage Socialization Volunteer:
Be a host/hostess at an event for those with memory loss and their care partners. Assist the host/hostess with activities and day of event needs.
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<td><strong>Community Ambassador:</strong> Reach out to health care providers, civic organizations, community leaders, business and schools to inform them of the availability of services and opportunities for involvement. Apply by phone, online or email.</td>
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<td><strong>Health Fairs:</strong> Staff a booth, handout information and interact one on one with community members.</td>
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<td><strong>Special Events:</strong> Be on a committee and/or volunteer the day of an event.</td>
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<td><strong>Support Group Facilitator:</strong> Hold meetings to provide emotional support and information sharing for family members and caregivers. A one-year commitment is requested. Apply by phone, online or email.</td>
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**American Red Cross**

**Urgent Need:** Couriers are needed to transport life-saving blood to hospitals and Red Cross centers throughout the region. Red Cross vehicles are provided. Drivers must adhere to all safety policies and procedures. Defensive Driving training is mandatory. Volunteers must hold a valid Texas Driver's License and have a good driving record. Driver shifts vary and are available weekdays, evenings and weekends. Ability to lift and move up to 40 pound containers. Reliable. Minimum age: 21

**Blood Drive Ambassador:** Locations vary. Please plan to volunteer 4-6 hours. Volunteers greet and check-in donors, providing them with required pre-donation information, and assist donors when finishing the donation experience encouraging them to enjoy water, juice and/or snacks while they rest before moving back into their busy schedules. Minimum age: 16 w/parental consent

**Disaster Action Team (DAT) Member:** Locations vary. Will work with a team to respond to local weather related as well as home fires. Training is provided and required. Regular meetings. Need to commit to being on-call 2-3 times monthly. Calls last usually 1 to 4 hours but can be longer. Minimum age: 18 years of age

**Home Fire Campaign Team Member:** Location: Anywhere. Events are scheduled and include installing...
American Red Cross (cont.)

smoke alarms, providing families with life-saving preparedness information and documenting these activities. Commit to participation in one event per quarter, events usually last 5 to 6 hours.

Military Entrance Processing (MEP) Station Site Lead: Location: Dallas, TX. Greet and serve refreshments and offer support and promote Red Cross Services to Armed Forces (SAF) programs to military applicants and their families who are being processed through the Military Processing Station in Dallas. Red Cross SAF programs include Get To Know Us Before You Need Us.

Office Support Volunteer: Location: Dallas, TX. Greet persons entering the local office, determine the nature and purpose of the visit, and direct or escort them to specific destinations. Provide administrative support to Red Cross staff and volunteers. General office duties include answering phones, sort and delivering mail, copy, file and maintain paper or electronic documents, create/edit Word documents and Excel spreadsheets using Microsoft Office.

Volunteer Services Screening Volunteer: Locations: Anywhere. Schedules and conducts volunteer screenings over the phone with prospective volunteers, review volunteer application and position description(s) of positions they are applying for. Asks identifying questions during the interview. Matches volunteers to positions for which they are best suited. Updates online volunteer system with candidate information and makes referrals to positions as requested.

Arthritis Foundation, North Texas Office: Ongoing volunteer help is needed for administrative support, special event planning and execution, patient follow up and building relationships with the healthcare community. Training is provided. Minimum age: 18

Health Care Provider Outreach (HCP) Volunteer: To better serve and connect people living with arthritis to resources in their community, volunteers will assist staff in educating physicians on programs and services offered by the Arthritis Foundation. Must feel comfortable reaching out to medical practices and promoting Arthritis Foundation programs and services. Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Health Fair Volunteer: Creating awareness and understanding about arthritis and the services provided by the Arthritis Foundation can be life changing experience. Health fairs and education presentations provide an opportunity educate and increase support for the 1 in 5 living with arthritis in our communities. Volunteers who enjoy meeting people are needed for community health fairs. Volunteers will provide information about arthritis and programs and services.
### Arthritis Foundation (cont.)

Offered by the Arthritis Foundation to the general public. Must be willing to work weekend fairs and travel within the Metroplex. Orientation provided.

**Event Volunteers:** Assist in the planning and execution of special events throughout the year. Duties will include calling participants, securing new participants, administrative duties, and assisting day of event execution. Times will vary. Must enjoy dealing with the public and is self-directed. Strong skills in MS Office and databases. Orientation provided.  
**Location:** The Arthritis Foundation, 1349 Empire Central, Suite 340, Da TX 75247  
**Contact:** Noemi Velazquez.

#### Upcoming events:

- **December 7th, 2019** Jingle Bell Run-Plano will be held at Granite Park from 8am-1pm. Please visit www.jbr.org/plano to register to volunteer or find out more about this event.

- **December 7th, 2019** Jingle Bell Run-Fort Worth will be held at The Shops at Clearfork from 1pm-6pm. Please visit www.jbr.org/fortworth to register to volunteer or find out more about this event.

For additional event information visit www.arthritis.org/Texas

### Attitudes & Attire

**Anytime**  
**Attitudes & Attire**, located at the World Trade Center (free parking available), is a non-profit agency dedicated to promoting personal growth for women seeking self-sufficiency. The program provides the tools that raise self-esteem, promote ethics and build the confidence necessary to succeed in the workplace.

Volunteers are needed, at the “Dressings”, to assist clients find a work appropriate interview outfit with handbags and accessories. The volunteer and the client shop together to find business attire in the Boutique. The Boutique consists of donations from individuals, department stores, and corporations around the Metroplex. The dressings take place at least twice a week from Feb. - Dec. Individuals and/or organization groups can be scheduled. Minimum age: 18 years  

**Donation Drives:** Organize a suit or accessory drive. Please only donate clean, gently used business appropriate items. Clients need suits, blouses, sleeveless shells, jewelry, scarves, handbags, new or slightly used shoes and new pantyhose. Sizes 4-38

### Back on My Feet

**Dallas Fort Worth Chapter**  
**Emily Johnson**  
972.595.8240  
Emily. Johnson@backonmyfeet.org

**Back on My Feet:** a national 501(c)3 organization that combats homelessness through the power of running, community support, and essential employment and housing resources.

**Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity:** Run, jog, or walk with one of the Dallas teams or become involved
Back on My Feet (cont.)

through non-running volunteer opportunities which include: running gear & inventory donations, special events planning, workforce development assistance (contact Emily for more information on how you can help)

Requirements: An orientation is required to become an ongoing volunteer. To sign up for an upcoming volunteer orientation to run with their teams please visit: https://www.backonmyfeet.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Minimum age: 18 for running opportunities as well as other non-running opportunities.

Events: Workforce Development Day (October 12, 2019), Treadmill Challenge (November or December 2019 - TBD), Annual Breakfast Gala (March 2020-TBD)

Anytime

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas

Contact: Various 1.888.887.BIG(2447) volunteer@bbbsnt.org

www.bbbsnt.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas: Become a Big Brother or Big Sister! The Big Brothers Big Sisters model of mentoring has proven success in creating and nurturing safe and positive relationships that have a direct, measurable and lasting impact on the children served.

Community Based Program - This opportunity matches a Big Brother or Big Sister with a Little Brother or Little Sister. The volunteer and child spend some of their free time together just having fun and making memories. Whether you attend a ball game, spend a day in the park, see a movie, play basketball or do arts and crafts, the time you spend together will make a big difference in the life of a child!

Minimum age: 16, if they have the following:
  a. Valid drivers’ license
  b. Auto insurance in their name and
  c. Reliable transportation to be able to pick up a child at least twice a month

School-Based Program - A Big Brother or Big Sister is matched to a Little Brother or Little Sister in a local school. One hour each week, the volunteer visits the child at school and participates in various activities on the school campus. Activities could include going over homework, watching a track meet, shooting hoops in the gym, eating lunch on the playground or just spending an hour talking.

High School Bigs - High school students can become a Big Brother or Big Sister to children in the community. Volunteer “Bigs” must meet with their “Littles” (Brother or Sister) at least twice a month.

Minimum age: (School or Site Based Program) 16 or at least a Junior in High School (sometimes a Junior can be 15 and can still participate).

Ages: Big Brothers Big Sisters matches volunteers with children from the age of 7 through 14. For the safety of the children and ultimate success of each match, background checks, interviews and training
**Big Brothers Big Sisters (cont.)**

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<th>Required for each volunteer. Please call today to learn more about the many youth mentoring programs. By sharing time with a Little Brother or Little Sister at least twice a month, you can change the life of a child.</th>
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**Anytime - All Ages**

**Binky Patrol**
Comforting Children one “Binky” at a time

Theresa S. Costin
tcostin@sbcglobal.net
www.BinkyPatrol.org

The North Texas Chapter of Binky Patrol is part of the national 501c(3) organization (www.binkypatrol.org) that collects and donates blankets to children in need in our local areas through hospitals, shelters and to individual children in crisis on an as needed basis.

Groups or individuals are invited to make blankets for this organization. The only requirement is that each Binky Patrol blanket be new, handmade, and be free of smoke smells, pet hair, and/or pet dander due to potential allergic reactions. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, quilted or sewn in kid friendly colors and patterns.

See the website (www.BinkyPatrol.org) for easy project instructions and ideas. Blankets of all sizes are needed — suggested sizes are: small/infant — 36”x36”; medium/toddler thru pre-teen - 45”x60”; large/teens — 63”x87”. Finished blankets can be dropped off at designated locations – contact the coordinator for information.

Other volunteer opportunities: web design and maintenance, publicity, fundraising opportunities (space at local craft shows and sales). They are always in need of blanket making supplies. Consult the national website for the wish list and consider doing a collection.

Binky Patrol has 2 Saturday Make-a-Blanket days every month where you can turn in blankets and find out what the group is all about! Make and label blankets, share ideas, promote the mission, and share experiences. You are invited to attend one of our weekend “blanket days” and they hope you can join them soon!

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**GROW** is the exciting new collaboration of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden (FWBG) and the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT). Opportunities include everything incorporating Conserve, Cultivate, Engage, and Explore. There are hands-on outside gardening activities, indoor herbarium conservation tasks, family educational opportunities and even special events. Most opportunities are M-F 8 am to 4 pm and the first Saturday of the month 9 am – noon. There are even some remote options.

Online application is available at BRIT.org on the Get Involved drop down. A 15-hour yearly commitment is required. Please check the website for additional information. If you have questions, please contact Julie Donovan at jdonovan@BRIT.org. Minimum age is 14 for JR volunteers and 18 for adults.

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**Ongoing**

**BRIT (Botanical Research Institute of Texas)**

Julie Donovan
817.546.1846
jdonovan@BRIT.org
www.brit.org
George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum has an ongoing need for volunteers.

Qualifications: Due to the sensitive nature of Presidential materials, all volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and successfully pass a background check and sign a confidentiality agreement. Must be a U.S. Citizen or holder of a permanent resident card/A1 Diplomatic Visa. Make a 1 year commitment. Work at least 4.5 hours per week on a non-paid basis unless serving as a volunteer or docent substitute; able to learn new skills; for some volunteer duties must be able to lift up to 50 pounds; for some duties must be able to stand for long periods of time and climb ladders. Minimum age: 16

Visitor Services Docent: Visitor Services docents work on the museum floor to help orient visitors, answer questions about the museum and as an ambassador to the museum, and ensure that each visitor’s experience is enjoyable. Docents assist the museum education experience through group learning activities, demonstrations, and community outreach programs. Docents in training will serve as ambassadors until they have completed the docent training. Visitor Services docents may have the opportunity to assist in the specialized Education Docent Program. The Education docent will assist the Education Specialist in: presenting curriculum and activities for museum programs, performing scripts for character actors and museum puppet shows; preparing for and presenting programs for students, educators, and community members. Education docents will serve primarily as visitor services docents. Opportunities are also available to work as a docent substitute on an ad hoc schedule.

Volunteers are needed 7 days a week. Monday - Saturday: Mornings (8:30am - 1pm) and Afternoons (12:30pm - 5pm), and Sundays (11:30am - 5pm).

To apply: If you are interested in joining the volunteer program, please complete: the Volunteer Service Application available on the website at bush43library.org.

Please send your completed application packet to Volunteer Program Coordinator George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75205

Please email bush43volunteer@nara.gov with any questions or concerns.
C. C. Young: A senior living and care community located in East Dallas near White Rock Lake that provides residential care from independent living to skilled nursing. C. C. Young is located off of Mockingbird and Northwest Highway at 4847 West Lawther Drive, Dallas, Texas.

Ongoing opportunities:

Administrative/Office Helpers: They are looking for volunteers who like to work in an office environment to help them stay organized with a variety of tasks.

Computer Instructors: There is an immediate need for individuals to teach introduction to computers on their campus. There is a course outline that includes handouts for the volunteers who would like to teach. They also have a need for volunteers to teach a variety of computer classes including iPhone, excel, and other basic computer courses.

Birthday Parties: Groups will host a monthly birthday party for residents on campus in assisted living and the health center. Volunteer groups will plan the event including cake/cupcakes, entertainment (singing, games, etc.), cards, and small gifts (lotion, tissues, non-food products). Parties will be held once a month for all residents and a list of birthday residents will be provided with a head count.

Musicians: Individuals and groups who have a musical talent are encouraged to bring their special gift to residents and perform concerts in the health center, memory care, or assisted living buildings. Performances may be scheduled daily (no evenings please) in advance.

Front Desk: Shifts are available Monday – Friday from 9am. to 12pm. and 12pm. to 4pm. Greeting residents and guest as well as providing directions to visitors. Answering the phone and special projects.

Hospice: Volunteers are needed in the hospice program. Visitation with patients and families, telephone bereavement contact of the survivors, and clerical duties are available. Orientation and training is mandatory prior to your first day of service.

Groups: They offer a variety of volunteer experiences that can be coordinated for both civic, community, and corporate volunteers for small, medium, or large size groups. Scouting, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and school community projects are also available.

