

***Please note: We make a regular effort to keep this listing updated, but new opportunities are added on a frequent basis on our [website listing](#) and our [opportunity calendar](#). Check these links for additional opportunities.**

What is VolunTEENS?

VolunTEENS is a year-round volunteer program designed for middle and high school students who want to help in their communities by volunteering.

The VolunTEENS Program can...

- Give you work experience for job applications.
- Help you stand out on college and scholarship applications.
- Fulfill school or other service requirements.
- Allow you to help others.
- Help you explore future careers while learning new skills.
- Expose you to new people and experiences.
- Be Fun!

Getting Started:

Follow the steps below and you'll be on your way!

1. Read the information here and talk with your parents or guardians about your interest in volunteering.
2. Decide how many hours you can commit to volunteering and talk about how you'll get to your volunteer job(s). Make sure you have transportation before you sign up for the VolunTEENS Program. Opportunities that are on or near the bus line are marked with 🚌
3. Opportunities are filled on a first come, first served basis so sign up early to have the best chance of getting the job(s) that you want.
4. **Sign-up online at: <http://volunteerkalamazoo.org/volunteering/volunteers/>, OR Print and mail an application to:
Volunteer Kalamazoo
709-A S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49007, OR
Fax it to 269.382.8362**

Next Steps:

5. To sign up for volunteer opportunities on the website, visit www.volunteerkalamazoo.org and click on "Get Involved." All opportunities will require that you have a volunteer account created with Volunteer Kalamazoo in order to register. Search for the opportunity of your choice by keyword (title of the opportunity) or by organization. You can then click 'Express Interest' to sign up for that opportunity.
6. Once you register for the opportunity of your choice, you will receive a confirmation email with contact information for the opportunity coordinator. Expect to be contacted by the organization(s) within 2-3 weeks, sometimes longer depending upon the needs of the organization(s).
7. Remember that there may be other requirements before beginning your volunteer job, such as an application, interview, background check and/or training.
8. Use the Student Activity Report (or other school form, if applicable) to record and verify your hours and submit them to Volunteer Kalamazoo (available online). We will track them in our database, to be retrieved when needed for college, scholarship or Michigan Student Service Award applications.
9. Enjoy your volunteer experience!
10. Contact the organization hosting the opportunity you signed up for directly if you do not hear from them within 2-3 weeks. You can also contact Volunteer Kalamazoo to follow up on your behalf and/or if you have any questions. We're here to help!

Questions? Email: volunteens@volunteerkalamazoo.org, or Call: 269.382.8350 weekdays [8:30-5pm]



Adopt-a-Pet Rescue Program

3537 Lake Ridge Lane, Allegan • http://www.adoptapet.com/adoption_rescue/69557.html

Cat and Dog Caregivers 🏠🐾🐾 Volunteers needed to work with cats and/or dogs. We have a variety of tasks and will work with each volunteer to ensure that they are assigned to something they enjoy. Our large facility in the country houses kennels, a dog park, cat quarters and a water sport area for dogs with a waterfall. Must be able to pay attention and follow directions, good work habits, be punctual, reliable and dress appropriately for work. Must have transportation to Allegan. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 12, or 10 with adult

Maintenance/Custodial Worker 🏠🐾 Volunteer will assist in fence repairs, installation or steps, sidewalks, wall furnace, yard work, cleaning of kennels and many maintenance things throughout. Hours: Flexible, can be on going. Minimum age: 12

Adventure Centre at Pretty Lake

9497 West Q Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.adventurecentre.org>

General Maintenance Site Worker 🏠🐾 Great for groups or mentor/mentee pairs! Fulfill your service requirements! Provide support in maintaining our 215-acre site, including: trail maintenance, minor carpentry, small tractor/engine repair, chain sawing, potential for high angle carpentry, clean up trash, set up and take down tents, wood-chip activity areas, tackle minor repairs to office and other buildings. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16, younger students welcome if accompanied by adult.

Air Zoo, The

6151 Portage Rd, Portage • <http://www.airzoo.org>

Camp Education Assistants Do you like to work with children? If you have an interest in aviation and get along well with children you many enjoy this opportunity to assist instructors with projects, organizing materials and cleaning up. Must be able to arrive on time, have excellent customer services skills and love interacting with the public. Must be appropriately dressed. Hours: Camps held all summer long, many different days and shifts available! Minimum age: 16

Discover Station Assistant Interactive science stations with hands-on demonstrations. Hours: Jun 1 - Sep 1: Mon-Sat [9-5], Sun [12-5] - 4 hrs/wk. Min age: 16

Greeter Provide a warm and welcome greeting to all guests who visit the Air Zoo. Must have excellent customer service skills and love interacting with the public. Hours: Mon-Sat [9am-1pm] [1pm-5pm] Sun [12pm-5pm]. Minimum age:16.

Phone Assistant Answer phones. Must have good speaking and communication skills. Able to follow directions. Hours: Mon-Wed and Sat [9-1pm] [1-5pm]; Sun [12-5pm]. Minimum age: 16.

Receptionist Responsible for answering the museum phone, welcoming and greeting visitors to the office areas. Also provides general clerical duties and a variety of support services to the staff. Hours: Flexible, Mon-Fri [9-5]. Minimum age: 17.

Retail Specialist Provide accurate and speedy processing of sales at the museum's gift shops. Must be willing to work a minimum of 16 hours each month, consistently. Must have excellent customer services skills. Cashiering experience a plus. Hours: Mon-Sat [9-1] or [1-5], Sun [12-5]. Minimum age: 16.

Retail Specialist, Ticket Counter Provide accurate and speedy processing of admission tickets and membership sales. Must be willing to work a minimum of 16 hours each month consistently. Must have excellent customer skills. Cashiering experience a plus. Hours: Mon-Sat [9-1] or [1-5], Sun [12-5]. Minimum age: 16.

Survey Collectors Walk around and conduct surveys with customers at the Air Zoo. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16.

Library Assistant Library assistant volunteers will greet customers as they enter the library, process book returns and books to be checked out as needed. Volunteer will also assist customers in locating materials as needed. Hours: Mon-Sat, 9am-1pm and 1-4pm; Sun Noon-5pm. Min age: 17

American Cancer Society, Kalamazoo

Location: Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds • <http://www.cancer.org>

Relay For Life Volunteer 🏃 🏃 Relay is a fun-filled overnight event to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. For those who are cancer survivors, a dinner will be held in your honor at the event. Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. Hours: June 9-10, various shifts. Call for information. Minimum age: All ages welcome.

