



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Call 735-3683

**Janus Youth Programs, Inc.** has been changing lives and building futures for children, youth and families in Oregon and Washington since 1972. From residential treatment programs, the Northwest's largest array of runaway and homeless youth services, alternative education classrooms, and a teen parenting program, Janus is committed to delivering innovative community-based programs. Volunteer opportunities are available to help with cooking, painting, administrative work, leading classes in exercise, healthy meal planning, and crafting. Your creative skills are welcome as learning tools for youth development.

**Vancouver Housing Authority** is seeking a volunteer to assist a senior set up a personal filing system for herself and her mother as well as organize her existing paperwork.

**Open House Ministries** equips homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving issues that lead to poverty and homelessness.

Volunteers are needed to assist with administrative and marketing tasks. Duties range from helping write an article for the newsletter, to creating and distributing flyers, making phone calls, and possibly assisting with power point presentations, web design and/or upkeep. Volunteers are also needed to help with special events.

**Peter S. Ogden Elementary School**, located at 8100 NE 28th Street, is looking for tutors and lunch buddies.

**Dream Big Community Center** is an organization to help individuals Dream Big, with a main focus on the youth to discover their dream, and follow in it. The center provides a safe place for youth of all ages to learn beneficial life fundamentals through programs, services, and resources. Receptionist are needed to greet visitors, educate the public on programs and answer the phone. A Journalist is also needed to create, develop and implement ongoing newsletters for the organization.

**Vancouver School District** is seeking lunch buddies to mentor a youth, for one hour at lunch time, once a week.

**Educational Opportunities for Children & Families (EOCF)** is looking for a Reception Assistant to staff the reception desk during the one

hour lunch period. Duties include answering phones, greeting visitors and any other tasks that are needed.

**Evergreen School District** is looking for a volunteer to help their school counselors/social workers start and maintain a lunch mentoring program for students at several elementary schools. The lunch buddy program is designed to match adult mentors to have lunch and recess with an identified student. Individual volunteer leaders could be used at the following schools: Endeavor, Image, Crestline, York and Pioneer, or one leader could supervise several schools. The Volunteer Leader would be involved in recruitment, screening, training mentors, working with school counselors at each site to match students, organizing paperwork and checking in with volunteers regularly. The majority of the contact would be during the lunch hour from 11 - 1 p.m.

**SCORE** provides entrepreneurs and small business owners with confidential, free business help. Consultants are experienced business owners and managers who volunteer their time, offering free advice to any small business owner or prospective business owner. An Administrative Assistant is needed to answer phones, data entry, filing, mail distribution and general office work.

## Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Call for Volunteers!

The Refuge offers plenty of volunteer options to suit your needs and interests. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

**Environmental Education** - Help lead visitors and school groups in nature activities and hikes on the Refuge.

**Cultural Education** - Educate weekend visitors and school groups about the replica Plankhouse and the local cultural history.

**Habitat Restoration** - Track and remove invasive plants and help restore wildlife habitat and native plant communities.

**Refuge guide** - Greet and inform visitors about the Refuge.



### TRAINING

The 2010 Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge volunteer training will kick off with a special behind-the-scenes tour and an evening social event that includes pizza and an orientation for the refuge. Additional trainings have a specific focus for opportunities at the Refuge. Volunteers can attend as many sessions as they like. New and returning volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Reservations are required for all dates.

**Special Refuge Tour**  
March 16, 5:50 - 7 p.m.

**Open House & General Orientation**  
March 16, 7-8 p.m.

**Plankhouse Training**  
March 30, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Working with Kids**  
March 30, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Environmental Education**  
March 30, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

**Habitat Restoration**  
April 10, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Refuge Guide**  
April 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## Connections 50+ Expo

For the 50+ Generation & Families

Sunday, April 11th  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Vancouver Hilton Hotel  
& Convention Center  
301 W 6th Street

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Expo will give you the opportunity to encounter exciting services, ideas, and resources available for your active, healthy, independent lifestyle! Nowhere else in Vancouver can you find one place that provides such an array of business and non-profit agencies that have the information you need as a Vancouver/Portland resident over 50. This is also a wonderful opportunity for families to gather information for their parents and grandparents, and still walk away with some beneficial information for themselves.

Expect to see over 140 exhibits, free health screenings, prizes and interactive activities. Exhibits will include experts in volunteerism, health insurance benefits, healthy living, food, retirement communities, travel, home remodeling, finance, education, fitness, and much much more. A suggested \$3 donation at the door helps to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer program.

This event is such a huge success due to the wonderful volunteers working hard behind the scenes. If you are interested in sharing a few hours of your time to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program **call 360-735-3683 to sign up for one of these exciting positions!**

- **Door Greeters:** Offer the first friendly face that guests see at the expo, greet visitors and hand out the EXPO Guide and Grand Prize Bingo Card.
- **Donation Assistant:** Oversee donation table at entrance of event.
- **Exhibitor Greeter/Ambassador:**

Greet exhibitors before the event and direct them to their designated tables.

- **Special Event Assistants:** Help with different tasks as needed. Must be able to walk and stand for most of the shift.
- **Hospitality Room Assistants:** Keep volunteer hospitality room picked up and stocked with beverages and snacks.
- **Shuttle Parking/Security:** Stand outside Hilton entrance and help those getting on and off the shuttle. If people want to know where to park direct them to the appropriate parking structures.
- **Expo Info Desk Assistant:** Sit at information booth and answer questions about booth locations and where certain activities are.
- **Volunteer Desk Assistant:** Check in volunteers for their shifts and provide position information.
- **BINGO Card Stamper:** volunteers will be positioned at different exhibits throughout the event to stamp BINGO cards.



### Recruiting Agility Ring Crews for March Event!

You've seen them on Animal Planet - those amazing agility dogs flying through out the obstacle course beside their handlers. Here's your chance to see them up close and

personal! And no experience is necessary!



March 19-21  
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Clark County Fairground  
(Ridgefield, WA)

Ring Crews are seated inside each of the 100' by 100' agility rings during the competition. They are responsible for adjusting the equipment as needed moving quickly and unobtrusively.

If you have not worked in a ring crew before (a) make VERY sure you have read the workers' packet available on the website: [www.animalaidpdx.org/agility](http://www.animalaidpdx.org/agility), and (b) plan on checking in 30 minutes early for your shift.

What are volunteers working for? In exchange for the crew's work the hosts donate desperately needed money to the Animal Aid Fund for Veterinary Care. Every single dollar will go directly to work helping community members who cannot afford needed veterinary care. The hard work of our volunteers will impact many small lives!

If you are interested in helping out at this exciting event call 360-735-3683 for more information!