Note: The minimum age to volunteer without an adult is 16 years or older. Families are encouraged to volunteer together. Volunteer opportunities are designed to provide residents with friendly socialization and life enrichment experiences. Orientation and training is required for all new volunteers. Please contact the C. C. Young Manager of Volunteer and Transportation Experience at 214.841.2988 for more details about how you can help. They offer flexible schedules and volunteer opportunities to enrich both the lives of volunteers and residents alike. You may register to become a volunteer by visiting the CC
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<td><strong>April Culver</strong></td>
<td><strong>Children's Medical Center Dallas:</strong> Work directly with patients, provide customer service, or support the hospital staff in a variety of ways. Days, weekends, and evenings. Please visit <a href="https://www.childrens.com/get-involved/volunteer">https://www.childrens.com/get-involved/volunteer</a> for more information about volunteering. Each individual must watch the online Information session, submit an application, and complete online training and a video interview. After being accepted into the program, attend a Welcome Session and complete a health form. Each volunteer must commit to 3-4 hours weekly commitment and 50 hours and purchase a uniform.</td>
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<td>214.351.3353</td>
<td><strong>Children's offers a summer student program at the Dallas location. Minimum age:16+</strong></td>
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|---------------------------------------| **Fundraise for the Bear Hugs Program**, which provides a special comfort bear to each patient having surgery at Children’s Plano. |
| **Children’s Medical Center Plano**   | **Collect** new small items (mini potato heads, polly pockets, stickers, bouncy balls, etc.) as prizes for children who have undergone invasive procedures. Please contact Barbara Green. **Collect** brand new toys |
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| **Children's Medical Center Plano** (cont.) | to be used for the playroom, brand new toys to be used for birthdays or special events. Gift cards to local stores (Target, Toys R Us, and Barnes & Noble) are also appreciated.  
**Limited adult volunteer openings** are available in the following areas: Surgery Services, Child Life (Inpatient and Outpatient), Family Resource Library, Guest Relations, and various Outpatient Clinics. Volunteer shifts are during the daytime (8am-5pm), Mon.–Fri. Please contact Barbara Green.  
Minimum age: 18 |
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| **City House** | **City House** was founded 30 years ago by two Plano ISD school teachers, Nancy Boyd and Kay Goodman, sadly inspired by several of their students who were living out of their cars and lockers. In 1988, City House opened its doors. What began as a six-bed shelter has grown into four shelters with 42-beds, a multi-faceted agency that provides residential and non-residential services to more than 550 children, young adults and their families each year. City House has an emergency shelter for children ages newborn to 17, and a Transitional Living Program for homeless young adults ages 18 to 21, with TLP homes in Plano. The organization also works closely with local schools as part of its outreach program, providing free counseling to youth or families who need it, getting in front of family conflict in the home before it becomes a homeless or runaway situation. The mission of City House is to provide emergency shelter and transitional residential services to children and young adults who are in need due to abuse, neglect or homelessness. They serve all of North Texas.  
Volunteers needed for everything from hands-on work with young residents, administrative, meal providers, event support and more. Volunteers must attend a volunteer orientation, as well as get a TB test due to state regulations  
Minimum age: 18 (but there are some select opportunities for young people around City House events)  
Send inquiries on volunteering to:  
GetInvolved@CityHouse.org.  
For more information on City House and how you can help, visit www.cityhouse.org. |
| **City of Dallas**  
**Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs** | The **Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs** (WCIA) promotes the economic, civic and social engagement of immigrants and refugees residing in Dallas.  
**Citizenship Workshop:** Volunteers assist immigrants and refugees to apply for U.S. citizenship at large scale citizenship workshops. Tasks include application completion, crowd direction, room set up and take down and other logistics assignments. |
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<td><strong>City of Plano VIP Program:</strong> Please visit the website for a listing of ongoing and event volunteer opportunities and to sign up online at <a href="http://www.VolunteersInPlano.org">www.VolunteersInPlano.org</a>. <strong>Special Events:</strong> Parades, sporting event, plays, concerts, community garden work days, city clean-ups, and conventions. Volunteers from 14 years+ assist with <strong>tickets, information</strong> distribution, <strong>run booths</strong>, <strong>seat patrons</strong> and more. <strong>Animal Shelter - Socialize with the animals, walk the dogs, love them, keep cages tidy, and encourage your friends to adopt.</strong> Clerical help is also available. Must be at least 18 years of age. Orientation and training required and commit for 6 months. For more information contact Corina Sadler. <strong>Animal Shelter Projects for Youth:</strong> If you are interested in animal shelter projects, contact Debbie New directly. <strong>Kitty Fort Project!</strong> Kitty Forts are a craft project for school or scout groups, family get-togethers or a birthday or holiday activity. Kitty forts help keep the cats and kittens happy and alleviate stress while they...</td>
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Your local library

Your local library

await new homes. They’re bright and colorful, and made from simple cardboard boxes.

Kitty Forts

- Create a comforting environment that carries the cat’s scent
- Can be enhanced with dangling toys to add to their enjoyment
- Can go with the kitty to his or her new home, providing comfort during the transition

How to do it:

- Select a cardboard box with these approximate dimensions: 12”x12”x12”
- Note: “Big box” stores often provide free boxes near the cash registers
- Cut out a large opening for the front side (ask an adult for assistance)
- Cover the box in construction paper, butcher block paper or mailing paper
- Use only nontoxic school glue
- Decorate your kitty forts with ink stamps or small stickers
- You can attach macramé cord or yarn for interest, but please do not use string

Deliver your craft items to the shelter at 4028 W. Plano Parkway, Plano 75093. Call 972.769.4360 for information. Schedule a Pet Safety and Responsibility Class and get a tour of the shelter.

Book Smart - If you or your organization would like to organize a book collection to help the Plano libraries stock up for the annual book sale. Sort book donations. (Please contact your local library prior to bringing the books.)

Adopt-A-Park, Highway, or Creek: Businesses and organizations can get involved through the adoption programs. Make an impact by keeping the city beautiful and improving the city. To sign up online visit: www.volunteersinplano.gov

Adaptive Recreation: Volunteers beginning at 14 years old can help children with special needs in leisure activities. Volunteers interact with participants in social settings and activities including arts and crafts, games, bowling, and more. A one-time orientation is required. Review openings and sign up online at www.VolunteersInPlano.org, you will then be contacted with further information. Minimum age: 14

Community Garden Work Parties: The City’s Sustainability & Environmental services department has 2 community gardens that are used to grow vegetables to donate to a Plano food pantry and to serve as outdoor education. Volunteers starting at 13 years old are utilized to work the garden and keep it going through the seasons. Sign up online at www.volunteersinplano.gov. Minimum age: 13
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<td><strong>College Internship:</strong> Interns volunteer throughout the year and utilize their skills while they learn more about leadership. <strong>Applications are accepted throughout the year.</strong> All internships are unpaid. Candidates are responsible for coordinating with their respective schools/institutions to receive class credit if applicable. Send an email and a copy of your resume to Corina Sadler with your area of interest to check availability. The office would be happy to work with your college to find places for students in different departments. <strong>How do I sign up?</strong> Review opportunities online at <a href="http://www.volunteersinplano.org">www.volunteersinplano.org</a>, click on your area of interest, then on sign up and set up a profile. You will receive an email back shortly.</td>
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<td>Kristen Rice Jackson 214.729.2499 <a href="mailto:Kristen@colormeempowered.org">Kristen@colormeempowered.org</a> <a href="http://www.colormeempowered.org">www.colormeempowered.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Color Me Empowered</strong> provides programming that empowers children and neglected communities through the implementation of civic art. At any given time, there are between 3-6 art education programs running throughout the city - most of which are after-school programs. There are volunteer opportunities <strong>Monday-Friday 3pm - 6pm</strong> at various locations for college students and adults. There are occasional Saturday opportunities and those vary in time and place depending on where they're installing, but these times are open to people of all ages and families are strongly encouraged to participate. <strong>Saturday opportunities</strong> will be advertised on the website’s volunteer calendar: <a href="http://www.colormeempowered.org">www.colormeempowered.org</a> All volunteers should be prepared to work with a variety of art supplies such as paint, glue, clay, etc. For more information, contact Kristen. Also, sign up for their email list on the website for the most current volunteer information.</td>
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<td>Dallas Arboretum</td>
<td>Rachel Crawford 214.515.6561 <a href="mailto:volunteers@dallasarboretum.org">volunteers@dallasarboretum.org</a> <a href="http://www.dallasarboretum.org">www.dallasarboretum.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Dallas Arboretum:</strong> Open 362 days a year from 9am-5pm with numerous volunteer opportunities: Minimum age: 14 for all volunteer opportunities <strong>Children’s Garden Gallery host, Garden Greeters and Special Events.</strong> Shifts are available 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm, 7 days a week throughout the year. <strong>Children’s Garden Gallery Host:</strong> With over 17 interactive galleries and hands-on exhibits they are in need of many volunteers to help and engage guests in the Children’s Garden. 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm, 7 days a week <strong>Garden Greeters:</strong> Volunteers engage with guests by welcoming them to garden, pass out maps, and help direct or locate where guests want to go in the garden. 11am-3pm Mon-Fri, 9:30am-1pm or 1pm-4:30pm Sat. &amp; Sun.</td>
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| Dallas Arboretum (cont.) | Special Events:  
| Oct. 28 and 29 | Goblins in the Garden: 5pm-8:30pm, assist with an  
| Nov. 13-Dec. 29 | afterhours Trick-or-Treat event held for garden  
| Jan. 2020 | members. Shifts include dressing up in costume and  
| | passing out candy.  

**12 Days at Night Gazebo Host:** shifts are  
Wednesday-Sunday nights, 5:30 – 9pm, be a direct  
liaison for guests at the 12 Days of Christmas gazebos.  
Be friendly and interact with the guests. Offer to take  
pics with their phones or cameras.  

**January opportunities:** Volunteer in the regular areas,  
such as the information booth, tram drivers, membership  
table. Apply and go through the specific training.

| Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) | Dallas CASA: Originally founded by the Greater Dallas  
| Anytime | section of the National Council of Jewish Women,  
| | Dallas CASA provides trained and supervised  
| | community volunteers to serve as the eyes and ears of  
| | the court for children living in foster care because they  
| | aren’t safe at home.  
| | Volunteers complete 30 hours of classroom training in  
| | addition to courtroom observations before being sworn  
in as a court-appointed special advocate for children.  
| | From its founding in 1980 with a handful of volunteers,  
| | Dallas CASA has grown to serve 3,332 Dallas children  
in 2018.  
| | For many abused children living in foster care, their  
| | CASA volunteer is the one constant, caring adult  
during a frightening time in their lives. Volunteers must  
| | be 21 and pass a background check.  
| | To apply, the first step is to attend an information  
| | session. You can sign up for information sessions  
online at dallascasa.org. After attending an information  
| | session, the staff will send the application.  
| | They ask for a minimum of a year commitment from  
| | volunteers. The amount of hours per month is 5-20,  
| | including travel, emails and phone calls. Most of that  
| | time is self-scheduled..  

| Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center | Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center: Make a  
| Ongoing | Difference in the Lives of Abused Children. Play a  
| | game, read a book, or color a picture! At Dallas  
| | Children’s Advocacy Center, it is their goal to provide a  
| | safe, warm and fun environment for all of the children  
| | entering the building.  
| | The Playroom Volunteers help provide hope and  
| | healing to the children they serve. They engage in  
| | activities (puzzles, coloring, reading, board games)  
| | with children while they are waiting for an interview or  
| | therapy session. In addition, they assist the Volunteer  
| | Coordinator with organization of the Clothes Closet or  
| | other administrative duties if there are no children in  

| Sarah Smith |  
| Volunteer Recruitment and Outreach Manager |  
| 214.827.8961 |  
| ssmith@dallascasa.org |  
| www.dallascasa.org |  

| Jenna Sampson |  
| 214.818.2605 |  
| jsampson@dcac.org |  
| or volunteer@dcac.org |  
| www.dcac.org |
| DCAC (cont.) | the waiting areas. Must complete at least two 3 hour shifts per month. Complete an application online, attend a Volunteer Orientation + Childcare Training, background checks are required. Minimum age: 18  
Contact: Jenna Sampson at jsampson@dcac.org or volunteer@dcac.org for more information  

Serve a meal at DCAC  
Provide and/or serve a meal to the families visiting us for services in the evening. Opportunities are available on varying weekdays at 5PM. Minimum age: 13 with parent present, 18 without supervision. Background checks required for adults.  

Host a Drive for DCAC  
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center's (DCAC) Clothes Closet provides children and families with many urgently needed items including clothing, toiletries and toys. The community plays a vital role in helping support families through their time at DCAC by organizing and hosting drives for needed items. Make a collection or donate the following:  
Baby Items: wipes, diapers (size 5 & 6), baby wash, lotion, bottles, pacifiers.  
Other Items:  
- New toys and activities for girls & boys (ages 0-17)  
- New undergarments for girls & boys (ages 3-17)  
- New t-shirts & athletic shorts for girls & boys (3-17)  
- Store gift cards: Target, Walmart, Payless Shoes:  
If you're interested in hosting a drive to benefit DCAC's Clothes Closet, please contact Jenna Sampson.  

| Weekends | Dallas Children's Theater. On weekends volunteer ushers are needed to take tickets, distribute programs, direct patrons to their seats, help with concessions and clean up after the show. DCT performances are held at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts. Volunteer hours on weekends vary according to each show and season but are typically Fridays 6:30pm-9:30pm; and Saturdays & Sundays 12:30pm-3:30pm & 3:30pm-6:30pm. Remember all volunteer ushers get to watch the show for free!  
Dress Code for boys includes dark or black dress pants and a solid white collared shirt. Girls can wear any combination of black and white clothes, but please no thin straps, low cut tops, or shorts/skirts above the knee.  
Volunteer training: provided by a House Manager prior to each performance. This will ensure that volunteer training is show specific. Minimum age: 13 (parents who prefer to accompany their child must purchase a ticket for the show). For a schedule of DCT’s 19-20 season please contact Wanda Roberson (emails are preferred) to register and become a volunteer.  

Weekends Dallas Children's Theater  
Wanda Roberson  
214.978.0110x169  
wanda.roberston@dct.org  
www.dct.org  
www.dct.org/support us
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<td>Michelle Metzger</td>
<td><strong>Office Help</strong> SPARK! needs some office help</td>
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<td>214.421.4500x1</td>
<td><strong>Frequency:</strong> Daily, prefer a committed schedule either weekly or monthly. Hours: 9-5pm (willing to work with individual schedules). The fast paced, extremely creative environment is ever growing and changing. Basic responsibilities are:</td>
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<td>● Answer or refer inquiries to correct person</td>
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<td>● Become knowledgeable about SPARK!</td>
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Dallas Spark! (cont.)

SPARK! Plugs, a docent program

SPARK! Plugs help engage visitors in exploring SPARK! through their understanding of the history, current installations and future home plans. SPARK! Plugs will interact with visitors on weekends and during special events. They look for a high level of enthusiasm and initiative in the SPARK! Plugs, interest in and/or knowledge of the arts or arts education. Great communication and strong customer service skills. For ages 18+

Weekend and Holiday Volunteers:

**Frequency:** The 1st, 4th and 5th weekends and most holidays.

Help monitor the unique Climb, Crawl, Slide Sculpture, learn and share their mission and vision with visitors. This is a great way to get any service hours needed for school! Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

There are 2 shifts available each day:

- **Saturday Volunteer shifts 10am-4pm**
  - Shift 1: 9:45am - 1:45pm
  - Shift 2: 1:00pm - 4:30pm
- **Sunday volunteer shifts noon-5pm**
  - Shift 1: 11:45am - 2:45pm
  - Shift 2: 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Volunteer orientations are required and several different options are available. Please visit the website for all upcoming volunteer orientations, opportunities, including special events. Go to: http://sparkdallas.org/volunteer/ for up-to-date needs.

Wish list items to keep programming costs low::

- Paper towels
- Bottled water
- Individually packaged snacks
- Clear plastic storage bins of all sizes
- Glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- Erasers
- Crayola watercolor paints
- Artist paint brush packs
- Watercolor paper
- White card stock paper
- Bottles of acrylic paint
- Masking tape rolls
- Black sharpies
- Colored sharpies
- Elmer’s school glue
- Bottles of Modge Podge
- Packs of canvas boards 8x10
- Hot glue sticks (wide)
- Hand soap
- Reams of copy paper

Gift cards to Office Max, Staples, Sam’s, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Michaels and Hobby Lobby.

For an updated Wish List, please visit http://sparkdallas.org/donate-goods/

Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot

**Courtney Rayburn**
469.276.8379

crayburn@ymcadallas.org

www.thetrot.com

www.ymcadallas.org

The 52nd Annual Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot will take place on Thursday, November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, 9:00 am at Dallas City Hall. Join over 2,000 volunteers to help friends and family celebrate “Dallas’ Way to Begin Thanksgiving Day”.

**Before Race Day:** Packet Pick Up @ various locations throughout Dallas (Locations will be announced on the website shortly) on November 23 - 27. Register race participants and distribute packets. Shifts are available 10am until 7pm, 2hrs-3hrs per shift.
### Turkey Trot (cont.)

**Race Day:** On Nov. 28th volunteers are needed for: Pre-race registration, Course monitor, Start/Finish line, Water stops, Refreshment area, Family tent, Clean-up crew. Shifts are available starting at 6am until 1pm.