American Red Cross, Greater Kalamazoo

5640 Venture Ct, Kalamazoo • <http://www.redcrossggr.org/Chapters/GreaterKalamazoo.aspx>

General Volunteers The Kalamazoo Chapter of the American Red Cross welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds. We provide various opportunities to participate in blood drives, teach health & safety classes to the community, assist those affected by house fires or other disasters, equipment maintenance and contribute to the everyday functioning of the Chapter. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 15

Community Speaker Help the American Red Cross maintain a strong presence in the community. Many organizations want to learn more about the Red Cross and desire speakers to come and explain the mission of the Red Cross to your community. Specific duties include: willingness to support the Red Cross Mission, maintain professional appearance and tone and an ability to "think on your feet." Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 17, or 15 with adult

Special Events Volunteers 🏃 Help the Red Cross maintain a strong presence in the community! Many one-time special volunteer events arise at the Red Cross. Be a part of a Special Events Team devoted to these events. Specific duties include: willingness to support Red Cross mission, provide a warm and friendly greeting to all, work with other volunteers to achieve the task at hand. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult

Volunteers For Blood Donor Recruitment Telephone previous blood donors to remind them of blood drives or schedule appointments as needed. All work done at the Greater Kalamazoo Red Cross Chapter House. Hours: Flexible during Mon-Fri [9am-5pm], 2-3 times/wk. Min age: 17

Youth Leaders Are you a young person who wants to make a significant impact on your peers, school, and community? If you are in high school or college we are in need of youth leaders willing to champion the Red Cross Mission and lead a Red Cross Club! Red Cross Clubs offer a multitude of important opportunities for their school and community. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult

Battle Creek VA Medical Center

5500 Armstrong Rd, Battle Creek • <http://www.volunteer.va.gov>

Summer Serves Youth Volunteers Summer Serves is a group program for youth 14 and older. Youth volunteers participate on Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm-3pm. Tuesdays activities include group recreation activities with our nursing home patients. Thursday activities involve learning about various careers from medical center staff and they escort nursing home patients to the canteen (which is our on-station store). Minimum age: 14

Bella Terra, Inc.

10736 West RS Ave, Mattawan • <http://www.bellaterraacres.com>

Ranch Hand Assist with daily miniature horse farm chores. Duties include: mucking stalls and paddocks; bedding; sweeping; cleaning and filling water tanks/buckets; horse grooming and exercising. Must be able to lift 40 pounds. Hours: Saturday mornings [9:30-11:30am]. Minimum age: 13

Big Brothers Big Sisters, A Community of Caring

3501 Covington Rd, Kalamazoo • <http://www.bbbsmi.org>

Bigs In Schools Volunteer Meet for one hour weekly with an assigned child at a designated school for fun and development of a friendly relationship. Days and times available vary according to school. Volunteers must be willing to

make at least a 9 month commitment to the program. Applications accepted at the beginning of each school year and must be completed by October of that year. Minimum age: 15

Bowl For Kids' Sake Event Volunteers Assist with fund raising activities as a team recruiter, prize solicitor, and/or day-of-event worker. Volunteers should have general office skills. Hours: Annual event, various shifts. Planning opportunities vary. Minimum age: 14

Receptionist Answer telephones, greet visitors, make copies, collate mailings, data entry, filing and updating records. Assist with making phone calls to update general information records, and other office tasks as needed. Volunteers should have general office skills. Hours: Weekdays [9am-5pm] Minimum age: 15

Binder Park Zoo

7400 Division Dr, Battle Creek • <http://www.binderparkzoo.org>

Teen Zoo Volunteers Volunteering to be a part of Binder Park Zoo's Teen Program is a fun and rewarding way to spend your summer. This year teens will choose to be either a JUNIOR ZOO KEEPER (working with animal care) or a TEEN EDUCATOR (working with education). There are many exciting opportunities regardless of which program you apply for. Participants must pay a small fee and be able to commit to volunteer 50 hours over the summer. A zoo shirt and name tag is provided for all participants. A completed application must be submitted with essay questions completed and two letters of recommendation. Applications are due no later than May 11, 2012. Minimum age: 13 by June 1, 2011. Applications are available at www.binderparkzoo.org. Click on VOLUNTEER link at bottom of the page and then ZOO TEEN APPLICATION.

Blanket Project - You Are Warmed By God's Love

Drop-off Location: 212 S Park St, Kalamazoo

Blanket/Pillow Making 🧵🧶 Volunteers are needed to buy fabric, stitch, knit or crochet blankets and pillowcases on their own time and donate them for distribution. Projects benefit children in crises. Drop off can be done at First United Methodist Church in downtown Kalamazoo.

Canine Safe Harbor

8171 W KL Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.caninesafeharbor.com>

Dog Walker 🐕 Love dogs? Help us provide exercise for our dogs by walking them, one at a time, on a 1/4 mile woodland trail. Volunteers must be able to tolerate walking in changing and sometimes inclement weather. Volunteers must participate in an orientation program before working with the dogs. Volunteers must have reliable transportation and be committed to complete scheduled hours. Please note: this location is NOT on located on a bus line. Hours: Flexible times 3-5 hrs wk, Mon-Sun [9am until finished] or [5pm (during winter) or 6pm (during summer) until finished]. Minimum age: 16

Housekeeping & Maintenance 🏠🧹 Love dogs? Help us provide keep areas safe and clean by providing light housekeeping duties and performing outdoor maintenance. Volunteers must have reliable transportation and be committed to complete scheduled hours. Please note: this location is NOT on located on a bus line. Hours: Flexible times, please call for more information. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult

Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center

8450 N 43rd, Augusta • <http://www.cheffcenter.org>

Barn Assistant 🐎 Volunteers are needed year-round to help barn manager with daily chores of horse farm, including cleaning stalls and barn, and grooming and tacking horses. Hours: Mon-Fri [8am-7pm] Minimum age: 13

Horse Leader Or Sidewalker 🐎 Sidewalk or lead horses, assist campers with craft projects and help them to learn about horses and horse care. Help with grooming, tacking and caring for the horses. No experience required, training provided. You must be able to walk in arena for a minimum of one-hour. Hours: Jun-Aug, Mon-Fri [9am-4pm], Sep-May Mon-Fri [9am-8pm] Minimum age: 13

Community Advocates The Arc

814 S Westnedge, Kalamazoo • <http://www.communityadvocates.org>

Ribfest Volunteers 🍷 Volunteers are needed to work the Community Advocates Ribfest by volunteering in the beverage tent, working the welcome gates, helping in the volunteer and information tent, or special activities or children's tent. Hours: Aug 2-4, 2012 [10:30am-1:30am], various shifts available. Minimum age: 19 for the beverage tent, 16 for most other jobs, 12 with adult for the children's activity tent.

Community Healing Centers

2615 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo • <http://www.communityhealingcenter.org>

Tips for Kids Volunteer 🍷 Volunteer groups are needed to pump gas and wash windshields for tips at local Shell gas stations. More information and applications can be found online at www.roofsit.com. Hours: May 17-18, 2012 [8am-9pm] 2 or 3 hr shifts; May 19, 2012 [8am-5pm] Minimum age: 16, or 10 with adult

Roof Sit Volunteers 🍷 Volunteers will greet people when they come to make a donation, collect money & make sure the donor receives a receipt, take phone pledges & write receipts. More information and applications can be found online at www.roofsit.com. Hours: May 17-18, 2012 [8am-9pm] 2 or 3 hr shifts; May 19, 2012 [8am-5pm] Minimum age: 16

Comstock Community Center

6330 King Highway, Comstock • <http://www.comstockcc.com>

Adopt-A-Family Participants Families, groups or businesses provide toys, clothing and/or food for an adopted, family-in-need during the holidays. Help with delivery of gifts to families or bring donations to the center. Referrals for families provided to the adopter in mid Nov-Dec. Minimum age: 13. Hours: Flexible

Beautification Volunteers 🍷 Assist older adults with leaf raking, bush trimming and general yard clean-up or various outdoor Comstock park clean-up and maintenance projects. Projects are usually available in the spring through fall. Volunteers should have the ability to do physical work. Projects are available for individuals, families or groups. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 13

Adopt-a-Senior 🍷 Families, groups or businesses provide food and/or small gifts/necessities for senior citizens in need during the holiday season. Help with delivery of gifts to families or bring donations to the center. Referrals for seniors provided to the adopter in mid Nov-Dec. Minimum age: 16, or 10 with adult. Hours: Flexible

