

Volunteer Opportunities Catalog



2011 Student Athlete Volunteer Program

A program that encourages student athletes from the Kalamazoo Valley Athletic Association to participate in summer volunteer service to their community.

Battle Creek VA Medical Center

We have the opportunity to host group activities if the SAV program group wants to call to schedule something. We are open to opportunities for Youth to give back to the Veterans. We will also have our Summer Serve Program starting up on Tuesday and Thursdays once school is out for the summer.

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Battle Creek VA Medical Center
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Black Arts & Cultural Center Festival Clean-Up - Black Arts & Cultural Center

Volunteers needed to help clean-up Arcadia Creek Festival Site after Black Arts Festival. Hours: Sun, July 31, 6-10 pm. Minimum age: 16.

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Community Advocates for Persons w/ Developmental Disabilities- 2011 Ribfest Event Volunteer - Community Advocates

Multiple tasks helping to facilitate the actual event: ticket takers, booth workers, beverage servers, balloon volunteers, gate attendants, various event helpers, etc. Must be able to follow directions and make monetary change. Date of event: Aug 4-6, 2011 (held annually in early Aug.). Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Place, Kalamazoo. Hours: Thu, Fri or Sat: 3 hr. shifts between [11 a.m. to 1 a.m] may work one or more shifts. Minimum age: 18.

Contact Information:

Deb Droppers

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Fair Food Matters, Growing Matters Garden

The Growing Matters Garden is looking for volunteers to help maintain our two garden sites over the summer. Starting in May, we will be hosting volunteer nights on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at our main garden, 2119 N. Westnedge. Those will continue through September. Also, starting in June, we will be hosting volunteer nights on Tuesdays from 7-8pm at Woodward Elementary school on the corner of Stuart

and North Streets. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of outdoor garden tasks, including weeding, planting, and compost management. We have all the necessary tools and gloves, so volunteers just need to arrive wearing sturdy, closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

Contact Information:

Erica Barajas

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First Day Shoe Fund Shoe Distribution Volunteer - First Day Shoe Fund

Two crews (of 3 to 4 people) are needed to load boxes of children's shoes from KPS warehouse into trucks and then split up, travel to the two schools taking the delivery of shoes (to distribute to low-income students)(Northeastern Elementary and Prairie Ridge Elementary) and unload and place boxes accordingly in gym area. Lifting required. Dates: July 21, 7:30am until finished

Contact Information:

Ann Soper, spsoper@pol.net or
Ann Austin, anngaustin@gmail.com

Crews needed to load leftover shoes at school locations and back to KPS warehouse to unload and place on shelves. Lifting required. Dates: July 27 & 29, 7:30 am until finished

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Ann Soper, spsoper@pol.net or
Ann Austin, anngaustin@gmail.com

Help children (K-2) to select and try on new shoes for start of the school year. Help prep & sort shoes and clerical duties as needed. Location: TBD. Hours: Late July-Early August. Call for 2011 dates. Minimum age: 14.

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Valerie Denghel

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Friendship Village of Kalamazoo

We need volunteers to help paint 100 resident garages. Dates: 7/5/11- 7/25/11. We would need at least 5-6 students per day. The team coordinator can change them in and out as their schedules permit. Duration will be approx. 3 weeks until the project is finished.

Contact Information:

Teresa Snook

Volunteer Coordinator
Friendship Village of Kalamazoo
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Goodwill Industries of SWMI

Looking for volunteers for a one day project in Goodwill's Industrial Services Area. 4 Volunteers will be required to disassemble, relocate, and reassemble a large amount of pallet racking. Date: TBD on an upcoming Saturday. Minimum age: 16

We are also looking for 2 individuals per store for our Milham store and our W. Main store to assist in donations, build new goods furniture, and doing yard work. Date: TBD on a Monday or a Saturday anytime. Minimum age:16

Contact Information:

Megan Campbell

Volunteer Coordinator
Goodwill Industries of SWMI
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Kalamazoo Deacons Conference Summer Gathering Event Volunteers - Kalamazoo Deacons Conference

Help with various activities for our end of school Summer Gathering event, held annually in June at LaCrone Park. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16.

Contact Information:

Joni Groendyk

Administrative Assistant
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Kalamazoo Deacons Conference Back-To-School Bash Volunteers - Kalamazoo Deacons Conference

Volunteers needed to help with this annual celebration for families to help kids get ready for school. Hours: Flexible, held annually in August. Minimum age: 16.

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Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center Kalamazoo Pride Festival - Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center

Volunteers needed to help with various activities at this annual event: set-up, greeting/handing out guides at gate, beer pouring, drink ticket selling. Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Site, downtown Kalamazoo. Hours: TBD, 11am-11pm, 2-hour shifts available. Minimum age: 16.

Contact Information:

Stephanie Stroud

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Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Family Fun Day Volunteers - Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

Need 75 fun-loving people to help with Family Fun Day. Volunteers will help with various activities: face painting, directing games, supervising children in moon jump, making sno-cones, cotton candy, popcorn, handing out food and restocking food. Will be working with families, children and other members in the community. Date: Held Annually in July, two hour shifts. Minimum age: 16.

Contact Information:

Hannah Dockweiler

Volunteer Coordinator
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Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

A group of 6-10 volunteers are needed to serve breakfast or lunch in the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission's kitchen. Various days are available.