To volunteer, visit the website and sign up online at https://www.ymcadallas.org/turkeytrot/volunteer

Minimum age: Under 16 must have adult supervision, scout or other groups with kids under 13 should have a ratio of 1:5 adult supervision.

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### DeGolyer Library/SMU

**DeGolyer Library/SMU:** The DeGolyer Library at SMU is seeking cookbooks, including those from companies, congregations and community groups, for their early American cookbook collection. If you are wondering what to do with your grandmother’s cookbook with her hand written recipes written on the fly leaf or even on ruled paper inserted into the book, contact Russell Martin. The DeGolyer Library will provide a home for the cookbooks and recipes where researchers, students on assignment and professors can access them. If you have books to donate or have leads to cookbooks, please call. Collecting cookbooks for the DeGolyer is a great inter-generational project.

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### DFW International Airport Volunteer Ambassador Program

**DFW International Airport Volunteer Ambassador Program**

Adults can volunteer for the DFW Airport Ambassador Program. The Airport is looking for new volunteers for the 5 Terminals as well as other locations throughout the airport. They will answer questions, give directions and assist customers as they move throughout the airport.

Flexible hours. Ambassadors work a minimum of 4 hours, once a week. Shifts are available seven days a week from 6am to 9pm. Training, a uniform, as well as free parking is provided while the volunteer is performing the service. Interested individuals should call or log on to the Airport’s website www dfwairport com and click on: Ambassador Volunteers. Minimum age: 18

Please call for exact dates for the next orientation and training sessions. They are particularly looking for volunteers 18 and over who wish to help travelers in the terminals.

The DFW Navigator Program is for young people between 15 and 18 years of age. They volunteer to work two 4-hour shifts a month for six months or two semesters. The Navigators work on board the Airport’s internal train system (SkyLink) and on the train platforms helping the traveling public find their way around the Airport aboard the train system. They direct customers to Airport restaurants, shops and services. All hours that the volunteers work are recorded and can be used for Community service hours needed to meet school graduation requirements. Call 972.973.7018 for more information. Minimum age: 15
DME Exchange of Dallas
Betty Hersey
214.997.3639
bherseydmeexchange@gmail.com
www.dfwdmeexchange.org

DME Exchange is a nonprofit agency that collects, restores and distributes durable medical equipment bringing relief and hope to thousands of patients in need. There is no charge for the equipment for those who qualify for services and they currently service all of Dallas County.

One time or ongoing:
Clerical Assistance: Light receptionist duties, Make copies, shred documents, data entry and mailings, count and record inventory. Call Mary to apply. Flexible schedule available.
Medical Equipment Preparer: Looking for someone to help clean and refurbish medical equipment.
Translators: Looking for people to help translate (English/Spanish). This would be using a home or cell phone, and the schedule would vary. Looking for someone who would have availability anytime M-F, 9-5.

Minimum age: 16, must be accompanied by an adult under 18

Donate/Collect: Walkers, wheelchairs, canes, shower chairs etc, as well as hospital beds and electric wheelchairs. Call Betty to make arrangements for getting the equipment to the agency. Minimum age: none

Equest
Ellie Wellford Grant
972.412.1099x211
Mobile: 214.538.5393
egrant@equest.org
www.equest.org

Equest at the Texas Horse Park
811 Pemberton Hill Road, Building #4
Dallas, Texas 75217
(near Lake June and 175 south of downtown
Not far from I-20, the Audubon, and the new Byron Nelson)

Equest: Humans – Horses - Hope. . The Mission of Equest is to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with diverse needs by partnering with horses to bring hope and healing through equine assisted activities and therapies.
Equest provides therapeutic horseback riding, physical and occupational hippotherapy, therapeutic carriage driving, counseling and equine facilitated mental and emotional health sessions, education and more to children, adults, and veterans and their families, facing all types of disabilities, learning differences, emotional difficulties and other challenges.
You will help adults and children with special needs, disabilities, learning differences, emotional and other challenges to ride or work with horses, thus building core strength, balance, muscle control, confidence, self-esteem and more.
Volunteers prepare the horses for class and follow the directions of the class instructor, which may involve leading the horse, side walking, and giving moral support. Arrive 1 hour prior to class to assist with grooming and saddling horses. No experience necessary. Times available are morning, afternoon and evening, depending on the day of the week:
Mondays: barn help, lessons and carriage driving in the morning, lessons for veterans and their family members in the late afternoon (3:30pm-5:30pm) and evening (6pm-8pm) and barn help (special on the job training available for driving)
Tuesdays -Fridays:
Administrative Help:
Alyssa Lancaster, Receptionist
alancaster@equest.org
972.412.1099, ext. 225

Martha Johnson, Finance
mjohnson@equest.org
972.412.1099, x 201

Amanda Fastle, Registrar
afastle@equest.org, 972.412.1099, x209

Christine Volkmer, Development and Events
cvolkmer@equest.org, 972.412.1099, x227

CJ Bankhead, Communications and Marketing
cjbankhead@equest.org, 972.412.1099, x228

Barn Help and Facilities Work
Mon.-Fri. especially mornings

Bobby Valdez
bvaldez@equest.org
972.412.1099x226

Saturdays and Sundays:
Carol Chamberlin
cchamberlin@equest.org
972.412.1099

mornings, afternoon and evenings; Saturdays:
mornings and afternoons
Minimum age: 14 and up for working in the program; 12 and up with accompanying adult for Barn Help.

The Equest barn is at the Texas Horse Park, south of downtown at 811 Pemberton Hill Rd. Dallas, TX 75217, near Lake June and 175, approximately 10-15 minutes from Downtown Dallas.

Training and application including liability release, emergency medical consent, photo release, consent for a criminal background check, and confidentiality and social media agreements are required from every volunteer. Program Volunteers are also asked to complete a class selection registration form. Training flyer, application, handbook, direction and forms are available online at www.equest.org. Please look on the main Volunteer page and also the drop down menu from that page under Application for your forms and current session registration. Please also study the Volunteer Handbook available as a link on the main volunteer page and watch the 20 minute training video also on the volunteer page of the website at www.equest.org.

Classes run weekly, Monday-Saturdays (Sunday is barn work only) mornings, afternoons and evenings. Barn work daily in the mornings.
Please get your application from the website at www.equest.org and contact Ellie Grant to get started at the Dallas location at the Texas Horse Park.

On the job training required to volunteer in the barn or office. Please complete an application and let staff know when you are coming.

Office Help: Please ask for the dept. you wish to work in as listed at left. Daily help needed: greet guests and visitors, answer phones, data entry, file, and inventory, prepare for special events, and various other office projects.

Self-scheduled Barn Helpers: Help any day of the week with barn chores - mucking, feeding, watering, sweeping, cleaning and general maintenance. Class registration form not needed, but must complete the other forms and attend training. Volunteering in the barn may be self-scheduled once you are trained in the mornings between 7:00am and 3:00pm. Most helpful if you arrive no later than 9:00am. Barn helpers must be at least 12 years of age and, if under 14, accompanied by an adult until confirmed in the Junior Program.

Barn helper volunteer positions available daily (mornings and early afternoons) year round.
Report: Monday-Friday
Bobby Valdez bvaldez@equest.org, 972.41.1099, x226
Weekends, Carol Chamberlin
cchamberlin@equest.org

Please call 972.412.1099, or email to let the appropriate staff member know you are coming.
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**Frisco Family Services:** There are various ways you can become part of Frisco Family Services’ mission to help members of the community who are facing hunger, homelessness and other urgent needs to improve their quality of life and achieve self-sufficiency. They are the only food pantry in Frisco and a non-profit organization helping those in need in Frisco and Frisco ISD.

**Corporate and Organization** team building opportunities also available.

**Ongoing volunteer opportunities for Food Pantry:**
- **Drivers** - Volunteers assist with picking up donations and bringing them to the food pantry for processing and **volunteers** at the food pantry accepting donations, sorting and stocking food and assisting clients, preparing weekend meal bags for clients or adopting a shelf committing to donate one or more of the items listed on the website.

**Ongoing volunteer opportunities for Frisco Resale Store:** Processing donations of new and gently used clothes, home goods, electronics, books, etc. Drivers and driver assistants. Merchandising, cashier assistant and customer service, assisting Resale staff.

**Little Hands** - created especially for our youngest volunteers - Toys for Resale, Birthday Theme boxes, Summer Lemonade Stands, Holiday Stocking Stuffing Seasonal Events - our Thanksgiving, Holiday, and Back to School programs.

This and more available at http://bttr.im/bk1xp

Sign up today, create a profile for all age volunteers, ages 16 and older attend an orientation, ages 18 and older complete a background check and you are on your way. All this and more available at http://bttr.im/bk1xpur website.
### Genesis Women’s Shelter & Support

**Lottie Price**  
214.389.7701 (direct)  
214.389.7700 (main number)  
lprice@genesisshelter.org

To sign up please visit the website  
www.genesisshelter.org

**Genesis Women’s Shelter**

All volunteers complete a volunteer application, background check and attend an orientation.

**To sign up log onto www.genesisshelter.org/get-involved/volunteer.** After completing forms, sign up for an orientation. Please contact Lottie for help or information.

All volunteers must be 15 and older, anyone over 18 must complete a background check.

Younger volunteers are encouraged to collect donations for Genesis; toiletries (children’s shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash), gently used clothing or snacks are just a few examples. These things make a day brighter for our kiddos, having items of their very own.

**Group Volunteer Projects:** Available to groups of 8-10 people. A few examples are; preparing and serving a meal at the emergency shelter, a Saturday morning breakfast for shelter families, household chores (light cleaning, wiping walls, blinds, baseboards), helping staff in kitchen preparing snack bags for families and cleaning kitchen. These projects will be arranged through Lottie Price, Volunteer Manager.

**Donation Drives** are essential for Genesis to provide for all of the needs of our families. Organizing a drive to collect new, full size toiletries, diapers (size 5 & 6), over the counter drugs for children and adults, new clothing for children and moms. Gently used clothing may be collected and taken directly to our Benefit Store. Our clients are able to shop the store with our voucher system. Please contact Mackenzie Duncan, mduncan@genesisshelter.org, if you have any questions regarding a drive.

**Court Partnership:** Volunteers monitor proceedings in Dallas County Protective Order Court. Hours of court are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30-3:30. This can be split into two shifts, morning and afternoon. Volunteers are minimum of 18 years of age. Please contact Lottie Price for further information.

**Genesis PAL Fun Club:** Located at the counseling center, 4411 Lemmon Ave. Suite 201, Dallas, 75219, volunteers are needed to play, read and encourage our young children while moms attend counseling. Two hour shifts Monday through Friday 9-9. All volunteers are 15 or older. An additional orientation is available for those interested in helping with child care.

### Ongoing

**Girls Inc. of Metropolitan Dallas**

**Sherri Cook**  
214.654.4554

The mission of **Girls Inc. of Metropolitan Dallas** is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Volunteers can choose one of the three different campuses in the heart of Dallas – Oak Cliff, South Dallas, and Love Field. Criminal background check required.
### Girls Inc (cont.)

The following are available:

**Mentors:** Work with a small group of girls to provide assistance with homework, standardized testing preparation, and to provide ongoing support and encouragement to their mentee. No special skills are required. You must only have a willingness to encourage and support your mentee, and to serve as a positive role model and friend. In order to be a mentor, you must be dependable and consistent in meeting time commitments. Minimum age: 18+ and female.

**Homework Assistants:** Give support by providing homework assistance to girls ages 6-12, individually and in groups. Monday-Thursday 3:30-4:30pm at all campuses during the school year. Minimum age: 18+ and female.

**Literacy Leaders:** Share your love of reading with a small group of 4-6 girls on a weekly basis. Monday-Thursday 3:30-4:30pm at all campuses during the school year. Minimum age: 18+ and female.

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### GRACE

GRACE located in Grapevine demonstrates compassion for those less fortunate by providing assistance to individuals and families in crisis and guidance toward self-sufficiency.

Volunteer: New volunteers are asked to complete orientation before they begin at GRACE. At orientation, the volunteer manager will go over all sites, program, volunteer needs, and policies. After that, the volunteer can make a decision as to what programs they would like to sign up to volunteer for. Orientation dates can be found on the website by visiting GRACEGrapevine.org or by emailing Volunteer@GRACEGrapevine.org (Sarah Armand)

Minimum age: 18, under 14/with adult for selected projects

Opportunity Areas: check website for more details

**Client Services:** client intake, provide assistance, teach

**Transitional Housing:** decorate/paint, client aides, treats

**Community Clinic:** Medical/Dental professionals, data specialists, front office, Spanish translators

**Food Pantry:** weekly shifts, holidays, sort after drive

**Community Garden:** upkeep, watering, harvest

**Clothing Room:** sort, label, fill orders

**Feed Our Kids:** Summer lunch program

**Christmas Cottage:** decorate, help clients, donate gifts

**GRACEful BUYS:** assist at Resale Shops in Grapevine or Euless

**Donation Station:** sorting, floral designing, testing electronics
**GRACE (cont.)**

Volunteer inquiries, including individuals and groups all go to Volunteer@GRACEGrapevine.org (Alicia Fike)

Events, drives, and third party all go to Events@GRACEGrapevine.org (Melissa Maraki)

Any inquiries about tours, fairs, or presentations go to Info@GRACEGrapevine.org (Lara Hohweiler)

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**Organize a drive to donate needed items such as:**

- diapers, hygiene items, seeds and plants, over the counter meds, food, clothing, toys, gift cards.

Please check with Alicia for the current needs.

**Special Events:** GRACE has numerous fundraising events throughout the year including the annual Poker Tournament, Twilight Golf Tournament, and the GRACE Gala. Additional information can be provided by emailing Events@GRACEgrapevine.org or call Melissa Maraki 817.305.4672.

Contact Lara Hohweiler for tours, fairs or presentations at info@GRACEgrapevine.org, 8817.305.4653

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**Highland Springs – Fountain View Continuing Care**

Natalee Johnson – Program Manager
Natalee.johnson@erickson.com
972-656-3504

Headquartered in Plano, **HDNBC** has facilities in both Plano and Garland TX. HDNBC provides services to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence. The volunteer opportunities listed below are available at both the Garland and Plano locations.

**Anytime:**

- Organize a drive and collect items from an "urgent needs list". Examples of needed items are household cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, dish soap, antibacterial spray cleaners such as 409, etc.), toilet paper, paper towels, shower curtain insert (heavy duty vinyl), decorative shower curtains, dish towels, cleaning sponges, bath towels and wash cloths, used or new cell phones, heavy duty vinyl mattress covers and pillow protectors, gift cards from Target or Wal-Mart (used to purchase work uniforms and hard to fit sizes for clients) twin bedding. Email Beth for the most up-to-date list, information and instructions. **No minimum age, does not require volunteer application, orientation, or background check.**

**Weekdays:**

- Outreach office needs: childcare, organize incoming donations in food pantry (perfect for a small group), provide administrative and front desk support to staff. Assist the education department as needed for presentations and events. Minimum age: 16 unless accompanied by parent/guardian. Volunteer application and background check is required.