Covenant Senior Day Program

7211 Oakland Dr, Portage • <http://www.covenantsdp.org>

Volunteer With Seniors 🍷 Assist program participants with activities that may include crafts, games, puzzles, cooking, conversation, singing or playing an instrument. Volunteers must work well with adults experiencing memory loss. Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage. Hours: Flexible times scheduled [7:30am-5pm] 2-4 hr shifts Minimum age: 16


Crescendo Academy of Music

359 S Kalamazoo Mall Ste 12, Kalamazoo • <http://www.crescendoacademy.com>

Various Volunteer Positions A variety of volunteer opportunities exist through out the year working to support the activities and special events of the Academy. Please call for current volunteer needs. Min age: 16


Department of Human Services

322 E Stockbridge Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.Mich.gov/dhs>

Office Assistant  Volunteer will assist volunteer service program staff by performing light typing, filing, copying, data input, telephone duties and mailing functions. Volunteer skills desired include: computer literacy, able to use a fax, phone and general office equipment. Have adequate verbal, writing and math skills and good people skills. Hours: Flexible Mon-Fri [8am-5pm] dependent on volunteer. Minimum age: 15


Douglass Community Association


1000 W Patterson St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.douglasscommunity.org>

Program Volunteers  Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks: Clerical duties Light maintenance Tutoring Sports & recreation Food distribution One day special events (example: Christmas celebration) Other events (posted on the Douglass Community Association website) Volunteer skills or requirements: Ability to establish rapport with teens and children Basic computer knowledge Ability to follow instructions of a lesson plan Ability to work independently Hours: Mon-Fri [4-8pm] 3rd Wednesday of every month [11am-3pm] Weekdays [10am-5pm] (clerical tasks) Special events as needed/available Min age: 16

Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc

157 S Kalamazoo Mall Ste 175, Kalamazoo • <http://www.downtownkalamazoo.org/>

Safe Halloween  Safe Halloween is a safe daytime alternative to trick-or-treating for Kalamazoo community children and inner-city youth. This is a one day, afternoon event in downtown Kalamazoo. Volunteers are needed to assist with costume registration, arts & crafts, candy distribution and greeting. Duties vary from greeting children as they register their costumes, helping with different hands-on activities, filling bowls and monitoring candy distribution, and greeting families as they arrive to the event. Volunteers receive free beverages, a hearty thank you, and the satisfaction of helping host an event for our communities' children. Hours: Oct 27, 2012; [10:00am-1:30pm], various shifts. Minimum age: 16, or 13 with adult.

Kalamazoo Holiday Parade Volunteers  The Kalamazoo Holiday Parade has an outstanding 50 year tradition in the Kalamazoo community. Without the participation of our community organizations and volunteers like you, the parade could not go on! Volunteers needed to help with parade line-up volunteers, helium balloon fill-in carriers, gate attendant, after parade day activities downtown and food drive collection. Volunteers bring smiles, fun and community holiday spirit to the parade! Hours: Sat, Nov 10, 2012 [9am-2pm] various shifts available. Call 269-388-2830 for more information. Location: Downtown Kalamazoo, 300 East Lovell Street. Min age: 16, or 13 with adult.

Eastside Neighborhood Association


1301 E Main St, • <http://kena.web.officelive.com/default.aspx>

Events Assistant Help organize and implement special events: National Night Out, Volunteer Recognition events, Back-to-School picnic, Holiday Open House, and Senior Tea Times. Must be organized, good with diverse groups of people, good planning and communication skills, ability to plan and implement ideas, and the ability to present plan and updates in written format. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age 16

IT Network Tech Assist the organization with setting up a sustainable computer lab to serve our residents and the youth that participate in our Eastside Youth Lounge program. Activities include networking of computer lab computers, as well as office staff computers, troubleshooting and making recommendations to the Executive Director on software upgrades. Networking of computers experience is a must. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to either gain experience in this field, or expand one's resume. Hours: Flexible. Volunteer can make arrangements to work either day or evening, Mon-Fri, coming in as needed or once every other week. Minimum age: 16

Edison Neighborhood Association

816 Washington Ave, • <http://www.edisonneighborhood.com/>

Reception and Clerical Aide  General office work including organizing, cleaning files, and greeting visitors. Hours: Flexible between [9am-5 pm]. Minimum age: 16

Fair Food Matters

323 N Burdick St, • <http://www.fairfoodmatters.org>

Flyer Distribution 📄 Help pass out flyers in the neighborhood surrounding the Douglass Community Center. We're trying to spread the word about the Douglass Farmers' Market, which is coming up on July 26 and August 23. Help needed until July 25, with flexible times - most likely on Monday and Thursday evenings. Minimum age: 16

Fair Food Matters Garden Assistants 🌱🌿 Come help with organic gardening activities including planting, weeding, harvesting, and composting. An interest in gardening is preferred, but all experience levels are welcome. Must enjoy working with people, getting your hands dirty, and spending time outside during the summer. Location: We have two educational gardens: Woodward Elementary and near North Westnedge and Dunkley in Kalamazoo. Hours: Flexible scheduling May-Sept, prefer 2-6 hrs/wk, some evening and weekend opportunities available. Min age: 12, or 5 with adult

Future Chefs Assistant to the Chef Instructor. Volunteers should be enthusiastic to work with youth ages 12-18, be interested in food, food security, healthy eating, sustainability, local food or some area related to these. Must also be willing to visit farms, restaurants and go on other various field trips. Skills in engaging youth and helping to keep them on task in the kitchen are important. Must be prompt, reliable and patient and willing to participate in cooking programs. Hours: [9am-3pm] during summer classes. Minimum age: 16

Douglass Farmers' Market Assistant 📄🌿 We are looking for volunteers to help with general operations of the Douglass Farmers' Market. This usually includes helping vendors set up and take down their booths, collecting market data such as customer counts and surveys, and concessions sales. Skills or Requirements: We prefer to work with mature, responsible, open-minded, and fun people. Hours: The Douglass Farmers' Market operates each Tuesday from 3-6pm from June 5 - August 28. Volunteer shifts may start as early as 2pm and end as late as 7pm. Minimum age: 16, or 12 with adult

First Day Shoe Fund

<http://www.firstdayshoefund.org>

Shoe Distribution Volunteer ☐ Help children (K-3) to select and try on new shoes for start of the school year. Help prep & sort shoes and clerical duties as needed. Volunteers must have an ability to work with children, have patience and be friendly.

Hours/Locations:

July 23-24 [8:15am-12:15pm] or [12-4] at Northeastern Elementary, 2433 Gertrude St, Kalamazoo

July 25-26 [8:15am-12:15pm] or [12-4] at Milwood Elementary, 3400 Lovers Ln, Kalamazoo

Minimum age: 14

Shoe Transport 🚚 The First Day Shoe Fund will be distributing shoes to low-income Kalamazoo Public Schools students (K-3) so that they can start school on equal footing. In order for this wonderful service to take place, the shoes must be transported from the warehouse to the schools for distribution! Groups are needed on Thursday, July 19th from 8:30 - 10:30. They will lift and carry the bins of shoes from the warehouse location to the KPS trucks and off-load at both school distribution sites. Bins weigh 50 - 75 #. On Tuesday, July 24th, a group is needed to meet at Northeastern Elementary 8:30am to transfer remaining shoes to Milwood. This should only take about an hour. A group is needed on Thursday, July 26 to meet at 8:30am to load remaining shoe bins on trucks and off load them at warehouse. This should take about 1 - 1 1/2 hours. Ideal group size is 6 - 8 students with an adult supervisor. Own transportation needed. If you can help, contact Valerie Denghel, 269.375.7767, firstdayshoefund@aol.com.

