



Mission Statement: "To connect the wisdom, experience, and talents of volunteers with opportunities to enrich the quality of life for themselves and their communities."



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Volunteer Opportunities

Call 624-9088, if you're interested in one of these positions.

Do you have a passion or a skill that could help others? We can help you find your niche! Here are just a few of the myriad of opportunities available in the community. *Volunteer Connections* can help you find volunteer opportunities that are short term or on-going projects that will fit your schedule and life-style.

YWCA, an organization focused on empowering women, preventing violence, and eliminating racism, has a strong need for volunteers to help this winter. Volunteers are needed to facilitate a support group for the SafeChoice domestic violence program, advocate for adult and youth victims of sexual assault, represent the best interest of an abused or neglected child by becoming a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and teaching sewing skills to inmates at the Clark County Jail. An introduction for Volunteer Service will be held on Tuesday Jan. 15th, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the YWCA Clark County located on Main Street.

Clark County Loaves & Fishes, a senior nutrition program serving both congregate dinners and meals-on-wheels, is looking for Meals-On-Wheels Drivers. Make a senior smile by delivering hot meals in your neighborhood on any day from Monday through Friday. Delivery takes approximately one hour.

Girl Scouts, a program to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens, is in need of Troop Leaders/Co-Leaders. This opportunity entails some learning and lots of fun by helping girls earn badges, promoting community service, leadership, financial introductions, outdoor

adventure and lots more. Times and days are flexible with a three hour minimum per month needed.

AARP Tax-Aide Program helps senior, low/middle income individuals, and others with tax counseling and income tax return preparation free of charge. Volunteers are needed to provide this assistance to taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Tax returns are prepared on computers, so volunteers must have adequate computer skills to learn how to use the program. Extensive training is provided.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington is a place to do things after school and during the summer in a positive environment that offers all kinds of recreational, instructional, and social activities. Volunteers are needed to help the Power Hour and Power Surge after school homework-help programs for 1st-5th and 6th-12th graders. Volunteers are needed to help multiple students or assist on a one-on-one basis.

The Vancouver Fire Department, whose mission is to provide highly trained professionals, well-equipped to respond effectively to the education, prevention, and emergency response needs of our community, is looking for a Smoke Alarm Installation Coordinator. This volunteer would provide central coordination in the installation of smoke alarms with much of the work involving making phone calls to set dates and times when volunteer firefighters can connect with the person requesting help. The coordinator would also help insure that the Fire Marshal's Office has received all the proper paperwork.

Clark County Dive Rescue is the primary resource to Clark County's Department of Emer-

gency Services and supports in the search, recovery, and preservation of criminal evidence, weapons, stolen vehicles, and other objects. Volunteers are needed as administrative staff to be a central point of contact for the team, communicate team functions, and assist with other typical administrative duties. Technical positions, underwater diving staff, are also needed.

Volunteer Connections, who helps individuals put their skills and life experience to work for their communities, needs volunteers interested in helping staff a Disaster Response Volunteer Reception Center. Duties include registering, screening and placing spontaneous volunteers in available opportunities in times of disaster. Volunteers are also needed to help in the planning process of developing this center.

WSU Vancouver is looking for volunteers who want to be trained to conduct amphibian surveys in Clark County ponds. No previous experience with frogs and salamanders is necessary. As a volunteer you will learn to search for, identify and count amphibian egg masses. The data obtained will provide essential information for amphibian conservation. A four hour training is available Saturday Jan. 26 and volunteers are asked to conduct two four-hour pond surveys this winter. Families are encouraged to participate in this fun activity!

Clark College Adult Literacy Program provides free tutoring to members of the community who are learning English as a second language or are improving their basic reading and writing skills. A volunteer orientation and training will be held in the next few months.

Clerical Assistant (Immigration) - Duties include making phone calls, sorting mail, filing immigration cases in a computer database, and making copies. The ability to speak Spanish is highly recommended, as the population served is primarily Spanish speaking.

English As a Second Language Teacher Assistant—Help students to learn in a classroom setting by taking attendance, grading papers, assisting students having difficulties and other classroom related tasks.

New Youth Perspectives Mentor—Work with Russian speaking youth, ages 12-18, and

assist with a homework and English speaking skills. Mentors and teens participate in recreational activities such as biking, hiking, shopping, touring local historical sites, or learning a musical instrument.

English as a Second Language Tutor— Assist students that need individual help in a variety of subjects.

Clerical Assistant (Reception & Placement Program) - Duties include filling out paper work, entering data on the computer, and assisting the coordinator with any additional office related tasks.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest Requests Your Assistance

Lutheran Community Services Northwest is a nonprofit human services agency serving communities throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The caring staff provides a wide variety of services and each year serve more than 120,000 people of all ages, cultures and faiths.

Their mission is to partner with individuals, families and communities for health, justice and hope. You can help with this mission by assisting in one of the many opportunities below:



On behalf of Volunteer Connections staff, we want to extend our sincere thanks to all community volunteers for your service this past year! Your contributions assist our local non-profits and government to meet their mission of service to the community. You make Vancouver a great place to live for all of us!

HAVE A GREAT 2008!

Mark Your Calendars!

Jan. 1 - Volunteer Connections Offices will be closed New Year's Day

Jan. 21 - Volunteer Connections Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Apr. 13 - Senior Connections Expo at the Hilton Hotel