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**Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center (HDNBC)**

Plano and Garland Contact:
Beth Leos
972.422.2911
bleos@hdnbc.org

www.HDNBC.org

Plano Office
860 F Avenue, Suite 100
Plano, TX 75074

Garland Office
218 N. 10th St.
Garland, TX 75040

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**HDNBC (cont.)**

- **Social Media assistant to help with Pinterest, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts to promote events, activities, resale store specials, and other timely news.**
- **Facilities assistance:** Work with the facilities coordinator to make minor repairs and grounds keeping of the buildings. This work can be indoor and outdoor. No special/trade experience required but is helpful. Minimum age: 18.
- **Children’s Activities:** Thursday evenings at the Garland Outreach, volunteers support staff by playing with and entertaining children while their parents attend counseling or life skills classes. Minimum age: 16 unless accompanied by parent/guardian. Volunteer application and background check is required.
- **During Store Business Hours:** Help sort/hang donations or help customers at HDNBC’s resale shop in Plano at 2129 W. Parker Rd. Ste. 300. Accept, sort and stock donations, provide customer service, clean and other duties to support the store. Minimum age: 16 unless accompanied by parent/guardian.
- **As needed:** Special Events as they occur throughout the year. Volunteers may help prepare for the event, help clean up after the event, check in guests/participants, decorate, and assist event staff as needed. Minimum age: 18
- Volunteers must complete an application and orientation before being placed in any volunteer position except a donation drive. Background checks are required for anyone 18 years of age or older. To print the application and complete the online background check, please go to: www.hopesdoorinc.org/volunteer.

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**Hope Supply Co.:** Meets the critical needs of homeless children in North Texas. Help support Hope Supply Co. by becoming involved in one of the volunteer activities or starting a drive!

**Hope In A Box:** Prepare a shoe box, wrapped or decorated and filled with small items a child would love to have on their birthday. Or prepare a box that is filled with everyday needs like soap, shampoo, or a toothbrush. Visit [www.hopesupplyco.org/files/u2/HSCHygieneBoxa](http://www.hopesupplyco.org/files/u2/HSCHygieneBoxa).

**Year-Round volunteer opportunities:**

- **Diaper Drives:** Support North Texas homeless children by starting a diaper drive. Hope Supply Co. distributes around 55,000 diapers and pull-ups per week. We can provide you with a donation bin and flyers to start your drive! Drives are great for schools, community groups, and corporate groups.

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**Anytime**

**Hope Supply Co.**
(formerly Captain Hope’s Kids)

- Kelly McKinnon
  - Director of Programs
  - 214.630.5765x318
  - kelly@hopesupplyco.org
- [www.hopesupplyco.org](http://www.hopesupplyco.org)
- On Facebook & Twitter

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Hope Supply Co. (cont.)

http://hopesupplyco.org/ndBirthdayBox.pdf to learn more about the Hope in a Box program.

**Warehouse volunteers:** Perfect for: Individuals, Families, and Groups; ages 10 and up. Warehouse volunteers sort, count, and label items such as clothing, school supplies, or toys. To sign up as an individual or small group visit the sign up link: http://hopesupplyco.org/volunteer-signup. Please provide ages of all group members when completing the signup form. For groups larger than 12 contact Kelly McKinnon directly at 214-630-5765x318 or kelly@hopesupplyco.org to make arrangements.

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<td><strong>Hunger Busters</strong> provides a much-needed third meal of the day to food-insecure children. Volunteers work in their West Dallas kitchen, making thousands of sandwiches and boxed meals each week for hungry students in Dallas schools to take home for dinner. Individuals, small/large groups, and all ages and abilities are welcome. Sunday: 10am-12pm, 1-3pm &amp; 3-5pm. Monday - Thursday 10am-12pm, 2:30pm-4:30pm. <strong>Please call or email before coming to the kitchen at 3116 Sylvan Ave, Dallas 75212. Volunteers typically work in 2 hour shifts, Sunday –Thursday between 9am-5pm. Hunger Busters needs volunteers year-round with brief closings during DISD holidays. Community service credit available for schools, clubs, etc. Together we are “Feeding Kids, Fueling Futures”.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue</strong> is a wildlife sanctuary, specializing in the rescue of exotic cats. They currently provide a permanent, loving home to over 70 big cats, including lions, tigers, cheetahs, cougars, leopards, servals, bobcats and lynx. They also assist in the rehabilitation and relocation of native wild feline species, and strive to educate the public about the issues facing exotic cats, both in the wild and in captivity. **There are both regular, on-going volunteering positions available, and short-term, service hours available as well. <strong>Regular on-going volunteers</strong> assist with all areas of the sanctuary, including animal-care, cleaning enclosures, feeding animals, preparing diets, giving tours, working in the Visitor Center, general repair and construction, etc. To discuss joining the regular volunteer team, please e-mail Chemyn Reaney. <strong>Those who would like to do a short-term volunteer job</strong> for service hours can help with special projects, preparing animal diets, repair and construction jobs, grounds maintenance, office work, general cleaning, etc. <strong>To schedule service hours, please call Michelle Young at 469.364.0925. Minimum age: 18</strong></td>
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Jonathan's Place

Danielle Blanco
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dblanco@kednet.org
www.jpkids.org

Jonathan's Place provides a safe place, loving homes, and promising futures for abused and neglected children, teens, and young adults. For the past 27 years Jonathan's Place has cared for over 4,700 abused, abandoned and neglected children. The emergency shelter, girl's residential therapeutic program, foster care and adoption program, Safe Place and transitional living program are created to address the vital needs of children ages newborn to 18, who have no one to support their growth, development and transitions through life. Jonathan's Place is devoted to giving every child that comes through the doors a safe place, a loving home and a promising future by offering a continuum of care to abused children. Child abuse has no set time, date, season or reason. Jonathan's Place is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to children in crisis that need a home, food, clothing, medical care, safety and love.

Direct care volunteers work directly with the staff in caring for the children. Depending on the time of day, that could be anything from helping to prepare meals, serving/feeding the younger kids, helping school-age children prepare for school or with homework, helping with night time routines or being a playmate. While the JP staff provide exceptional care for each child, volunteers allow each child to get more personal attention.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to help with administrative tasks or provide meals for the kids! Volunteers can be involved through other avenues, such as organizing supply or food drives, coordinating a fundraiser, working on various projects around the campus or in the donation warehouse or assisting with their many events! They are flexible, so be creative and let them know what you come up with.

To get started, fill out the volunteer application on the JP website at www.jpkids.org. Volunteers must attend an orientation, submit to and pass a background check and have a TB test. Minimum age: 18

Jubilee Park & Community Center

Evelyn Amaya
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Volunteer@jubileecenter.org
www.jubileecenter.org
facebook.com/jubileecenterdallas

Jubilee Park & Community Center: The mission of Jubilee is to be a catalyst for comprehensive, community revitalization and enrichment in Southeast Dallas.

Jeanie's Place – Assist the Early Head Start School with care and activities to infants and toddlers, ages newborn through three years old. The year round program asks volunteers to commit to one week, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Reading at David's Place Head Start- volunteers are needed between 9am to 11am. Volunteer readers will
### Jubilee Center (cont.)

**School year**  
be reading to children 3-5 year olds during the school year.

Mentor and read with a student through O.M. Roberts' program, Book Buddies. The program is Mon-Fri from 8:30-2:30 with a time commitment of 30 minutes, twice a week, during the school year.

**After-School Program:** Volunteers in the Out of School Time (OST) Program serve as classroom assistants or tutors.  
Jubilee expanded the after school program to the local elementary school, O.M. Roberts. Volunteers and tutors are needed to help in this location in addition to the community center. The OST Program is at the Community Center (917 Bank Street) and O.M. Roberts Elementary School (4919 E. Grand) Monday – Friday (3:15pm – 6:15pm) during the DISD school year. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least 6 weeks or a semester. This is a great volunteer opportunity for high school students. Minimum age: 14

**Senior Lunch:** Volunteers assist with Senior lunch and learn activities to area senior citizens. This program is held every Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 12:30pm. Volunteers are asked to commit to assisting at least one day per week for a six-month commitment.  
Minimum age: 14

**Sports Program** – Jubilee’s youth athletics program is run through a partnership with the White Rock YMCA. The year round program includes soccer and basketball. Coaches and assistants are needed to help with practices and games.  
**Soccer and Basketball coaches** are needed during the year. Please contact Evelyn Amaya, Volunteer Coordinator at 214.887.1364 x259 or volunteer@jubileecenter.org.

Monthly and Special Events can be viewed on the website.

### Juliette Fowler Communities

**Volunteer Program**  
volunteer@fowlercommunities.org  
214.827.0813  
www.fowlercommunities.org

**Juliette Fowler Communities:** Founded in 1892, Juliette Fowler Communities serves more than 500 seniors, children, youth and their families annually at its historic East Dallas location. Named for Dallas’ first female philanthropist, Juliette Peak Fowler, services include independent and assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation, as well as foster care and a transitional living program for young women who have aged out of foster care (The Ebby House).

Individuals and groups are welcome to bring their talents to Fowler. With multiple residential programs for older adults and youth, and 25 park-like acres to beautify, you can select a fulfilling volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule and preferences. Opportunities include:

- Entertain: concert, drama, poetry, dance
**Juliette Fowler (cont.)**

- Share your skills: swimming, yoga, computer, art
- Lead a discussion group: book review, current events
- Speak on a topic of choice: health, history, science
- Host a monthly birthday party or help with seasonal celebrations
- Be a Grand Friend
- Adopt a Garden
- Paint Projects
- Wash Windows

Minimum age: 15, Under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

All volunteers must complete a volunteer application and pass a background check. Regular volunteers spending time with seniors must provide proof of a current flu shot and TB test.

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**KERA**

Sharon Bradford  
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volunteer@kera.org  
www.kera.org

**KERA: Joining the KERA Volunteer Team is a great way to support North Texas Public Broadcasting, meet new people, and have fun! Explore and sign up for upcoming opportunities at www.kera.org/donate/volunteer.**

Minimum age: 18 for most opportunities, but qualified volunteers who are at least 16 years of age will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### Membership Services

Help steward the members who support KERA and KXT by volunteering in our Membership Services office.

1. Fold letters and stuff envelopes
2. Shifts are available Tuesday-Friday, between 9am-2pm
3. Opportunities can be one-time or ongoing

### Radio On-Air Membership Campaigns

Help grow the community of members who support the programs and local news coverage on KERA FM – volunteer during our October radio membership campaign. (Minimum age is 18)

1. Volunteers answer phones and take donations
2. Breakfast or lunch will be served, depending on the shift
3. Group opportunities are available
4. Training provided

### Dates & Shifts

| October 2-4 | 7-11 a.m. or 3-7 p.m. |
| October 5 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 12-3 p.m. |
| October 10-11 | 7-11 a.m. or 3-7 p.m. |

### Special Events

KERA organizes and participates in a variety of community events where volunteers are called upon to lend a hand and represent the Station by sharing information and engaging with the public.

**October 12** Daniel Tiger Be My Neighbor Day (at Lone Star Park) Children will learn the importance of community-focused kindness and sharing by taking part in a variety of service projects benefiting local
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<td><strong>Fall Semester</strong>: September-December (12 weeks) Volunteer to teach English to non-English speaking adults. Co-teach one two-hour class each week for 12 weeks in the morning (9:00-11:00 am), afternoon (12:30-2:30 pm) or evening (7:00-8:45 pm) classes Monday through Thursday. Minimum age: 18</td>
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<td>Lynette Williams Austin Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator 214.265.5057x114 <a href="mailto:lwaustin@LiteracyAchieves.org">lwaustin@LiteracyAchieves.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Volunteer opportunities are available</strong>: Vickery Meadow Campus, 6329 Ridgecrest, Dallas, TX 75231 West Dallas Campus, 1018 Gallagher, Dallas, TX 75212 ELM East Dallas Campus, 629 N. Peak, Dallas, TX 75246</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.LiteracyAchieves.org">www.LiteracyAchieves.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Additional volunteers needed for</strong>: computer lab, photography, office help, tutoring, mentoring, substituting, registrations, recognitions and other special events.</td>
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| Linda Johnson 214.824.2000x3202 Linda.johnson@lift-texas.org | **Volunteer Opportunities**:
Volunteer Teacher/Assistant (18 and older) Volunteers are needed to teach and assist students in LIFT’s three adult literacy programs. No prior teaching experience is required; LIFT provides training. Volunteer teachers must commit to a minimum of two hours per week for three months and be 18 years of age or older. |
| www.lift-texas.org Facebook: /LIFTDallas Twitter: @LIFTDallas Instagram: lift_dallas | **Anytime** |
| **MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) North Texas Affiliate** | The mission of **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)** is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking. |
| | Volunteers are the lifeblood of MADD—full of passion and compassion for their mission. Join the army of |
ordinary citizens who’ve become extraordinary activists in saving lives and preventing injuries.

Whether you’re interested in volunteering a couple of times a year or a couple of times a week, there’s a place for you at MADD. And they have a wide variety of opportunities listed below to match your interests and expertise.

Log on to the website to begin your volunteer journey!

**Victim Impact Panels:** Panels are composed of 3-4 victims of drunk-driving crashes who speak to court ordered offenders about the impact the crash has had on their lives. Volunteers can help with check in and registration. Contact Chaz Moncriffe for times, locations and dates. Proper ID required.

Minimum age: 18

**Power of Youth presenters:** Volunteers can get trained to go out to schools and present on behalf of MADD. POY is a power point presentation that goes over the dangers of underage drinking. Minimum age: HS age

**Power of Parent presenters:** Volunteers can get trained to do presentation to parents, educating them on the importance of speaking to their kids about underage drinking.

Minimum age: 21+

**Community Outreach Volunteer:** Distribute informational literature, including victim materials, bumper stickers and other pertinent materials at community events, fairs and conventions. Weekdays and/or weekends.

Minimum age: 16, under 18 must be accompanied by adult and have parent or guardian sign a waiver.

**Graphic artist/Computer graphics** person needed to design posters, brochures, mailings.

Minimum age: 16 and have parent or guardian sign a waiver.

**Hispanic Outreach:** Bilingual volunteers are needed to develop educational programs relevant to the Hispanic community, translate materials from English to Spanish and public speaking.

Minimum age: 18

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**Manchester Place**

Great volunteer opportunities for families and B’nai Mitzvah and/or scout projects at 4 residential assisted living facilities:

- 7109 Spring Valley, Dallas 75240
- 10754 St. Michael, Dallas, 75230
- 1438 Tranquilla, Dallas 75218
- 7701 Queensferry Lane, Dallas 75248.

Volunteers can assist with crafts, computer help for residents, bingo, music, games, conversation and more. Flexible hours and adaptable for all ages.
### ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship

Sarah Dobbsins  
sdobbins@manegait.org  
469.422.6376  
www.manegait.org

At ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship children and adults with disabilities move beyond their boundaries through the healing power of the horse and the dedication of a professional and caring community.

ManeGait provides weekly therapeutic riding lessons to 135 adults and children with physical, emotional, cognitive, sensory and behavioral disabilities. Certified instructors lead the program with the assistance of 350 volunteers (per week) and 20 skilled therapy horses. Riding a horse provides a multi-dimensional movement pattern similar to the human gait. This motion influences the rider’s body leading to increased flexibility, core strength, motor skills and intellectual functioning. What makes equine therapy unique is that it does not feel like traditional occupational, physical, or speech therapy to clients. Horseback riding is an exciting and rewarding sport, and ManeGait provides a fun, enriching, and supportive environment for riders to reach their potential. Minimum age: 14.

All volunteers who participate in lessons working with the horses and riders are required to attend training. They hold a training prior to the beginning of each session.

**Email Sarah for the next scheduled training date.** If you are interested in volunteering, suggest you sign up early since volunteer spots fill up quickly. To volunteer at ManeGait, please complete a Volunteer Application at: https://formstack.io/034E1. Or call Sarah Dobbsins.

They have Special Events throughout the year. Volunteers for these events do not need to have attended training.