Friendship Village

1400 N Drake, Kalamazoo • <http://www.friendshipvillagemi.com>

Activities Assistant 🎨 Do you enjoy baking, creating simple art or dancing? How about listening to music or celebrating special events? Would you like to help a senior enjoy an activity like this? If you enjoy seniors and you like to stay busy, this won't even feel like a job to you! Purpose: Provide assistance to staff in getting residents to, and helping them be involved in, group activities. Major responsibilities: Help residents get to their respective activities area; Assist one or two residents with a group activity such as a craft, cooking, etc. Qualifications: Attentiveness; Patient, kind

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demeanor; Assertiveness is helpful. Benefits include a fulfillment of helping a senior take pleasure in simple activities, camaraderie - taking part in activities alongside those you're serving and getting to know remarkable seniors! Hours: Mon-Fri [9:30-4pm]; activities & times vary, call for more information 2-hr blocks minimum. Minimum age: 15, or 5 with adult

Gardener 🌱 Would you like to enjoy the beautiful Michigan outdoors while helping provide a healthy food source for seniors? How about gaining new friendships with interesting, knowledgeable seniors? Maybe you like playing in the dirt, or perhaps you have agriculture knowledge. Put your love for the earth to good use! Assist residents and/or Food & Beverage staff in the Friendship Village Garden by planting, nurturing, weeding, and harvesting produce and herbs for use in preparing fresh meals for residents. Volunteers also assist residents with their section of the garden with by performing similar tasks as noted. Volunteers should have basic knowledge of plants vs. weeds, have the ability to bend and be able to lift up to 20 lbs. Hours/Dates: Seasonal. Days and times vary and can be determined by volunteer and F&B staff and/or resident. Contact for more information. Minimum age: 15, or 8 with adult

Grounds Maintenance Volunteer 🌱 Do you love the Michigan outdoors? Do you enjoy working with your hands? You can do both while creating a safe, clean, aesthetically pleasing outdoor space for seniors! Maintain and/or upgrade building and grounds by painting outdoor spaces such as curbs or garages, weeding flowerbeds, or cleaning up/maintaining grounds and Village Woods. Volunteers must have the ability to lift up to 50lbs and the willingness to learn/take instruction. Hours: Apr-Oct as needed. Days and times are flexible and can be coordinated with Grounds Superintendent. Minimum age: 15, or 12 with adult

Resident Companion Volunteer Are you a compassionate, caring person? Do you enjoy talking with seniors? How about playing a game or taking a relaxing walk? Our seniors would love to enjoy one of these activities with you! Purpose: Develop a relationship with a specific resident and visit regularly. The visit may include taking a walk, reading to the resident, working a puzzle, attending a scheduled activity in the Village, playing cards, etc. Volunteers must be personable - be kind, friendly and desirous of improving a seniors' quality of life; have good communication skills; be a good listener; comfortable reading to another person, and be consistent and dependable. Hours: Visits are scheduled through the Volunteer Office and in conjunction with resident and their care staff. Minimum of 1 hour per week. Minimum age: 15, or 5 with adult.

Village Store Volunteer Soda, soap, and stationary... cards, cashews, and coffee cups... mints, milk, and muffins... Would you like to help stock and organize a variety of items in our Village Store? Would you like to work alongside and get to know intriguing seniors? This could be the opportunity for you! Provide help to the Village Store Manager by unloading product carts, organizing and pricing items, stocking shelves and assisting volunteer residents in serving customers (on occasion). Volunteers should have the ability to bend and lift up to 30 lbs and have the willingness to learn/take instruction. Hours: Tue morning. Minimum age: 16, or 14 with adult

Transport Volunteer Have you ever been told that you could talk a mouse into a mousetrap or been accused of being a "sweet talker?" We would love for you to use your power of persuasion to encourage residents to get in a wheelchair and be taken to their appointments! (Some do great; others need a little push - pun intended.) Volunteers are needed to aid Health Center and Woodside staff in moving residents around the building by transporting wheelchair-bound residents to their appointments or events safely and on time. Volunteer must be organized and have the ability to follow an appointment schedule. Should also have the ability to positively interact with residents and staff and the ability to persuade resident(s) to places they may not want to go at a given time (i.e. Beauty Shop, P.T. appointments, etc.). Hours: Consistent need on Tue, otherwise as needed for special events or programs. Minimum age: 16, or 14 with adult

Outing Escort Would you like to share a fun day with a surrogate grandparent? Do you enjoy things like butterfly gardens, elk farms, and trips to Plainwell Ice Cream? Would you like to help those who can't drive anymore enjoy these things as well? Volunteers are needed to provide assistance to a physically challenged or mentally confused resident so they can participate in group outings by assisting one or two residents on an outing or day trip. Help them get around safely and make sure all residents stay together. Volunteers must have attentiveness and patience. Hours: Half or full day, depending on the trip. Volunteers are scheduled as needs arise. Minimum age: 17

Pianist Do you like good old-fashioned hymns? Do you enjoy playing piano and hearing people sing along? Do you only have any hour or son on weekends to volunteer your time? If so, this opportunity is for you! Provide accompaniment for weekly Vespers service by working alongside Chaplain to choose weekly hymns and accompany congregants during services. Volunteers should have the ability to play hymns with congregants singing along and be able to work with Chaplain on a weekly basis (phone call is fine). Hours: Sun [3-4pm] Minimum age: 14

Special Events Volunteer 🌱 Do you feel like a kid in a candy store when you drive a golf cart? Do you like to see fancy treats and try to figure out how to make them yourself? Volunteering at a Special Event is always interesting because they're always different! Expose yourself to the possibilities of great music, food, and fun by volunteering at a Friendship Village special event! Responsibilities vary, but can include Golf Cart driver, server or valet parking. Volunteers must be

flexible have good inter-personal skills and be able to interact with residents and guests in a respectful and pleasant manner. Volunteer drivers must have a valid Michigan driver's license (valets must have no points) and be able to drive cars with both automatic and manual transmissions. Hours: Vary depending on the occasion and can take place day or evening, most last 2-4 hrs. Minimum age: 16, or 14 with adult

Photo Manager Are you a scrapbooker? Do you enjoy creating interesting photo boards? If so, I would LOVE to have your help!! Help to keep photo board and resident albums up to date and create a volunteer photo album by cropping pictures, creating labels and posting pictures. Other responsibilities include transferring pictures removed from photo board into albums and creating a volunteer photo album. Volunteers should be creative, organized, and have basic photography knowledge. What are some of the benefits? Use your creativity without making a mess at home, have access to supplies and make residents smile when they see your creation reflecting their image. Hours: Approximately 2 hrs/mo. Days and times are flexible. Minimum age: 16, or 8 with adult

Holiday Decorator 🎄 Do you love decorating for the holidays? How would you like to decorate the dining area at our senior living community? We'll provide the decor; you provide the energy & creativity! Volunteers should be creative and have the willingness to hear/incorporate dining room management's ideas, be able to bend, lift & climb a ladder if necessary. Hours: Approx 3 hrs some time during the last week of November and 3 hrs during the second week of January to take down and pack away decorations. Due to Dining Room hours, the work must be done in the morning. Minimum age: 15, or 12 with adult

Galesburg Memorial Library

188 E Michigan Ave, Galesburg • <http://www.galesburgmemoriallibrary.org>

Library Assistants Work with librarians to maintain library. Tasks may include shelving books, processing library material and other daily jobs at the library. Experienced volunteers assist with the check-in and check-out of materials. Hours: Tue, Wed [10:30-6:30 pm]; Thu, Fri [10:30-4:30]; Sat [10 am-2 pm] Minimum age: 13