Contact Information:

Hannah Dockweiler

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Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital 2011 Summerfest Booth Operator - Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

Summerfest is a carnival-like celebration with food booths, informational booths, games, dunk tank, bake sale, plant sale, entertainment and more! Volunteers are needed to help at various booths, serving food, taking tickets and helping with games. The goal of Summerfest is to break down some stereotypes that the community may have towards mental illness. Hours: Thu, July 21, 2011 [11am-3:30pm], various shifts available. Minimum age: 16.

Contact Information:

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Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Association, Inc. 2011 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival - Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Association, Inc.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Scottish Festival. It is a fun way to display your community pride, meet new people and be a part of a great cultural event. Various volunteer opportunities available: Festival set-up, merchandise tent, children's games, meat pie tent, highland games, clean-up crew, etc. Hours: Set-up- Aug 26; Festival- Aug 27; Two-hour shifts scheduled [9am-6pm], free admission to volunteers. Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. Minimum age: 14.

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Kindleberger Summer Festival Festival Volunteers - Kindleberger Summer Festival

Opportunities available in each of the following areas: face painting, hands-on arts, finger painting, Arts & Crafts runners, information booth attendants, pathway monitors, parade volunteers, t-shirt sales, playbill distributors, 5K Race volunteer, or street dance volunteers. Must have a willingness to work and support festival activities. Times vary by activity. Date: July 6-11th, various shifts available. Min age: 16.

Contact Information:

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Komen for the Cure

Looking for volunteers to help them move furniture and paint their office. They will provide all the supplies, they just need the man power.

Contact information:

Jenny Miner

Executive Director, Komen for the Cure

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The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

MDA is recruiting volunteer counselors for its annual summer camp being held at Indian Trails Camp in Allendale, MI. JUNE, 19 - JUNE 25, 2011. Camp counselors must be at least 16 years of age by June 19, 2011 and be committed to making this week an amazing and unforgettable experience for youngsters, age 6 to 17 years, with neuromuscular disease.

Contact information:

Brian Van Kley

Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp Coordinator

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Portage Community Center

Volunteers are needed for a car wash that benefits the Portage Community Center. 3 different dates are available and there is a site available for all of these dates, but Sarah Peck (the Program Development Coordinator) will need to find volunteers who can commit to being there. She can run the event with as few as 5 volunteers and as many as 10, but no more than 10 people. The dates she is looking for are as follows: July 24, and August 13

The car washes will be at O'Reilly's Auto Parts on Westnedge between the hours of 12pm-5pm. The proceeds help to fund the outreach services and programs offered through Portage Community Center.

Also Portage Community Center is looking for one person to volunteer for their blood drive. The second Monday of each month they host a blood drive with the Red Cross (at PCC), someone needed between 3pm and 6pm on July 11th and August 8th. This person would be responsible for getting drinks for people who are donating blood in order to maintain proper blood sugar levels, as well as helping out by getting whatever the Red Cross staff needed during that time frame. This could be a different individual each month, or the same person each date.

Lastly, a group of volunteers is needed to work a personal care/food drive at two sites on the same day. It will most likely take place on a Saturday afternoon in May or June. Community members can then bring non-perishable food items and/or personal care items (shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, toothbrush/paste, toilet paper, sanitary items, diapers, etc.) to those sites. The volunteers would collect them and pass out donation receipts, then drop off the items to our facility.

Contact Information:

Sarah Peck

Program Development Assistant

Portage Community Center

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USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships Tower Runner - USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships

Tower runners, ages 12-19, work 4-hour shifts at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium during the August 5-14, 2011 tournament. Volunteers work in teams of two to put players' names on the "Player On Court Board" and run errands for the tower officials. Patience is needed in waiting at your assigned area for a task to be given. Hours: August 5-14, 2011, 4-hour shifts [7:45am-7:30pm]. Minimum age: 12.

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USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships Ball Runner - USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships

Be close to the action! The USTA Boys' Nationals need you! Ball runners, ages 9-15, work as a team to retrieve balls during matches on the three top courts at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium during the August 5-14, 2011 tournament. Ball runner teams will have evening practices twice a week during the summer and will be assigned daily morning, mid-day or afternoon shifts during the tournament. More information and forms are available to download at www.ustaboys.com. We look forward to you being a part of this nationally renowned tournament! Get your friends and neighbors together and sign up early. Tournament Hours: August 5-14, 2011 [8am-6:30pm], teams of runners will be assigned morning, mid-day or afternoon shifts each day of the tournament. Minimum age: 9.

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USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships Tournament Volunteers-Youth, Teen & Adult Opportunities - USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships

See future pro tennis players! Watch great tennis! Each year over 800 volunteers are needed at the USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National Championships held at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium and WMU Sorensen Courts. Be part of the 68th year of this nationally renowned tournament. Get your family and friends together and have fun volunteering at the Nationals. To find out more go to www.ustaboys.com and download a volunteer form or call the Tournament Office at 269-337-7343. Hours: August 5-14, 2011; various shifts. Minimum age: 9.

Contact Information:

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Wright for Kids Rock for Kids Festival - Wright for Kids

Volunteers are needed to host special events (band jam session, workshops, teen music) and to assist with VIP tent operation. Volunteers work 3 hr shifts and then can stay to watch concerts before of after shifts.

Date: Aug 19-20, 2011. Shift hours vary. Minimum age: 15.

Contact Information:

Deb Droppers

Event Coordinator

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