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### Metrocrest Services

Brittni Coe  
Volunteer Manager  
469.317.2541  
bcoe@metrocrestservices.org  
www.metrocrestservices.org

**Anytime**

**Metrocrest Services:** Provides programs for individuals, families and seniors that lead to self-sufficiency and foster independence in Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, Farmers Branch and the portion of Dallas in Denton County. Individual and group projects include: food pantry, Metrocrest ReSale store and seasonal programs, including Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs. Limited opportunities for individuals under age 16; however, families are encouraged to consider seasonal programs.

**Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:** Food pantry volunteers assist clients in shopping our client choice food pantry. In between visitors volunteer help restock shelves. Shifts are available Monday – Friday either 8am-1pm, 10am-2pm, or 12pm-5pm. Shift times can be adjusted if you are unable to attend the entire shift.

**Seasonal Volunteers Needed:** Seasonal volunteers assist with sorting, packing or distributing food boxes, or toys and other holiday items. Volunteers can sign up for one shift or multiple. Shifts are available weekdays, evenings, and weekends. Age restrictions vary depending on activity.
Metrocrest (cont.)

A great opportunity to meet the members of the community you help by participating! Also a family friendly activity as we have a week of all ages volunteer shifts.

**Resale Store**

 Volunteers assist clients to shop in store, receive, sort and process donated items received by the store, may involve lifting of items of 25 lbs. or more.

Available Shifts: Monday – Saturday 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, or 5pm-7pm. Metrocrest Resale’s sales generate proceeds to support critical social services programs offered to the community.

Store is located in the Bent Tree Plaza, 2661 Midway Rd. Suite 207 Carrollton, TX 75006

**To register as a volunteer** please complete an online application and attend a tour of the facility. To complete the online application please visit the website and click on Volunteer.

Minimum age: 13, younger than 18 must be accompanied by adult.

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**Anytime**

**Mosaic**

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972.866.9989
cate.carroll@mosaicinfo.org

www.mosaicindallas.org

facebook.com/mosaicindallas

*Mosaic*: Helps children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities reach their full potential and live as independently as possible.

**Weekend Volunteers** are needed in group homes in Richardson, Carrollton and Plano from 10am-7pm on Saturdays and from 1pm-6:30pm on Sundays. Volunteers are needed to be an extra pair of hands, to do arts & crafts projects, gardening and other one on one and group activities.

Must be 18 unless with an adult or group (with a signed Parental Permission Slip.)

**Weekday Volunteers** are needed in the Day Habilitation Center located at 2105 Luna Road Suite 320 in Carrollton. Volunteers are needed to assist with job training, arts and crafts, exercise and music classes and going out in the community. This opportunity is available Mon-Fri from 9am-3pm (in any 2 or more hour shifts).

Must be 18 unless with an adult or group (with a signed Parental Permission Slip.)

**Landscaping Maintenance** is needed at the group homes in Carrollton, Richardson and Plano. Volunteers are needed to help with gardening, weeding, trimming bushes, cutting trees, cleaning gutters and raking leaves.

**Birthday Bash** – Join Mosaic and host a Birthday Bash for adults who have developmental disabilities. Location can be at Mosaic in Carrollton (during business hours), or at a location of your choice. Birthday Hosts provide refreshments and party games, music or dancing for approximately 30 people. Host Churches are always welcome.
Host a H.U.G.S Drive – Host a drive to collect Hygiene items, Utility (cleaning) supplies, Get creative items (arts & crafts) and Sheets (bedding & towels) for the group homes.

Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Project – fence building and other projects are available for Scouts interested in projects to fulfill their requirements for Eagle Scout or Girl Scout badges.

Join MAVS – Share your voice. Advocate for Mosaic and individuals with intellectual disabilities by contacting local or federal legislators. Go to www.mosaicalliedvoices.org and click on “Sign Up Here” to join. For minimal time you will be making a MAXIMUM impact in the lives of those Mosaic serves and others throughout Texas and the U.S.

Ongoing

Mosaic Family Services
Michelle Wood
214.821.5393x275
volunteer@mosaicservices.org
and/or
michellew@mosaicservices.org
www.mosaicservices.org

Mosaic Family Services: a nonprofit community-based organization in Dallas that provides services free of charge to refugees and to victims of human trafficking and domestic violence from North Texas and all over the world.

All volunteers must complete an application (available on the website), attend an orientation and pass a criminal background check. https://mosaicservices.org/what-you-can-do/volunteer/ For additional information call or email Michelle Wood. Minimum age: Usually 17 and up are appropriate at Mosaic House (the emergency shelter for women and children) although depending on the event, younger children may come if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Volunteers are needed to help in the children’s program, teach classes (ESL, finances, computer, yoga, etc) to residents on a weekly basis, or do maintenance projects.

The Transitional Housing Program always needs support on Wednesday evening either helping with the Children’s Program or teaching adult classes for personal finance and other life skills.

At the main office, volunteers assist case managers, aid fundraising efforts and special events, or provide clerical help.

The Network of Community Ministries
Wendy Rivera
972.234.8880x126
wrivera@thenetwork.org
www.thenetwork.org

The Network of Community Ministries responds to human need by giving assistance with the goal of helping individuals achieve long-term independence. Network is in need of compassionate and dedicated volunteers that are willing to serve our neighbors in need. Opportunities are available for volunteers interested in serving on a weekly shift, for groups and organizations, and for individuals who have a little extra time to donate here and there. Network has an opportunity for volunteers at all different stages of life.
The Network (cont.)

to assist in the program area that best matches their
skills, personality, and passions.

Volunteer Orientation (including a tour of the facilities
and application process) is hosted at Network every
Thursday at 4PM for interested individual volunteers.
Orientation typically lasts around one hour and no
appointments are required. If you are unable to attend
or are interested in volunteering as a group, please call
the Volunteer Coordinator at (972) 234-8880 ext.126 or
email her at wrivera@thenetwork.org
Minimum age: 14 (with adult supervision) and 16
(without adult supervision).

MAIN VOLUNTEER AREAS:
Volunteer Receptionist: Are you great with people?
Would you like to support an organization which helps
people in need within the Community? Become a
receptionist with Network of Community Ministries.
Receptionists are the face of Network for clients.
Volunteers in this area are critical to Network. They
greet clients, make appointments and the first face
seen when someone enters Network.
Volunteer Interviewer: Process incoming clients by
conducting one-on-one interviews. Every person
Network supports goes through an interview process
before receiving assistance. Network is able to offer
assistance and hope. Ideal candidates are comfortable
interfacing directly with clients, discussing finances &
using a computer to access & update client files.

Food Room Volunteer: Food Pantry Volunteers will
assist clients through the selection process in the new
Self-Select Food Pantry and assist in processing and
sorting new donations. Network's Food Pantry support
local families and seniors by providing food to thei
neighbors in need. Each month, Network provides
families with approximately 40 to 50 thousand pounds
of food and personal care items per person to combat
food insecurity. Food is also provided to seniors on site
and through home delivery.

Clothing Closet Volunteer: Network's Clothing Center
provides free clothing to impoverished families for all
adults and children residing in a household up to 4
times over a period of 12 months. Parents and children
will have the opportunity to select their own free
clothing. Whether it's for an interview, a new job or a
new school outfit, clients are able find what they need.
Volunteers in the clothing closet accept and sort
donations, wash donated clothing, and assist families
with finding and checking out their choices.

Job Resource Center Assistant: Assist the Job
Counselor in providing career counseling and outreach
to Network clients.

Seniors’ Net Volunteer: Help seniors maintain their
dignity and independence by volunteering with Seniors’
Net. Volunteers process incoming clients by conducting
The Network (cont.)

one-on-one interviews, discuss Seniors’ Net programs with clients, promote and refer other programs, accurately input client data, produce detailed work orders and refer clients to other agencies where possible.

Volunteer Handyman/Handywoman: The Network Handymen offer support & assistance to older residents to help them maintain or improve their independence and quality of life. From cleaning gutters and changing light-bulbs to assisting with minor repairs around the property, the assistance the handymen provide help to local seniors to maintain their homes, and their dignity.

Volunteer Driver: Do you drive a SUV or a Truck? Would you like to help provide food for Families and Seniors in need? Become a food pickup driver for Network. Network has partnered with many local grocery stores and churches that donate food and personal care products to the food pantry. Volunteer drivers pick up donations from partner agencies and bring them to Network each week. This opportunity is an easy way to contribute to your neighbor’s needs and support Network in the process.

Data Entry/Administrative Support Volunteer: Work with Network staff behind the scenes to support their neighbors in need. Assist with office work, data entry, special events, outreach, finance and more!

Seasonal Volunteers: Seasonal volunteers assist with the organization and implementation of all seasonal client programs (Toyland Express, Tools 4 School, Holiday Baskets, and the Tooth Fairy Project) and fundraisers on an as needed basis.

Group Opportunities: Network needs groups every week to help sort clothing, food and other donations coming in so they can continue to serve the low-income families and seniors in the community. Groups can volunteer any amount of time and can come in once, quarterly, monthly or weekly; whatever works best for you!

National Night Out: Each year, the Richardson Police Department collects food donations on National Night Out from the various block parties. Volunteers are needed to processes this donation the following day.

Date & Time: October 2nd @ 9am-12pm/ 12pm-3pm/3pm-6pm

Activity: Help sort through the food donated to date check and stock in food pantry

Holiday Baskets – Each year, Network gives holiday baskets to our seniors that might not otherwise receive anything for the holidays. Network deliver the boxes to the senior’s homes.

Packing: Nov. 13th 1pm-3pm & Dec. 11th & 12th 1pm-3pm (Packing will take place at different location-
The Network (cont.)

Community Christian Church at 1300 Holly Drive in Richardson.

**Delivery:** Delivery November 16th 9:00am & Delivery December 14th at 9:00AM (to deliver there must be 2 people per car)

**Gift Wrapping:** Needing to wrap 1,000 gifts for RISD PK children

**Date & Time:** Nov 16th@ 9am-12pm

**Supplies Needed:** Please bring your own tape and scissors.

**Activity:** Help wrap gifts.

**Toyland Express**

**Opportunity 1 (multiple days)**

**Date & Time:** November 4th - December 20th (Mon-Thru three hour shifts 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-12pm) Ally Tuesday’s are already booked.

**Activity:** Responsible for running Toyland: wrapping gifts and assisting clients to shop for toys, and checking out the toys. **Must have 4 people per group.**

**Opportunity 2 (multiple days)**

**Date & Time:** December 2nd-20th (Mon-Thru three hour shifts 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-12pm)

**Activity:** Help process in donated toys.

**Opportunity 3 (multiple days)**

**Date & Time:** December 30th – January 10th (Mon-Thru three hour shifts 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-12pm)

**Activity:** Help process in donated toys and close out Toyland.

**Donations Needed by Month/Season:**

**October:** Seniors' Net Holiday Baskets

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, Network provides 200 low-income seniors with a holiday meal box (including a turkey or ham), a bag of full-sized hygiene products, and a gift bag for each senior in the household. Each year we look for donors who are interested in hosting ham/turkey drives (a list of other needed food items available upon request), hygiene drives, or gift drives (for little things like puzzle books, warm socks, note pads, coloring books, crayons/color pencils, small throw blankets, etc.).

**November-December:** Toys

In November, Toyland Express opens to families in need of holiday toy assistance. In our toy warehouse, parents are allotted Santa Bucks and can “shop” for Christmas gifts for their children. Donations should be unwrapped and for children ages 0-12. “Angel Tree” angels and a list of suggested toys are available upon request.

**December-February:** Winter Coats/Jackets:

As the weather cools down, Network is always in desperate need of new or used winter apparel (coats, scarves, hats, gloves) for all ages/genders.
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<td><strong>Food:</strong> Network is always in need of canned meat, pasta sauce, canned fruit, jelly, baking essentials (such as flour, sugar, and cooking oil) and baby food</td>
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<td><strong>Hygiene Products:</strong> Did you know families can’t purchase hygiene products or paper products with food stamps? These expensive items (such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, etc.) are rarely donated but always in high demand</td>
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**North Texas Food Bank**

To close the hunger gap in North Texas by providing access to nutritious meals.

http://www.ntfb.org/volunteer

Find them on Facebook
North Texas Food Bank

Follow them on Twitter: @ntfb

Anytime

### Create your own schedule
1. Visit http://ntfb.volunteerhub.com/events/index
2. Register as a volunteer.
3. Sign up for an experience.

**Distribution Center: We moved!** Sort and pack food at the new Perot Family Campus in Plano! Perfect for individuals and groups up to 100 people; age 8+.

Tuesdays - Saturdays: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** Perfect for individuals and groups up to 15 people; age 16+. Join rain or shine as they work outdoors to feed families in need. Volunteers assist with crowd control, greeting clients, bagging food and cleaning up. Shifts are usually 3 hours long and take place in various locations across North Texas

**Nutrition Services:** Perfect for individuals and groups of various size; age requirements vary. Join the fight against hunger by teaching a Cooking Matters class, distributing food assistance materials, translating nutrition workshops or by helping a local garden.

**Special Events:** Perfect for individuals and groups of various sizes; age requirements vary. NTFB benefits from hundreds of community events every year. Volunteer needs vary and can include duties such as setting up, registration, bag check, crowd control, merchandise sales, manning a booth, refreshments, greeting guests, tear down, etc. Come and be part of the festivities.

**School Pantry:** Perfect for individuals and groups up to 10 people; age 16+. During the school year, they deliver shelf-stable food and produce to partner elementary schools on a monthly basis. Extra hands are needed to help carry 30-60 pounds of food to the cars of hungry families. Volunteers must pass a background check

Enter Jewish Family Service as your referral partner agency.
Volunteer = credit for JFS
Volunteering at Parkland Hospital: When you volunteer with Parkland Hospital, you become part of a team that’s been providing valuable health services to Dallas County residents for more than a century. As a volunteer, your actions help meet their commitment to serve patients. Volunteering at Parkland is a rewarding opportunity that matches caring people with services that provide comfort to the patients and their families who come to Parkland. They enthusiastically welcome individuals of all backgrounds and abilities who wish to volunteer.

Minimum age: 16, 18 in some areas

How Volunteers Help Parkland: There are opportunities to volunteer in many different areas of the hospital. Volunteers provide important services, so they make every attempt to match interests, skills, and availability with hospital needs. You can volunteer in one of the following areas:
- Hospital Support
- Clinic Administrative Support
- Greeters
- Wayfinders
- Staff Support
- Community Support
- Specialty Programs

Applying to Volunteer: For the safety of patients, all applicants will be asked to submit an online application and must meet certain qualifications. These qualifications include a background check, submission of personal references, and criminal background check. Prospective volunteers must also attend a hospital and department orientation. If you would like to volunteer at Parkland, please visit the website at www.ParklandHospital.com. Click the Get Involved tab and then the volunteer hyperlink to complete an online application.

Donate New Items (handmade or purchased):
Slippers, pillows, quilts, robes, infant items, stuffed animals and dolls are always appreciated by patients. Any item that has been used cannot be accepted.

Prepare “Hygiene Kits” for Parkland’s Homeless and Indigent Patients: Gather an assortment of sample size toiletry items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, etc. (no razors), and put in zipper bag. Minimum age: none

Help turn a bare apartment into a happy home.

Small groups are needed to set up apartments for women and children who have been homeless.

This is a perfect opportunity for families and friends to volunteer together – collecting needed household items such as lamps, pictures, kitchen utensils, pots & pans, bed sheets, comforters, towels, etc. and then setting up an apartment with them.
**PediPlace** provides primary pediatric healthcare to uninsured and Medicaid / CHIP eligible children throughout North Texas. Full-time, part-time and occasional volunteers are needed. Contact them to see how you can best help. Minimum age for in-office activities is 16.