GFM The Synergy Center

5805 Oakland Dr, Portage • <http://www.gfmenrichment.com/>

Office Aide 🖨️ A volunteer is needed to copy, collate materials, and perform basic office functions. Should have basic clerical aptitude and computer skills. Hours: Flexible 10 hrs/wk. Minimum age: 14

Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan

420 E Alcott St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.goodwillswmi.org>

Clerical Volunteer Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with a variety of individuals and maintaining confidentiality of the individuals you work with in this facility is required. Responsibilities include assisting in the performance of clerical related activities. Specific duties may include: Producing documents using a computer and/or typewriter, filing, record keeping, producing copies using the copy machine and assembling information. Skills needed: keyboarding, filing, communication skills, following directions -- verbal or written. Hours: Flexible schedule coordinated with volunteers. Minimum age: 16

Shopgoodwill.com Volunteer 📦 Volunteer will package items sold online, process shipping labels for packages using UPS Worldship or USPS software, sort goods to be listed on Shopgoodwill.com, help to maintain department goals, general light cleaning of items. Volunteers should have basic computer knowledge, be adaptable to new tasks, be self motivated and able to work independently, able to lift 20 pounds or more, must be detailed, organized and timely with work and have the ability to understand, accept and work with people who have disabilities and/or barriers to employment. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16

Volunteer Donation Attendant/Store Assistant 📦 Volunteers have the opportunity to work with a variety of individuals. It is expected you will maintain the confidentiality of the individuals you work with in this facility. Primary responsibility of the Donation Attendant volunteer is to assist in moving material into, through and out of the building as directed. Specific duties may include: 1. Unpack store shipments and place in appropriate locations. 2. Mark down dated merchandise per plan. 3. Clean, dust merchandise and display fixtures. 4. Follow all safety rules and regulations. Volunteers must be physically able to perform assigned tasks, lift up to 15 lbs. and write accurately and legibly. Hours: Flexible Min age: 16

Greater Kalamazoo Area Holiday Food Drive

Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds • <http://www.kalamazooholidayfooddrive.org>

Holiday Food Drive Workers 🏠👥👥 Volunteers are needed to assist with the Food Drive that will be Fri, Dec 16 and Sat, Dec 17, 2011. Volunteers will sort and count the donated food items on Fri from 6-8pm. Sat, volunteers will pack the boxes beginning at 9:30am with deliveries beginning at 10:30am. To volunteer, just go to the Kalamazoo County fairgrounds the day of the event (2900 Lake Street) at the times listed above. Food drive held in the Hazel Gray Building. Minimum age: 18 (or younger with adult supervision).

Greater Kalamazoo Girls on the Run

157 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo • <http://www.girlsontherunkazoo.org>

Supply Sorting and Organization 🏠👥 Specific duties include counting and sorting team supplies for Girls on the Run participants-including pieces to lesson plans, first aid kits, cones, pens, pencils, crayons, paper, jump ropes, batons and much more. Attention to detail, accuracy and excellent organization skills are very important. Hours: Flexible, Tue/Thu. Minimum age: 14, or 13 with adult

Girls On the Run 5K Celebration 🏠👥 This spring, nearly 2,400 girls will participate in our 5k run/walk to celebrate completion of their Girls on the Run® training program. The Girls on the Run 5K is the culmination of the Kalamazoo program. The run/walk will be held on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30, beginning and ending at Waldo Stadium on the campus of Western Michigan University. There are many different jobs available, including set-up, tear down, course safety, first aid, parking, floaters, motivation stations, water stations and more! Learn more and [sign-up online!](#) Minimum age: 14

Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services

420 E. Alcott, Kalamazoo • <http://www.guardian-inc.org>

Mother's Day Flower Project - Flower Decorator 🏠👥👥 Help decorate potted plants with ribbon and insert flower sticks with cards in preparation for volunteers to deliver to female clients served by Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services. Many of these women do not have family or friends to honor them on this special occasion (Mother's Day). Work will be done at the Goodwill office on Alcott Street, 420 E Alcott St, Kalamazoo 49001. Hours: Thursday, May 10 [9am-5pm] Minimum age: 16, or 4 with adult

Mother's Day Flower Project - Flower Delivery 🏠👥 Deliver potted flowering plants to Guardian's female clients who are residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult foster care homes, and who are living independently. Many of these women do not have family or friends to honor them on this special occasion (Mother's Day). Your smiling faces with a plant and a special card will brighten their day. Volunteers are needed to deliver plants to clients in Kalamazoo, Portage, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, Galesburg, Plainwell and additional areas. Flowers and a list of places to deliver can be picked up at the Goodwill office on Alcott Street on Friday, May 11th during the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult; adults must have a vehicle to deliver flowers. Hours: Friday daytime hours flexible. Special arrangements can be made on Saturday if necessary. Minimum age: 16, or 4 with adult

Harry Stout Foundation

726 Bayberry Ln, Otsego • <http://harrystout.org>

Harry's Fun Fest Volunteers 🏠👥👥 Volunteers are needed for an assortment of positions at our annual fundraiser. Duties include food preparation and packaging, money handling, supervision of children's rides, face painting, blowing balloons with helium tanks, wearing children's costumes, trash pickup, etc. It really is a fun time for a great cause! No specific skills needed. Hours: Sat, Jun 2, 2012 [10am-9pm]. Flexible shifts as little as 2-hours. Groups welcome. Minimum age: 15, or 12 with adult

Heartland Hospice Portage

8075 Creekside Dr S-120, Portage • <http://www.hcr-manorcare.com/HeartlandHospice/Kalamazoo.aspx>

Administrative Volunteer Provide administrative office support such as filing, answering phones, greeting guests and making copies. Hours: Flexible, 1-2 hrs/wk. Minimum Age: 16

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Heritage Community of Kalamazoo

2300 Portage St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.heritagecommunity.com>

Art Class Assistant Assist residents and life enrichment staff during art activities. Have fun reminiscing in the process. The Art Class Assistant role is to build relationships with the residents in order to share creativity and facilitate the residents' experience in the art classes run at HCK. Hours: Monday afternoons, 1 hr/week. Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Best Friend Companion The Best Friend Companion encompasses all of the values of Heritage Community of Kalamazoo. This volunteer develops a special, one-to-one relationship with a resident who is beginning to experience some forgetfulness. The Best Friend Companion helps the resident compensate in the early stages of memory loss by assisting the resident with such tasks as making shopping lists, visiting with the resident and talking to encourage reminiscing and continued memory function, and helps the resident remember daily activities within the facility. Hours: Minimum of 1-2 hrs/wk, with more available upon request. Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Dance With Me Instructor The Dance With Me Instructor has the unique responsibility of stimulating residents' senses through dance, specifically utilizing safe dancing methods for all levels of mobility (keeping in mind that many residents are confined to wheelchairs). The Dance With Me Instructor is specifically required to coordinate and lead dances that use music from the residents' era, and can be performed by residents, regardless of their physical capability. Must have dance background, and be able to adapt dance so that it can be done safely in a group of physical and cognitive ability levels. Hours: 2-4 hours/month. Minimum age: 16

Reading Companion Reading Companions provide residents with the opportunity to listen to a variety of written work, that they may otherwise have difficulty accessing. Our Reading Companions provide companionship to residents while also providing mental stimulation through the reading and subsequent discussion of written works. Hours: Minimum 1 hr/wk Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Seasonal Decor Assistant Heritage Community of Kalamazoo welcomes all seasons with a variety of seasonal decor to stimulate our residents' sensory experiences and give them the opportunity to reminisce and embrace the seasons. Our Seasonal Decor Assistants are vital to that process, aiding the various facilities in decorating for various holidays and events throughout the year. This position requires that the volunteer hang decorations on walls, ceilings, windows and doors as well as set out decorations throughout the facility. Hours: 2 or more hours per month, depending on special events and holidays. Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Special Occasions Companion The Special Occasions Companion is responsible to aid staff in the facilitation of various special activities including, but not limited to: holiday parties and events, birthday celebrations, family days, and music events. The Special Occasions Companion will provide critical support to staff in both the planning and implementation of these events, while also aiding staff with residents during these events. Hours: Vary according to event. Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Spirit Engager The Spirit Engager will be responsible to help staff facilitate day-to-day resident interactions. This will include, but not be limited to, helping staff to facilitate: playing cards with residents, helping with various physical activities like bowling, playing music for residents, and aiding staff with mentally stimulating activities like puzzles. Hours: Sat [1-2pm]; other days also available as necessary Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Walk With Me Companion The Walk With Me Companion is a vital resource to many HCK residents, enabling them to continue being mobile and independent within our community. Walk With Me Companions are responsible to oversee and encourage residents in regular walks, which are important for ensuring that our residents retain their current level of physical wellness. They will engage resident in conversation while walking. They will also keep track of how well the person is doing and report to the life enrichment staff. Hours: Flexible, on as regular of intervals as possible. Minimum age: 16. Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Wii Are Friends Wii Are Friends volunteers instruct residents on how to play various games on the Wii gaming system. This gaming system is utilized to encourage movement and simulate activities that residents used to participate in, while providing one-on-one social interactions. Great training for students of occupational therapy or exercise science. Hours: 30-45 minutes, 1-2 times per week Minimum age: 16 Please note: Court-ordered community service volunteers are not eligible for volunteer positions at Heritage Community.

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan

222 N Kalamazoo Mall Ste 100, Kalamazoo • <http://www.hospiceswmi.org>

Project Assistant (Summer only) Help create flyers, invitations and programs for community events or staff recognition events. Assemble folders and programs, and assist with mailings. Computer knowledge desirable. Hours: Summer only, 4-8 hrs per wk. Flexible times Mon-Fri [8am-5pm] Min. age: 16

Hospital Hospitality House of Southwest Michigan

527 W South St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.hhhkz.org>

House Aide (Summer Only) VolunTEENS will work at the Hospital Hospitality House helping with household chores, simple gardening, and general office work including annual reorganization of files. Hours: Mon-Fri mornings. Minimum age: 12

Volunteer Coordinator (Summer Only) Working closely with the supervisor you will oversee the tasks of younger VolunTEENS at the Hospital Hospitality House and help teach and monitor all aspects of jobs. Hours: [9-11 am] Minimum age: 16

Kalamazoo Ballet

431 E South St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.bullardschool.com>

Cleaning Volunteer 🏠 Volunteer needed for light cleaning. Minimum age: 16

Painter 🏠🔨 Painters are needed to paint walls, windows and floors and assist with performance preparation sets. Volunteers must have some painting experience and be willing to assist with clean up. Hours: To be arranged. For more information please call 343-3027 and leave your name and phone number if there is no answer. Minimum age: 16

Seamstress Are you a talented seamstress with time to give? Individuals with varying levels of expertise are needed to sew for a variety of ballet performances. Sewing must be done on location and volunteers will be called as needed. For information please call 343-3027, and leave your name and phone number if there is no answer. Hours: To be arranged. Call for more information. Minimum age: 16

Kalamazoo Collective Housing

2101 Wilbur St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kalamazoo.coop>

Newsletter and Website Editor This volunteer position will support Kalamazoo Collective Housing's monthly newsletter. Graphic design skills, and layout experience is preferred, although anyone with a willingness to learn could be successful in this role. The volunteer will layout monthly content for the KCH newsletter and send it out to over 400 community members. Occasional website updates will also be required in this 10 hr/mo volunteer commitment. Hours: 10 hrs/mo. Volunteer will self-schedule hours at a time convenient for them, hours are flexible. Minimum age: 17

Kalamazoo County Poverty Reduction Initiative

1140 Wellborn Hall WMU 1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.haltpoverty.org>

Kit Assembler 🏠🔨 Join our team by helping reassemble the workshop kit supplies and resources we use in our Poverty Simulation Workshops. This is a vital part of our ability to educate the community on the realities of poverty and inspire action toward change! Volunteers will need to have good organizational skills, ability to follow written directions and ability to work alone or as part of a group. Hours: Flexible, can be up to 10 hours/week, if needed. Scheduled between the hours of [9am-5pm], Mon-Fri. Minimum age: 16, or 13 with adult

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Poverty Simulation Workshop Staff 🏠 🏠 Help to educate the community about poverty through interactive role playing. Each staffer is assigned a role with specific instructions which help to give workshop participants a meaningful and impactful active learning experience. The staffers are a vital part of our goal to educate the community about the realities of poverty and inspire action toward change! Skills required: Volunteers must be reliable, punctual and have the ability to follow directions. Volunteers must also be able to have fun and be creative! Hours: Time commitment is 3 hours/workshop. Workshops generally occur during business hours with occasional evening occurrences. Scheduling is done by event. Call or visit website for upcoming workshop dates. Minimum age: 16.

Kalamazoo County, Michigan Cemeteries on the Web

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mikccem/>

Photography, Transcribing or Proofing 🏠 🏠 Photographers are needed to travel to Kalamazoo County cemeteries and photograph grave markers using a digital camera, transcribe from photographs or to walk cemeteries to proof our already transcribed cemeteries. The project is designed to provide historical data for people seeking information about their ancestors and family history. This is a great way to use your photography skills to help others. We post our information on the internet free to anyone interested. Hours: Anytime, during daylight hours. Minimum age 17

Kalamazoo Deacons Conference

1010 N Westnedge, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kazoodc.org>

Back 2 School Bash Volunteers 🏠 🏠 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

Clothing Department Assistants 🏠 A clerk is needed to assist with sorting and hanging clothing, packaging clothing detergent and helping customers. On-the-job training is provided. Volunteers must be comfortable working with and around people of diverse backgrounds. Hours: Flexible, Mon-Fri [9am-4:30pm]. Minimum age: 14

Janitor 🏠 Volunteer will do general cleaning, mop, wash windows, clean bathrooms, vacuum etc. Hours: Flexible scheduled Mon-Thu [9-5] Min age: 16

Summer Gathering Event Volunteers 🏠 🏠 Help with various activities for our end of school Summer Gathering event, held annually in June at LaCrone Park. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16, or 13 with adult.

Kalamazoo Dept of Parks and Recreation

251 Mills St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kalamazoocity.org>

Friends of Recreation Board Member The Friends of Recreation Advisory Board seeks funds through donations, gifts, fundraising events and bequests for recreational programs and park development projects. Advisory Board to the City Commission, 11 members, at least six members shall be City of Kalamazoo residents. Application can be obtained from City Clerk's Office, 337-8792 or cokcityclerk@kalamazoocity.org. Hours: First Thurs. of every month, 8 am in Mayors' Riverfront Park Community Room. Min age: 15 at time of appointment to board

Parks & Rec Advisory Board Members The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) is a City Commission appointed advisory board consisting of nine voting members, all of whom shall be city residents and at least two members shall be 15-17 and adult members 18 and up. The general duties of the board shall be to advise the City Manager and the City Commission regarding parks and recreation planning and programming. The Board meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:15 pm in the Mayors' Riverfront Park community room. Applications may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (269) 337-8792 or via e-mail at cokCityClerk@kalamazoocity.org. (7 adult & 2 youth positions) For further information, call the Parks and Recreation Dept. at (269) 337-8191.