**Stay Warm – Stay Healthy:** Many PediPlace patients do not have proper coats, hats, and gloves to stay warm during the winter months. Organizing a collection drive or simply donating new winter items for patients will help keep kids warm, comfortable, and healthy throughout the fall and winter. Minimum age: none.

**Conduct a Holiday Toy Drive:** New toys, games, dolls and gift cards are needed for children from newborns to teen to make the holidays special for our patients. Great opportunity for families, children, and groups.

**Conduct a Drive for Wish List Items**
Help provide needed new items for our Clinics and patients including children’s character band aids, diapers in any size, baby wipes, Children’s Motrin/Advil/Tylenol, and Pedialyte in any flavor. Minimum age: none.

**Hygiene Bags:** Create hygiene bags for our young patients filled with: soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste; and for our teens filled with: soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and safety razor. Minimum age none.

**Conduct a New Book Drive:** New books for children age birth to 5 years are needed. Great opportunity for families, children, and groups. Minimum age: none.

**Gifts of Health – Volunteer Medical Professionals Needed:**
Pediatricians, Nurse Practitioners and trained Medical Assistants are always needed at PediPlace to supplement their ability to maximize quality care. Scheduled or on-call volunteers are both welcome.

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**Ongoing**

**Perot Museum of Nature & Science**
Volunteer Services
214.756.5776
volunteers@perotmuseum.org
www.perotmuseum.org

Volunteers of the Perot Museum of Nature and Science inspire minds through nature and science.

Ongoing: There are a wide variety of daily volunteer positions available at the Museum including greeters, wayfinding, exhibit hall hosts, and administration. Special opportunities include facilitating science-themed activities at events and programs. Minimum Age: 18 +
### Summer Perot Museum (cont.)

**Summer: Discovery Corps** is a teen summer volunteer program. Participants assist our educators in Discovery Camps, volunteer in the Museum exhibit halls and work together to complete a group project to engage visitors with nature and science in the Museum exhibit halls. Priority placement will be given to those applicants who apply and are accepted early on. Applications for Discovery Corp 2019 have closed. **Applications for 2020 Discovery Corps will open online in Nov. 2019.** Minimum Age: 14

Ongoing: Opportunities are available for groups, clubs or organizations of six or more individuals to volunteer together in fun interactive assignments throughout the museum both weekdays and weekends. Groups can also schedule recurring volunteer dates. Minimum Age: 14

Please go https://www.perotmuseum.org/join-and-give/volunteer/index.html for information regarding all the volunteer opportunities and application instructions.

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### Poiema Foundation

The **Poiema Foundation** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that exists to educate and raise awareness in order to prevent sexual abuse, sex trafficking and other forms of sexual exploitation. They also work directly with survivors to help facilitate their journey to healing by providing for their physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs. This is done through providing a safe place where these victims receive unconditional love and trauma informed care.

There are different ways you can serve and volunteer. Opportunities are ongoing.

**Court Presence**

**Victim Witness Waiting Room Support**: Each month Poiema supplies individually packaged snacks for the Victim’s Room at the Frank Crowley Courthouse in Dallas. Volunteers seek donations, gather them, and deliver them to the room once a month.

**Silent Court Advocacy**: When requested by the task force, Poiema volunteers attend the trials of perpetrators as part of the public gallery to quietly pray for the children as they give their testimonies. Defendants sometimes incorporate intimidation tactics by filling the courtroom gallery with their supporters. Because family members are often called to testify as well, they cannot be present during the child’s appearance; our presence on the child’s behalf is often the only visible support they have while they face their perpetrator.

**Community Awareness Outreach**: Educating the public about human trafficking is essential to ending modern day slavery. Each month multiple teams of trained volunteers distribute posters of missing minors known or
suspected of being in the area to hotels, bus stations, first responders, and local businesses in high risk locations throughout Dallas and the surrounding cities.

Intel Data Entry: These volunteers enter information, such as vehicle makes and models, gathered by the data collectors during Saturday outreaches. Information like this is used to help private investigators and detectives track perpetrators and find their victims. These tasks can be performed from home at a volunteer’s convenience.

Internet Surveillance: The Poiema Foundation closely partners with 4theONE Foundation in internet surveillance. Information that is collected on outreach and entered by the data entry team is used by volunteers trained by 4theOne to perform in-depth data collecting using internet searches and social media.

Direct Care
Safe House Support: The success of their safe house programs and services is largely dependent on support provided by caring volunteers. This ministry offers both long and short term opportunities for service in areas such as home maintenance, life skills, mentoring programs, and educational opportunities.

Pen Pal: Survivors of trafficking need plenty of encouragement and recognition of progress. Letters filled with truth, comfort, scriptures and unconditional love can mean the world to those who are trying to rebuild their lives.

Call Center (females only): The call center is a ministry to people who are actively being advertised for sexual services in the local area. Members call advertisements posted on the internet in hopes of building a relationship with the person on the other end of the phone line. Prayer, referral to resources to help their current situation, and encouragement to seek healing in a long-term restorative program are a few examples of conversations you may have. This ministry does not discriminate against any person whether man, woman, minor, LGBTQ, rich, poor, exploited, or exploiter.

Operations
Administrative and Event: Volunteers assist in a wide variety of technical, IT, clerical and customer service duties such as the production of marketing materials, general office tasks, and data maintenance. Volunteers can also be of great service for speaking presentations by providing speaker companionship and transportation, onsite IT collaboration, information table management, and/or answering ministry-related questions from people in attendance.

Fundraising: Fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and providing an opportunity for other people to participate
| Poiema Foundation (cont.) | with us in our mission. This team of volunteers is gifted and passionate about raising money to help us sustain our Safe House and Victim Care ministries.  

Please see website for specific requirements for each volunteer opportunity and to apply. You can email to volunteer@poiemafoundation.org for additional information.  

**Must be 18 years or older to volunteer**  
They have had minors volunteer with adult supervision for the Outreach, Safe House, Fundraising and administrative volunteer opportunities. |
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| **Anytime** | Since 1986, **Prism Health North Texas** (formerly AIDS Arms) has worked to improve the lives and health of those with HIV or AIDS in North Texas. Prism Health North Texas, with the partnership of the North Texas community, provides medical care, testing, prevention efforts, case management, outreach & education, research, HIV empowerment, behavioral health, and health insurance assistance.  
Volunteers serve in a variety of capacities at Prism Health North Texas & are a critical partner in serving North Texas’ health needs.  
**Event support:** event support volunteers assist on evening & weekend events for the Red Ribbon Society, special Agency events, etc.  
**Marketing & Development:** work with the marketing, communications, and development team. Most opportunities with this team occur M-F 8:30-5pm. Special projects at the volunteer’s suggestion are possible. Please contact the volunteer coordinator for more information.  
**Food & Clothing Drives:** many clients are without the basic necessities of life. One of their services is a clothing closet which hosts household basics, basic hygiene products, and clothing which are free to clients and patients. Also, they work with individuals who are homeless and offer “snack packs” to them.  
Interested in any of these? Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@prismntx.org for more detailed information |
| **Prism Health North Texas** | Charley Ford  
214.521.5191x3396  
volunteer@prismntx.org  
www.prismhealthntx.org  
www.lifewalk.org |
| **Promise House, Inc.** | **Promise House** moves youth in crisis toward safety and success! Their programs cover the vital needs of teens, including emergency shelter, transitional living, pregnant teen services, individual group and family counseling, street outreach and educational intervention. Youth ages range from 6 - 21.  
**Organize a Drive:** You and your group of friends, family or co-workers can host a donation drive to help the youth at Promise House. Sometimes the youth enter the program with little to nothing. To meet the resident/client needs, they rely on the In-Kind Donations from individuals and/or organizations. You |
| | Tiffany L. Ollie  
Volunteer Manager  
214.941.8578x248  
tiffany.ollie@promisehouse.org  
www.promisehouse.org |
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<td>Amber Martin</td>
<td>At each school site, Reading Partners transforms a space within the school into a Reading Center and recruits and trains community volunteers to tutor students, using a highly structured, research-based curriculum. No formal teaching experience is required. Training and support is provided and volunteers work with the same student for as little as one hour a week. Tutoring occurs September – May, typically during school hours.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:amber.martin@readingpartners.org">amber.martin@readingpartners.org</a></td>
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<td>Sign up online at: readingpartners.org/location/north-texas, Call 214.821.4500, or email <a href="mailto:volunteerntx@readingpartners.org">volunteerntx@readingpartners.org</a>. Minimum age: 14</td>
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<td><strong>Refugee Services of Texas-Dallas:</strong> Founded in 1978, is a social service agency dedicated to resettling and providing services to refugees and other displaced persons fleeing persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, and/or political opinion. RST has successfully resettled more than 15,000 refugees since its inception. Through the agency's home office in Dallas, RST provides services to refugees, asylees, and survivors of human trafficking from over thirty different countries of origin with service centers in Fort Worth, Austin, Amarillo, Dallas, and Houston. The majority of RST's clientele come from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq, Cuba, The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eritrea, and Somalia. The agency partners with volunteers, faith-based communities, social service groups, and businesses to provide clients with employment assistance, initial housing, household goods and furniture, case management, resources, referrals, education, and guidance to assist in establishing self-sufficient lives in Texas.</td>
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<td>Jacqueline Buzas</td>
<td><strong>Airport Pickup:</strong> Make a difference and provide a newly arriving refugee with a huge Texas welcome. Volunteers will greet refugee families at the airport and help transport them home to their new apartment! Once at the apartment volunteers will have the opportunity to give a brief home orientation, and even provide a hot meal if they want. &quot;Interpretation will be provided&quot;</td>
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Refugee Services of Texas (cont.)

Apartment Setup Hero: Volunteers will shop with a prepaid Walmart card to get all of the groceries and household items for one of the incoming families. They will then work to place all items in the family's new apartment to help make their house a beautiful, welcoming home! **Average Time:** 2-4 hours, Monday-Saturday

Childcare Assistant: 1-3 volunteers needed who can assist on a regular basis to help with childcare for the mothers enrolled in ESL classes. Volunteers will oversee, teach and play with children while their mothers learn next door. **Average time:** 3 hours a day, 1-3 times/week. Every Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 9am-12 pm

Refugee Mentor: If you are interested in helping refugees/refugee families adjust to their new life here in America, please consider becoming a Mentor! **Mentors serve as teachers, guides, advocates and most importantly friends.** Volunteers will help each refugee set small goals to ease the journey to successful integration and then work to achieve them. The hope is that refugees will reach self-sufficiency as quickly as possible with the help of community member support.

**Adults/Families:** **Average Time:** 3-6 months, 4 hours a month, preferably once a week. Flexible based on the schedule of the volunteer.

**Youth:** **Average Time:** 1 year, 8 hours a month. Flexible based on the schedule of the volunteer

Volunteer Interpreters: Looking for volunteer interpreters to help with client services, outings, and phone calls. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and have an intermediate understanding of the language. Currently in need of the following: Spanish, Arabic, Nepali, Rohingya, Burmese, Pashto, Urdu, Dari, Kinyarwanda, Kinyamulenge, Farsi, French, Chin, Karen, Somali, Tigrinya, and Amharic. **Average Time:** Flexible, depending on need. Volunteers would be on call and have the chance to accept or decline any opportunity.

Case Aides: Volunteers needed who can works alongside Case Managers in connecting refugees with valuable community resources. Volunteers will get to learn the ins and outs of refugee resettlement and foster special connections with families and staff while doing it! **Transportation and valid driver’s license and insurance required. Average Time:** 4 hours a day, 1-3 times a week. **All volunteers must be 18 years or older and will need to fill out an online application at rstx.org, and attend a volunteer orientation/training sessions.**

Nutrition Services: The Nutrition Center (Food Pantry) and Hot Meals are the two most utilized services at RC, and volunteers are vital to the successful operation of both. Volunteers in Nutrition Services are trained and used in both programs, so
### Resource Center (cont.)

- **Deborah Cavazos**
  - 214.528.0144 ext. 1007
  - DCavazos@myresourcecenter.org
  - www.resourcecenterdallas.org

**Nutrition Center (Food Pantry):** Volunteers assist with stocking shelves, pickups and deliveries, maintaining a clean storage and shopping area, and performing various tasks as needed. The ability to lift 10-15 lbs. is important. A shift is typically four to five hours a day depending on the number of shoppers and food delivery schedules. Volunteers must wear clothing appropriate for lifting and carrying: closed-toe shoes, T-shirt, and jeans or walking shorts.

- **Location:** 2701 Reagan St, Dallas, TX 75219
- **Contact:** Juan DeAvila, 214.918.3695, jdeavila@myresourcecenter.org

**Flexibility is important.**

- **Website:** www.resourcecenterdallas.org

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### Richardson Adult Literacy Center

- **Sara Bramlett**
  - 972.644.5119
  - volunteer@ralc.org
  - www.ralc.org

Sept – Mid-Dec. (Training Mid-August)

February – Mid-May (Training Early January)

**Richardson Adult Literacy Center** transforms lives by providing English as a Second Language instruction to adults in the community through trained volunteers. By learning English these adults are able to obtain better jobs, participate more in their children’s education and become more engaged in the community.

**Teach:** Help non-English speaking adults learn English. Minimum commitment is 2 hours, 1 day/week, mornings, afternoons or evenings, for 10-15 weeks (depending on the program). **No experience is required, no need to speak a language other than English.** Training, curriculum, materials and mentoring are provided. Minimum age: 18 years.

**Additional volunteer opportunities** include office volunteers and special event volunteers.

Volunteering takes place in the Richardson/Richardson ISD geographic area. (*ESL for Adults* classes are held at the Richardson Public Library, Audelia Road Library and Richardson High School. *ESL for Parents* classes are held at various RISD schools.)

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### Riding Unlimited

- **Pat Dellemann, Director**
  - 940.479.2016
  - equineride@embarqmail.com
  - or Lauren Lessenger
  - 940.479.2016
  - Volunteer@ridingunlimited.org
  - www.ridingunlimited.org

**Riding Unlimited:** Located in Denton County, Riding Unlimited provides therapeutic horseback riding to the disabled as a unique form of therapy.

**Therapeutic Horsemanship:**
- **Tuesdays:** 4:15pm and 5:30pm
- **Wednesdays:** 10am and 5pm
- **Thursdays:** 5:30pm
- **Saturdays:** 9am-noon

Volunteers **assist disabled riders as they learn horsemanship skills** during the therapeutic riding lesson. **No previous experience required, training is mandatory.**

**Horse handlers** work directly with the horse before, during and after the riding lesson. **Side walkers** assist the rider by walking beside the horse and rider to provide either physical or verbal support. The instructor will direct volunteers as to which type of support the rider needs. Each class is one hour and meets once a time.
Riding Unlimited (cont.)

week. Volunteers working with riders must be 14 or older. Volunteers 11, 12, and 13 are allowed to help groom and tack the horses, assist with stable management, and clean tack.

**Mandatory orientation/training is required.** Please email for additional information, directions or to sign up for training. You do not have to work in all the classes, you are assigned to a team according to your schedule.

**Volunteer training is ongoing.** Please call or email the Volunteer Coordinator Lauren Lessenger to arrange a date and time. Classes are held Tuesday-Saturdays. Call and volunteer for a specific schedule.

Minimum age: 14+ (11 for Jr. Volunteer)

**Volunteer training is mandatory.**

Currently seeking volunteers for: Side walkers, horse handlers, fundraising, grant writing, and ranch projects.