Recreation Aid 🏠 Assist with a variety of tasks to support youth activities and special events. Most sites are in Kalamazoo Public Schools and locations all within the city limits. Flexible day and evening hours. Minimum age: 14

Soccer Coach 🏠 Work with 4th & 5th grade coed Soccer league. This is fun & non-competitive after school league. It is a 6 week league among KPS schools. Hours: Depending on the number of teams, games will be once/week and sometimes twice/week. Practices after school and based on coach preference. Fall program: Sept. 1-Nov. 2, 2012. Minimum age: 16

Summer Youth Recreation Aid Assist with youth activities and special events, sports, games, art/crafts, computers. Friendly and work well with others. Placement depends upon your recreation skills and interests. Most locations are within the city limits. Hours: Flexible day and evening hours. Minimum age: 14

Youth Development Center Assistant Help with a variety of programs, tutoring, and computers. Location: Youth Development Center, 230 E Crosstown Pkwy. Hours: Flexible day and evening hours. Minimum age: 16

Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Event Helpers 🏈 This is a fun event for volunteers! You may assist with registration, spotting, measuring, recording scores, and assist at scorers table. Location: Mayors' Riverfront Park, 251 Mills St. Hours: Sept. 16, 2012 [12-3:30pm] Minimum age: 16

Harvest Fest Event Helpers 🍂 🏠 Harvest Fest is a one-time event held at the Farmer's Market on Bank St and Upjohn Park. Groups of volunteers are needed to do a Trunk or Treat, assist with arts and crafts projects, set-up and tear down tents, signs and run games. Hours: Oct 20, 2012, event time [11-2pm], setup [8:30-11am], tear down [2-3pm]. Minimum age: 14

Hershey Track & Field Meet Event Helper 🏃 Volunteers are needed to help as time runners using stop watches, measure distances, and tally scores. An ability to work well with youth, along with an appreciation for and experience in track & field are desirable. Location: Kalamazoo Central High School. Hours: Sat June 9, 2012 [10:30-2pm] Minimum age: 14

Santa's Workshop & Candy Cane Hunt Helpers 🎅 🏠 We need volunteers who enjoy making arts and crafts to help children and families make gifts for holiday giving and help putting candy canes in Bronson Park, monitoring children and helping with set-up and clean-up. Locations: Park Trades Center, 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave. Date: Fri. Dec. 2, 2011 from 5 - 9:00 p.m. and Bronson Park. Date: Sat, Dec. 9, 2012 [10 a.m- 2:30 p.m.]. Minimum age: 16

Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center

129 S Park, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kdccc.org>

Teen Childcare Aide 🏠 The Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care is a free childcare program for income-eligible families. Volunteers assist the staff in the daily operation of childcare. Activities include engaging children in play and other educational activities. Qualifications include an interest in the well-being of children, consistent and dependable, and available to work a minimum of a 2 hour block at least one day per week. Benefits include gaining an understanding of early childhood development, personal satisfaction of helping children grow by interacting with them through play. Volunteers learn how to work with others and respect differences. Hours: Mon-Fri [11am-3pm], can do 2 hour blocks [11-1] or [1-3] or a minimum of 1 day/week. Minimum age: 12

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

448 N Burdick, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kzoogospel.org>

Creation Station Helper Assist in daily activities of afterschool program, helping children with their homework. Commitment can vary from a one time commitment to daily or weekly. Background check is required. Volunteers must be patient and able to provide compassionate, loving care. Hours: Sep-Jun, Mon-Thu [3-5pm] except holidays. Minimum age: 16

Family Fun Day Volunteers 🏠 Need fun-loving people to help with Family Fun Day. Volunteers will help make popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and help with games for children and serving food to the community. Volunteers must be patient and fun loving. Date: Held Annually in July, [11am-3pm] two hour shifts. Minimum age: 16

Food Warehouse Worker 🏠 Assist with unloading food donations, rotating stock, checking expiration dates among other various activities. Some lifting is required. Hours: Flexible, Mon-Fri [9am-5pm], Sat [9am-3pm]. Minimum age: 16, or 8 with adult

Grounds Keeper 🏠 Assist with general grounds maintenance: care of flowers, mowing, weeding, cleaning sidewalks, etc. Gardening or yard work experience helpful. Hours: [8-11am] minimum of two mornings/wk. Minimum age: 16

Rescued Treasure Thrift Store Workers 🏠 Cleaning store, stocking merchandise, helping customers, and working with program members. Strong customer service skills and display organizational skills necessary. Hours: Flexible, Mon-Fri [9am-5pm] or Sat [9am-3pm] Minimum age: 16

Rescured Treasures Donation Drop-Off 🏠👥👥 Help with unloading donations from vehicles. Cleaning, sorting clothing and organizing newly arrived items. Hours: Flexible, Mon-Fri [9am-5pm] and Sat [9am-3pm] Minimum age: 16, or 12 with adult

Sonshine Kids Child Care Helper Assist in daily activities helping children at snack time, with crafts, reading books and playing outside. We need volunteers who are patient and will provide compassionate, loving care. Background check is required. Hours: Mon-Fri [8:30-11:30am] and [12:30-4pm], Wed and Fri [12:30-4pm] only. Minimum age: 16, or 12 with adult

Soup Kitchen Helpers 🏠👥👥 Help prepare and serve meals and clean up at meals. Must have a friendly attitude and willingness to serve others. Hours: Mon-Sun: Breakfast shift [6am-8am]; Lunch shift: [9am-1:30pm], Dinner shift: [4pm-7:30pm]. Food prep: [8am-10:30am] and [1-4pm] Minimum age: 16

Kalamazoo in Bloom

346 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kalamazooinbloom.org>

Plant Pulling Day in Bronson Park 🌱 Pull plants out of flower beds in Bronson Park. Must be able to get up and down and know how to plant flowers. Bring garden gloves, kneeling pad and towel. Wear appropriate clothing for gardening (expect to get dirty). Extra gardening supplies and trash bags will be available.

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

314 S Park St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kiarts.org>

Teacher's Aide Assist teachers at kids' art camps over holiday break, spring break, or summer. Volunteers should have patience, enthusiasm and an interest in working with kids. Hours: Mon-Fri [8:45-12:15 and/or 12:45-4:15] as available. Minimum age: 13

Teacher's Aid for Winter Break Children's Workshop Assist teachers in helping children make art projects over winter break (Jan. 2-6, 2012). Volunteers should have patience, enthusiasm, interest in working with kids. Hours: One or more of these half-days (to be chosen by volunteer): [8:45am-12:15pm] and/or [12:45-4:15pm] Mon-Fri, Jan 2-6, 2012. Minimum age: 13

Art Fair Volunteers 🏠👥👥 Available assignments include face painting, helping kids make crafts, surveying fair goers, booth sitting, selling balloons, and selling popcorn. Skills vary by assignment. Hours: Art Fair is held the first Fri [3-8pm] and Sat [9am-4pm] in June; 2-4 hr shifts scheduled. Minimum age: 14, or 11 with adult