- **Class volunteers:** ongoing
- **Grant writing team:** Will work under the direction of the grant writer performing various support tasks. It can be done from a remote location.
- **Fundraising:** work with committee chair on fundraiser held in October annually.
- **Development Committee:** Meetings will be held once a month. Some will be by conference call only.
- **Board Members:** Meetings are held once a month at the Ranch.
- **Social Media Support:** work with webmaster, ongoing development.

Please contact Pat by email or phone if interested in any of the above.

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**Ronald McDonald House of Dallas**

Taylor McGuffin  
214.624.5358  
Tmcguffin@rmhdallas.org  
www.rmhdallas.org  

Juliet Siddons  
214.624.5357  
jsiddons@rmhdallas.org  

**Ronald McDonald House** serves and sustains families when serious illness or injury strikes the most cherished part of their lives, their children.

**Community Volunteers:** Monday through Sunday, 6am - 9pm (3 hour shift increments/weekly and needed in various areas of the House, i.e., kitchen, front desk and administrative) for additional information please contact: Juliet Siddons at 214.624.5357.

Minimum age: 18

**Meals That Heal Cooking Program Volunteers:**

Groups of 12 individuals or less prepare a meal for families at The Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. Groups are responsible for menu selection, purchasing the groceries, preparing the meal, serving the meal to families and clean up after the meal. For additional information please contact Taylor McGuffin. Minimum age: 15

**Hosting activities for families** such as Bingo, Movie, Celebrate the Day and Craft projects. Most activities last 1-1 ½ hours and always end by 8:30pm. These activities are appropriate for small groups (no more than 10), families, and friends. Please contact Ms. McGuffin for specific guidelines for each activity.
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<td><strong>Wish List Items Needed For Families:</strong></td>
<td>Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, paper bowls, cups, individually packaged snacks, bottled water, travel size toiletries, Keurig Coffee Cups (Regular, Decaf and Assorted Flavors), gift cards (i.e., Wal-Mart, Target, Starbucks, Restaurants, Fast Food Restaurants, Gas Stations, AMC Movies, Entertainment Venues, Kroger's and grocery stores Minimum age: None).</td>
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<td><strong>Ticket Donations</strong></td>
<td>i.e., professional sporting events, Broadway shows/musicals, symphony/opera, concerts, museums, Six Flags tickets, fair tickets, circus tickets, concert tickets, etc. For an updated listing of wish list items needed please visit the website at <a href="http://www.rmhdallas.org">www.rmhdallas.org</a> or contact Ms. Hopkins.</td>
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### Sole Hope

- **Anytime**
- **Sole Hope** is a US-based non-profit working in Uganda, Africa with vulnerable communities affected by a parasitic sand flea commonly referred to as jiggers. Those suffering from both the stigma of jiggers and the damaging physical effects of jiggers are offered HOPE, healthier lives, and freedom from foot-related diseases through Sole Hope's holistic approach.
- Volunteers can join in the efforts throughout the year in a variety of ways. Hands-on opportunities like the Shoe Party and Care Kit Party options provide tangible ways to serve others. Shoe Parties can be hosted with ages fifth grade and up, and Care Kit Parties are great for all ages. Some supplies are required at a small expense for each party option. For a full list of ways to get involved, visit www.solehope.org/get-involved. All options are available online.
- For questions, contact amy@solehope.org

### Special Olympics Texas

- **Alex Hubbard**
- **214.943.9981**
- Ahubbard@sotx.org
- **Special Olympics Texas** offers individuals with intellectual disabilities year round opportunities to participate in Olympic type sports. There are various volunteer opportunities in the Greater Dallas Area that are community based and area wide. The Area Office is currently seeking volunteers to serve as:
  - Day of Event Competition Support
  - Fundraisers
  - Medical Personnel/First Aid
  - Sport Officials/Referees
  - Souvenir Support
  - Office Volunteers/Data Entry
  - Volunteer Coordinators
- Please visit the online volunteer registration page for all opportunities open to public volunteering:

Check the following for more information & events

Greater Dallas (Area 10) website
http://www.sotx.org/about/areas/area-10

Facebook: facebook.com/SOTX10
Twitter: https://twitter.com/sotexas
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<td><strong>Texas Trees Foundation</strong> is dedicated to greening North Central Texas. Join and learn how to plant, transplant, prune, and weed trees. This is a great opportunity for families, friends, youth groups, and scouts to learn about trees and their importance to the environment. Volunteer listings can be found at <a href="http://www.texastrees.org/volunteer">www.texastrees.org/volunteer</a></td>
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<td>You can also find <strong>additional opportunities</strong> at the Special Olympics Texas Greater Dallas @ <a href="http://www.sotx.org/about/areas/area-10">http://www.sotx.org/about/areas/area-10</a></td>
<td>Contact Marc Beaudoin to register your group today. Texas Trees Foundation is very accommodating to your schedule (except no Sundays). Become a Tree Tender today!</td>
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<td>Please contact Alex Hubbard, Program Associate for additional inquiries or information about volunteer opportunities at <a href="mailto:Ahubbard@sotx.org">Ahubbard@sotx.org</a> or 214.943.9981.</td>
<td>The TXU Energy Urban Tree Farm &amp; Education Center is located on Richland College Campus, The Tree Farm hosts one monthly “<strong>Tree Tender</strong>” day on the 3rd Saturday of every month 9am-11:30am and many other projects throughout the year. Following are some upcoming dates:</td>
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<td><strong>Texas Trees Foundation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Marc Beaudoin&lt;br&gt;682.238.5620&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:marc@texastrees.org">marc@texastrees.org</a>&lt;br&gt;www.texastrees.org</td>
<td><strong>Oct. 19</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Nov. 16</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Jan. 18</strong>&lt;br&gt;Treetender Volunteer Days (3rd Saturday of every month) 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM&lt;br&gt;Location: TXU Energy Urban Tree Farm and Education Center (Richland College Campus)&lt;br&gt;12800 Abrams Rd., Dallas 75243 (“C” parking lot).&lt;br&gt;Check the website for updated listings&lt;br&gt;www.texastrees.org/volunteer&lt;br&gt;Volunteers will learn the following tree related skills: pruning, plant aftercare, watering requirements, tree identification, nursery management, native tree species, why trees are important, and other tree related knowledge.</td>
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<td>The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center&lt;br&gt;Anytime year round&lt;br&gt;Angela Frear&lt;br&gt;214.670.1138&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:volunteer@bridgenorthtexas.org">volunteer@bridgenorthtexas.org</a></td>
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| www.bridgenorthtexas.org | Primary health care/behavioral health services  
|                         | Recreational/educational services  
|                         | Employment income/supported employment income/disability income services  
| The Bridge (cont.)      | Affordable housing/supportive housing services.  

**Volunteers are needed year round for: Library:** Help guests use the computers, check out donated library books, read newspapers, and use this relaxing space. Minimum age: 18.

| Available year round | Live your passion for animals and the natural world by volunteering at the Dallas Zoo and the Children’s Aquarium at Fair Park. At the Dallas Zoo and Children’s Aquarium you’ll enjoy being part of the behind-the-scenes work while making a real contribution. Volunteers assist with helping care for the animal and plant collections, educating visitors of all ages, and with our conservation action teams. Volunteers are valued members of the Zoo and Aquarium team, generously contributing over 77,000 service hours each year! People from all walks of life are welcome! Prior zoo or aquarium experience isn’t necessary. Minimum age: 18 and will need proof of a current negative tuberculosis test.  
|                       | To become a volunteer at the Dallas Zoo or The Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park, please contact the Dallas Zoo Volunteer Services Department: volunteers@dallaszoo.com or 469.554.7579  
|                       | For online application:  

**The Dallas Zoo and Children’s Aquarium at Fair Park**

Engaging People & Saving Wildlife

Tracy Gardner  
469.554.7452  
volunteers@dallaszoo.com

www.dallaszoo.com

**Adult Opportunities:**

**Zoo/Aquarium Ambassadors:** Dedicated to educating guests about animals, natural history, wildlife conservation, and new happenings at the Dallas Zoo and Children’s Aquarium. They serve as interpretive guides in stations throughout the Zoo, including the Jake L. Hamon Gorilla Conservation Research Station, the Giants of the Savanna Base Camp, Conservation Station Ambassadors, and at the Children’s Aquarium at Fair Park as Aquarium Ambassadors. This placement is ideal for people who love to learn, have good verbal communication skills, and enjoy interacting with diverse audiences.

**Animal Nutrition Center volunteers:** Assist the Zoo’s nutritionist in the preparation of animal diets. This is a fascinating opportunity to participate in the behind-the-scenes care and feeding routine of Zoo animals. Volunteers must commit to one morning shift per week.

**Special Event Volunteers:** Staff a wide variety of events held at the Zoo and Aquarium throughout the year. They provide hospitality and information, staff games and activities for children and may assist with set-up or preparation work. This placement is ideal
Dallas Zoo (cont.) requires enthusiasm and a love of people. This placement has a flexible schedule.

**Keeper Aide Volunteers:** Work behind-the-scenes with the keeper staff to help care for the diverse collection of birds and mammals. These positions require the ability to lift up to 50 pounds and to perform physically demanding work in all weather conditions. The work can be strenuous and dirty. Volunteers must make a commitment of one morning shift per week, 7am. to noon, on the same day each week for one year. (Flexible schedules are not available.) There may be a waiting list for placements in this area.

**General Handyman:** Volunteer Handyman will assist Zoo staff with routine tasks, such as repair and replacing of general hardware, assist with basic carpentry, and plumbing skills. Handymen will work to keep zoo property in a clean, safe and orderly condition.

**Horticulture volunteers:** Assist the Zoo’s horticulture crew in maintaining our plant collection on grounds or in the greenhouse. We also have an adopt-a-bed program – a great opportunity for corporations, garden clubs and youth groups!

**Youth Opportunities:** The Dallas Zoo and Children’s Aquarium at Fair Park offer opportunities for youth between the ages of 13 and 17. These exciting programs give a wide variety of experiences to teens looking into the field of animal management and conservation education. https://www.dallaszoo.com/education/camps-classes/youth-opportunities

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**The Samaritan Inn:** The largest homeless program in Collin County, located in McKinney Volunteers needed (Mon.- Sun., 9am-9pm)

**Kids activities** – doing crafts and games with resident children while their parents attend onsite classes. As needed

**Thrift Store** – sort, organize, and accept donations at the Thrift Store. The store located in McKinney is open Tues.- Sat., 9am to 5pm, volunteer shifts are minimum 3 hours. Open House not required for Thrift Store.

Lawn Work – mow; use a weed-eater and garden.

Computer Lab Monitor. (No computer skills required)

**All individual volunteers** must complete the application process and attend the “Introduction to The Inn” shift before volunteering.

**All groups contact** the Volunteer Department to schedule an opportunity.

Minimum age: 18, children 14 and up with adult supervision.

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**Anytime**

**The Samaritan Inn**

Volunteer Office
972.542.5302x228
volunteer@saminn.org

www.saminn.org
### The Samaritan Inn (cont.)

Check out our “Wish List” and “Urgent Needs” posted and updated weekly on our website www.saminn.org/needs-list/ or call the Volunteer Department at 972-542-5302 x228 for more information.

### The Senior Source

**Anytime**

**The Senior Source** needs volunteers to serve as **Life Enrichment Volunteers.** The agency is appointed as Guardian of the Person by the courts for older adults who need help managing personal affairs. Volunteers serve a very important role for the clients: they visit clients, provide much needed social interaction, and improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable population. Read, play games, reminisce, share pictures, vacation memories, or even a meal.

Volunteers receive 3 hours initial and further on-going training. Staff support is available around the clock. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about the program, call or email.


**Money Management** offers opportunities to use skills learned in business or in managing a home to help frail and needy citizens in the community remain independent as long as possible. Money Management provides initial training and ongoing support for all volunteers. Those volunteers who work with a client’s funds are insured for the protection of the client and the volunteer. This service provides peace of mind and security to vulnerable seniors. Minimum age: 18.

**Home Visitor** (5-10 hrs/month) serves as **liaison** between the client and The Senior Source (Corporate Representative Payee); **visits** the client in the home several times a month offering support, **delivers** small amounts of cash for client’s personal needs and ensuring basic needs are being met.

**Bill Payer** (5-10 hrs/month) works with the client to **develop a basic budget; visits** the client twice a month to review bills; **writes checks** and has the client sign checks; **files a simple report monthly** and **notifies the area manager** of any needs of the client that require additional support.

**Office Assistant** (6-8 hrs/week) **data entry** using Office 2007 Word, Access & Excel; handles **general clerical duties, files, phone contact, correspondence and other staff support duties as assigned**

### The Texas Ramp Project

**The Texas Ramp Project:** No experience required! Learn how to build a ramp. **Individuals or groups** become part of a team. Projects are complete in a few hours (3-5 hrs). **Work sessions are scheduled on the mornings of the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month** While the normal schedule is the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month, they do accommodate off-schedule build requests, depending on team leader.

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**The Senior Source**

Meghan Hutchinson  
214.525. 6161  
mhutchinson@theseniorsource.org  
www.theseniorsource.org

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**Volunteer Coordinator**

**2nd & 3rd Saturdays**  
last Monday of each month

**The Texas Ramp Project**  
(Building Freedom for the Homebound)  
(Dallas Region)
Interested in volunteering outside Dallas?
Apply at volunteer@texasramps.org
You will be connected with the appropriate coordinator

Individuals and groups are welcome to work alongside the cast of “regulars” — even folks with no previous construction experience can be active participants. It helps, but is not required, if you can bring your own variable speed drill and some tips for #2 SQUARE Philips screws. Also bring work gloves, lunch/snacks, plenty of water and sunscreen. No flip flops or similar shoes.

Participants meet at the Dallas Ramp Project Warehouse at 3341 Towerwood Drive, Suite 204, Farmers Branch 75234 at 7:30am-7:45am and carpool for worksites by 8:15am, except from June-August when they meet at 6:30am-6:45am and leave by 7:15am to avoid the heat.

Please park near their warehouse on the SW corner of the building and avoid parking in front of Freed’s Warehouse. They are usually open for business and need the parking for their customers.

- **Plan on staying until the ramp is finished.** Some ramps take longer than others due to size, complexity, and amount of on-site customization. If you must leave at a certain time, please make this known at the warehouse as ramp assignments are being made. On average, ramps are finished by 2:00 PM but that is not a guarantee. **Please have your team members communicate any time conflicts with Dallas Ramp Project Leadership before leaving the warehouse.**

- **Be prepared for safe construction work — flip flops or similar shoes are unsafe** and should not be worn. They also need to have at least two adults able to use an electric drill/screwdriver and assist other volunteers.

- If possible, bring one cordless drill for every two people.

- **Bring work gloves, lunch (or snacks), bug spray, sunscreen, and plenty of water.**

- **Check** for weather related updates on this page of the Dallas Ramp Project **after 6:30 A.M. on build days:** http://www.texasramps.org/?page_id=22830

- **Review** the Volunteers Should Know page for more information.

**Cancellation or group volunteer reduction** - The more advance notice they get, the easier it is to find someone to fill the gap. So please provide notice as soon as possible of any change in your reservation.

**To schedule groups,** please email the Volunteer Coordinator. Someone will contact you to find a mutually agreeable date for your group. Groups can be scheduled on off-schedule days providing that they have team leader availability for the # of volunteers.
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| The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center | Jessica Mase 972.985.0951 volunteer@theturningpoint.org www.theturningpoint.org
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| The Wellness Center for Older Adults | The Wellness Center's mission is "to assist older adults in achieving their highest levels of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being." The Ce based in the Sam Johnson Recreation Center in Plano also provides services at various locations across the county and in senior / community centers that serve older adults, 55 years of age and older, and their caregivers in Collin County and surrounding areas. They work is to assist older adults in healthy and independent living allowing seniors to age in place gracefully. |
| The Wellness Center for Older Adults (cont.) | Project Independence is a non-medical on-demand transportation program that uses volunteers to **help senior clients who reside in Collin County**. Volunteer activities can include driving clients to and from doctor's appointments, help running errands, friendly visits, and light housekeeping. Program Coordinator will provide volunteer training and support services for clients. Flexible schedules available during times and days that are suitable for the volunteer.

**Beyond Blue** is a non-medical on-demand transportation program that uses volunteers to **help senior clients who reside within McKinney's 75069 zip code**. Volunteers can drive clients to: medical and non-medical appointments, grocery store visits, social activities, or work. Transportation services are on-demand therefore requests may be for same day trips. Program Coordinator will provide volunteer training. Volunteers are on a roster that is notified of a specific need.

Please contact Halley Bartlett at 972-953-7669 or Halley.bartlett@wellctr.org for more information.

Minimum age: 21 years
Background and driving record checks are required. If they are interested in volunteering, they will contact me (email or phone) for an application. They do need to have a driver’s license and car insurance. The volunteer will use their own car. Keep the Beyond Blue part out and I’ll email you in the next few weeks with a description. |
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| **Veterans History Project** | **Veterans History Project**: You can help capture the stories of the veterans in your life. The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress started in 2000 and to date some 88,000 audio and video remembrances and artifacts from WWI through Afghanistan have been collected by family, friends, scouts and veteran activists.

**How to do this Project:**
**Download** the Veterans History Project “field kit.”
**Collect** photos, diaries, documents and letters from the veteran
**Read** the suggested questions to guide your conversation.
**Record** the interview in audio or video digital format.
**Send** materials to the Library of Congress American Folk life Center
This would be an interesting project for families, scouts, history and genealogy buffs. |
| **Vickery Meadow Neighborhood Alliance Food Pantry** | **Vickery Meadow’s Food Pantry**: This pantry is sponsored by Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Service, Ladies of Charity, National Council of Jewish Women, St. Vincent’s de Paul, Temple Emanu-El and Vickery Meadow Improvement District. |
| Kristen Jackson  
972.437.9950  
kjackson@jfsdallas.org | **Veterans History Project** Learn more at loc.gov/vets/kit.htm |
**Vickery Meadow Food Pantry (cont.)**

Volunteers are needed to **assist individuals** in the pantry, Wed. 1pm-3:30pm; Thurs. 9am-noon and Sat. 9am-noon. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help **stock and organize** on Mondays 9am-11am; Wed. 4pm-6pm; Thurs. 12pm-2pm. **Drivers** are also needed to pick up food donations or purchases.

Minimum age: 18; 14 accompanied by adult

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### Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation

Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation partners with Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, North Park Presbyterian Church and Temple Emanu-El to provide 2 reading/tutoring programs to immigrant/refugee children from around the world who live in the Vickery Meadow area.

**2019/20 McShan Reading Homeroom** begins Sept. 17, 2019 and runs through May 24, 2020
mcshanreads@gmail.com

**2019/20 McShan Saturday School** (select Saturdays to be announced): Meets 8am-12noon on designated Saturdays. Minimum age: 15 No teaching experience is necessary for either program. All needed materials tailored for specific student's skills are provided.

Email Dalene at mcshanreads@gmail.com with your contact information (name, email address, phone) and your availability to volunteer, questions, request for additional information. She will get back to you.

**MAKE PLANS NOW FOR SUMMER 2020**! Vickery Meadow Summer Reading Academy begins Summer 2020 tutor volunteer registration in November 2019
vmsra2020@gmail.com

**2020 Vickery Meadow Summer Academy** (VMSRA2020): Make plans now to join the same students and about 100 more from four other area elementary schools who are tutored in classroom settings grouped by reading level during the summer at McShan Elementary, 8307 Meadow Rd, Dallas 75231. Sessions are 7am-1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students receive breakfast and lunch. Tutoring is done in 17 classrooms with 4 adult/youth leaders for every 10 students.

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<td>View photos of activities at <a href="http://www.vickery-meadow-summeracademy.com">www.vickery-meadow-summeracademy.com</a>. No teaching experience is necessary. All needed materials tailored for specific student's skills are provided. Email Dalene at <a href="mailto:vmsra2020@gmail.com">vmsra2020@gmail.com</a> with your contact information (name, email address, phone) and your availability to volunteer, questions, request for additional information. Dalene will get back to you. Minimum age: 15</td>
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<td><strong>Plan now for Summer 2020! Super Happy Fun Week August 3-7</strong> for 38 Vickery Meadow students to partner with 38 Preston Hollow youngsters at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church 8am to 3pm. Email Dalene Buhl at <a href="mailto:funweek2020@gmail.com">funweek2020@gmail.com</a> to receive needed forms. Minimum age: 15. Non-member youth and adults must submit additional forms for background check.</td>
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<td><strong>Volunteer Now</strong> serves to connect volunteers with over 1,500 nonprofit organizations in North Texas. The platform used by nonprofits to present their volunteer needs is located at <a href="http://www.voly.org">www.voly.org</a>.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:churst@volnow.org">churst@volnow.org</a></td>
<td>Volunteers may register their email address to review potential volunteer placement sites and directly contact the agency through the email address registered by clicking on the words “I Want to Help” in the volunteer posting.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.voly.org">www.voly.org</a></td>
<td>Volunteer opportunities may be searched using categories such as Cause (homeless, education, hunger), Skills (are you a web designer or a piano tuner), Date &amp; Time (when do you wish to volunteer), Location (where within 10/20 or 50 miles) and finally Individual/Team (are you a youth volunteer, a group, a senior, etc).</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.volnow.org">www.volnow.org</a></td>
<td><strong>Voly.org</strong> is powered by Volunteer Now with 44 years of service to volunteers and nonprofits in North Texas.</td>
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<td>Volunteer minimum age is typically 16, but please check with any nonprofit you volunteer with through VolunteerNow.</td>
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<td><strong>The Warren Center</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Warren Center</strong> advocates, serves, and empowers the children and families impacted by developmental delays and disabilities. They serve more than 2,700 families each year through their early intervention program, parent support groups, on site therapy clinic (speech, occupational, and physical), monthly parent workshops, and the Recess Respite program.</td>
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<td>Leslie Clay 972.490.9055x1118 <a href="mailto:Leslie.Clay@thewarrencenter.org">Leslie.Clay@thewarrencenter.org</a></td>
<td>Volunteers working directly with the children require a background check. Minimum age: 18. Volunteers ages 14-17 are accepted with an adult. Please contact Leslie Clay: 972.490.9055x1118 or email: <a href="mailto:Leslie.Clay@thewarrencenter.org">Leslie.Clay@thewarrencenter.org</a></td>
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tightening loose toilet paper holders to replacing fluorescent lights to fixing a gate.

**Family Fun Days** at each of the offices (Richardson, Garland & Carrollton), October 31 – Approximately 9:00 – 11:30 AM - Each office provides a fun event filled with child-friendly activities and snacks for the children and their family. Volunteers needed to help out at the event as well as help providing needed supplies for the event (snacks, juice boxes, craft items, bubbles, etc.)

**Graduation** – Saturday, October 5th from 9:30 – 11:00. Volunteers needed to help guide families. Help is also needed to provide snacks, juice boxes and water bottles.

**Board Committee participation** – they need committee members for Finance, Development, Marketing and Board development.

**Social Media Ambassadors** – (Ongoing) Inviting media-savvy professionals, technology fanatics, and basically anyone who is interested in helping to spread The Warren Center’s mission to become a social media ambassador. The social media ambassador program is an easy way to volunteer your time to by simply sharing content through your personal network.

- **Volunteer on the 2nd Thursday from 6:00- 7:30 PM (either once or consecutive times) at the Richardson Parent Support Group completing an organized book time, music time, or craft activity with a small (2-3) children rotating through all 15-20 children. The date: Oct. 10**

- **Volunteer on the 3rd Thursday from 6:00- 7:30 PM (either once or consecutive times) at the Carrollton Parent Support Group completing an organized book time, music time, or craft activity with a small (2-3) children rotating through all 15-20 children. The date: Oct. 17.**

- **Volunteer on the 4th Thursday from 6:00- 7:30 PM (either once or consecutive times) at the Garland Parent Support Group completing an organized book time, music time, or craft activity with a small (2-3) children rotating through all 15-20 children. The date: Oct. 24.**

- **Create a Summer craft activity using ours or your own materials. I have examples available for reference. Basically, a craft in a bag. Simple to complete activities in one bag for our clinic clients, early childhood intervention participants, and for children in our parent support group. This can be done at your location or ours.**

- **Two people, three hours a month assisting with organization, flyers, and database maintaining in our fundraising development department and family education and support.**
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| *Severina Ware*  
214.742.6674  
volunteer@wesleyrankin.org  
and  
*Natalie Breen*  
natalie@wesleyrankin.org  
www.wesleyrankin.org | Year round.  
Mon.-Fri.  
Sept.-May  
Mon.-Thurs.  
Sept.-May  
Tuesdays  
Wednesdays | Senior Citizen’s Program: Seniors enjoy activities including Bingo, exercise, puzzles, and games, crafts, sewing, seasonal events, and holiday dances. Lunch is served daily. The program meets Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm. Volunteers are needed to host a one-time enrichment activity such as crafts, health topics, etc., host a dance by providing music and food. |
| **Wesley-Rankin Community Center**: | After-School Program: Students grades K-12 participate in reading, science and math enrichment activities, and homework assistance. A full meal is served daily. Volunteers are needed to tutor one week or daily. Mondays-Thursdays, September-May |
| *GOH! GOH! Girls! (Girls of Hope, Girls of Honor)*: Through positive role models and mentors, this program engages 4-8th grade girls in activities and field trips to build self-confidence promote healthy living. Volunteers are needed to assist with activities and lessons; teach personal responsibility, and focuses on goal-setting and achievement. GOH! GOH! Girls! in grades 4-5 meets on Tuesdays, 4:30pm-6pm. GOH! GOH! Girls! In grades 6-8 meets on Wednesdays 4:30pm-6pm | SCHOLARS is Wesley-Rankin’s newest initiative, in partnership with the June Shelton School, to provide tutoring support for students with learning differences. Shelton is the largest independent school worldwide for intelligent students with learning differences. |
| **SCHOLARS** Program offers reading tutoring using Shelton’s SEE (Sequential English Education) curriculum and a multisensory structured language (MSL) approach. Auditory and memory exercises are also included. The program meets at Wesley-Rankin with students for three hours each Saturday from 9-12, offering a 1:2 ratio of volunteers to students. Students are not taught accommodations, much like schools offer, but they |
Wesley Rankin Community Center (cont.)

receive intentional teaching in a way that their minds best learn. Training sessions are available at the Shelton School to become a SCHOLARS volunteer. Each training is two days. If able to complete a training and become a SCHOLARS volunteer, please call or email Severina Ware, Community Engagement Manager, at volunteer@wesleyrankin.org

Wipe Out Kids’ Cancer

Wipe Out Kids’ Cancer (WOKC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1980 by Cindy Brinker Simmons dedicated to educating and funding pediatric cancer research on a national basis. WOKC also provides hope and support to children stricken with cancer and their families through our Buddy Bag and Ambassador programs.

Ambassador Program: Volunteers are needed for the Ambassador and Special Events to help with set-up, decorations and organizing activities. Minimum age: 16

Fundraising and Marketing: Volunteers interested in a career in marketing and/or fundraising may desire to participate in our Jersey Mike’s Promotion in March every year, and the Addison Oktoberfest Fun Run (September every year). Special campaigns for fund raising by students is available and encouraged.

Research: Volunteers are needed to assist with research (data entry, data mining, analysis, knowledge of Microsoft Office) and development of information for presentations to the community. The ideal candidates are students who have a strong interest in a career in medicine, dentistry or health care. Other general administrative tasks at the WOKC office may also be available. Minimum age: 16

Please contact Dr. Alisa Rich for further information (CEO@WOKC.ORG or 214.987.4662 office).

Anytime

Wooden Spoon

Save and collect the aluminum tabs from cans. They are recycled for cash and the money is sent to the Kidney Foundation.

Recycle old greeting cards: collect the front of greeting cards (no messages on reverse please). They can be holiday or all occasion cards. They will be sent to children at Mosaic. Deliver to: 1617 Avenue K (between 18th St and 15th St.), Plano

Support Mosaic, group homes sponsored by the Lutheran Church for those with disabilities. by making a collection of needed items. Following is the list, laundry soaps, dish soaps, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, Dove or Ivory soaps, Aveeno lotion, etc. Please ask for complete want list. Deliver items to Wooden Spoon or directly to PMLC Lutheran Church.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Websites for teen opportunities

http://www.volunteerfamily.org

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SUPPORT THE TROOPS, VETERANS AND FAMILIES: Please consider ways you can continue to support the troops and returning veterans.

Following are some organizations you can contact: Also check [www.nrd.gov](http://www.nrd.gov) for additional organizations nationally and by state.

- **Carry The Load**  www.carrytheload.org  214.733.6068  
  Supports nonprofit partners to provide continuum of care to Military, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and Rescue personnel and their families.

- **Comfort Crew**  www.comfortcrew.org  1.512.337.2739  
  Provides services to children in military families.

- **Defenders of Freedom**  www.defendersoffreedom.us  320 HWY 121, Suite 203, Coppell, TX 75019  
  Gives emergency financial assistance to wounded troops and families. Builds and gives away new, custom built homes to wounded and disabled veterans.

- **Disabled American Veterans**  www.dav.org  
  Provides free, professional assistance to all veterans in obtaining benefits earned through service. Volunteers provide injured and ill veterans with free transportation to and from VA hospitals and clinics. Offers other programs: Transition Service, Employment,

- **Grace Under Fire**  www.graceunderfire.org  1.800.363.6477  
  Supporting female veterans.

- **Heroes on the Water**  www.heroesonthewater.org  dfw@heroesonthewater.org  
  Serves all military who have been wounded, injured or disabled with a meaningful day trip of paddling and fishing.

- **Homeless Veteran Services of Dallas**  www.hvsd.org  877.424.3838  
  Provides temporary housing for veterans and their families and transportation to the VA for appointments.

- **Homes for Our Troops**  www.info@hfotusa.org  1.866.7TROOPS  
  Help severely injured Veterans and their families restore freedom and independence through the gift of a specially adapted home.

- **Honor Courage Commitment**  www.hccvet.org  214.481.3834  
  Trains veterans to be entrepreneurs.

- **Hope for the Homefront**  www.hopeforthehomefront.com  1.719.440.1000  
  Provides services to women in military families including retreats and support services.

- **Operation Home Front/TX**  www.operationhomefront.org  1.866.316.9170  southernplains@operaionhomefront.net  
  Provides emergency assistance and morale to service members, veterans and their families.

- **Operation Once in a Lifetime**  www.operationonceinalifetime.com  
  Provides free financial and moral support in an effort to make the dreams of U.S. soldiers, their families and veterans come true.

- **Snowball Express**  www.snowballexpress.org  1.817.410.4673  
  Provides services to children of our fallen military heroes since 9/11.

- **Soldier’s Angels**  www.soldiersangels.org  615.676.0239  
  Provides opportunities to support troops through various projects.

- **USO DFW**  affiliates.uso.org/dfw  972.574.3933  
  Supports military traveling through DFW and organizes community outreach programs with homecomings, deployment and family days.