Kalamazoo Junior Girls Organization

1114 West Paterson, Kalamazoo

Children's Fashion Show Helpers Helpers are needed to help with preparation and to provide assistance to youth ages 7 to 18 yrs old participating in the fashion show. Hours: Auditions held in late November; Practices held Mar, Apr & May. Show is held in May. Minimum age: 17

Tutor Tutors are needed (preferably female) to assist girls ages 7-18 with homework assignments and some computer assistance. Hours: Tue, Thu [3-6pm], one day/week preferred. Minimum age: 14

Kalamazoo Nature Center

7000 N Westnedge, Kalamazoo • <http://www.NatureCenter.org>

Summer Camp Assistant Help children learn about the natural world around all of us. Assist with summer day camp programs for children. Hiking, crafts and other outdoor activities are all part of the experience. Must enjoy working with children and possess leadership skills. Willing to work outdoors, possibly during inclement weather. Hours: Two weeks of time during the season, Jun-Aug, daytime hours. Minimum age: 16

Adopt-A-Trail 🌱 Help maintain our 11 miles of trails throughout the growing season. Includes trail maintenance, seed collection, invasive weed management. Volunteer should enjoy working outside and have reliable transportation to and from the Nature Center. Hours: Sat. trail workdays or flexible, M-F. Min. age: 16

Barnyard Host Barnyard hosts work at the animal bar at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. They help to teach people about the animals by greeting visitors and answering questions about the animals. Most importantly, Barn Hosts help with school and public programs throughout the spring and summer, reading stories, leading games and activities, lending a hand with set up and take down. Must be comfortable speaking with the public and enjoy children. Training provided in May, call for dates. Hours: At least two 3 hour shifts per month Jun-Aug, Wednesday mornings [9am-noon]and/or Sat mornings [9am-noon], other times for special occasions. Barn is open: Tue-Sat [10-4], Sun [1-4]; weekend times in May and Sept. Minimum age: 15

Exhibit Animal Care Help educate Nature Center visitors about native Michigan species through the care and maintenance of our various exhibit animals. Take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved with our reptiles, amphibians, fish, bird feeders, barn, butterfly house and more! Volunteers to feed, care, and participate in cage cleaning for exhibit animals. Hours: Varies, typically 1-1.5 hrs/wk. Minimum age: 14, younger with parent - this is an excellent parent-child opportunity!

Hummingbird-Butterfly Garden Upkeep Work outside and learn how to encourage plants to grow! This is a great opportunity to be outside and enjoy the fresh summer air. Join the Nature Center gardeners to have fun, hat your hands dirty and learn more about the wonderful world of gardening. Hours: Tue mornings or other hours as arranged. Volunteers should enjoy gardening! Call for information regarding volunteer orientation and training dates. Minimum age: 16

Farm Hand a Go-Go 🌱 Delano Farm is a 200+ member vegetable CSA in its second year of production. We are currently situated on about 16 acres of silt loam soil in north Kalamazoo County, MI and part of the Kalamazoo Nature Center. We are not certified but use organic practices in our methods. Our members buy in a "share" of the farm before the season begins. We grow every known veggie that can be grown in Michigan (slight exaggeration) and it goes almost all year round. The members come pick up a weekly share of produce each week during the spring, summer and fall (and soon to be winter). You, the DeLano Farms Co-conspirator will join a small farm crew for fun farm activities to create veggie abundance. We are accepting conspirators that are looking for fun and rewarding outdoor activities. We are a real working farm, growing veggies, and all the stuff that comes along with that endeavor. Some of our activities are super easy requiring little to no physical effort and only brain power, while others really need a John Henry or Paul Bunyan. You can help out for an hour once the entire season or you can meld right into the farm crew and be here 40 hrs a week if you wish (and can keep up with us). The things we do and need smiling faces to help with: Plant propagation in the greenhouse. This means filling flats and being attentive to details such as putting one seed in one plug hole. You also get to water the plants and be in a warm, sometimes hot, greenhouse. Preparation of fields with tractors and implements. If you have the skills or experience to drive small tractors or really want to learn we just might have some fun times ahead that could help out the farm. You have to prove yourself for this one! Transplanting of vegetable plugs and direct seeding. Since we grow all our transplants someone has to put them in the ground. This is super easy work riding on the back of a transplanter. A good time to talk to your neighbor and get some quality time in with the soil and plants! Cultivation of beds. This is the weeding part. Its fun. It may be with a hoe, it may be on your hands and knees. Either way its a great time to be out on the farm. This is easy stuff but you gotta have patience for wanting to see a fresh weedfree bed. Monitoring and tending to soil water and fertility needs. This means you may be helping move and setup irrigation (great on a hot day) or maybe helping with making sure we get some soil amendments to the soil and plants. Harvest and processing of harvest for CSA/farmers market. This one is where you need to commit to being around on a regular basis. Harvest time, twice a week, is the pinnacle of what we do on the farm. It's very rewarding being involved in bringing hundreds, even thousands of pounds of produce back to the barn. This is where the magic really is on the farm, the abundance. It takes a strong back and a willingness to move, though. We have a lot to get done in a short period of time when we harvest. But we love having you around. CSA distribution or farmers market sales. You like interacting with people, talking about good food, selling ideas, helping out? This doesnt take much work but it does occur at very specific times and needs a commitment much like the harvest volunteer. This is where you get to interact with our members at the CSA or the public at a farmers market. We can hook you up with your social butterfly needs! Other things: the list is infinite. Let us know what your desires are and we can see how you might fit in. There is always a place for someone to help. You have mechanical or engineering skills, lets make some machines or upgrade what we have to make it easier work for the crew. You have carpentry skills, there is always a building project. You like organizing, cleaning, or just plain taking junk to the trash, we can fit you in here as well. Complete special projects as assigned by the DeLano Farms Manager. Hours: Vary, according to tasks. Minimum age: 16

Holidays At The Delano Homestead Volunteers needed to assist in providing program by greeting visitors or helping with crafts. Volunteers should enjoy working with people. Location: DeLano Homestead, 555 West E Ave, Kalamazoo. Hours: First two Sundays in December, [1-4pm]. Minimum age: 16

Kalamazoo Prayer Clinic

340 South Rose St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.prayerclinic.org>

Prayer Warriors 🙏 Looking for volunteers with a strong understanding of the Word to lead bible discussions and study. Volunteers also needed to pray with individuals and groups. The Prayer Clinic serves the homeless, area churches, businesses, the educational community, government, and health organizations by surrounding each in prayer, helping to support workers as they pray for their areas of employment and individual prayer for anyone in need. Looking for Christians who daily striving to be more Christ like. Volunteers needed who desire to serve others by sharing the word, interacting in bible discussions, and prayer. Hours: Mon-Fri [8am-8pm] Minimum age: 15, or 10 with adult

Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Association, Inc.

PO Box 511, Oshtemo • <http://kalamazooscottishfestival.org>

Festival Event Volunteers 🏠 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: Saturday, August 25, 2012. Two-hour shifts scheduled [9am-6pm], free admission to volunteers. Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. Minimum age: 14

Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity

525 E Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.habitatkalamazoo.org>

Construction Volunteers 🏠🙏 Work on Habitat construction sites to help build 10-12 simple, decent, affordable homes. Includes most phases of construction. We build year-round on sites scattered throughout Greater Kalamazoo. Hours: Flexible shifts Tue-Thu [8-4] Thu [6-9pm] Sat [8-4] Minimum age: 16

Habitat Restore Volunteer 🏠 Volunteer will assist with helping customers, answering phones, cleaning and organizing stock at our ReStore retail location. Orientation and parent/guardian waiver required. Hours: Flexible, Tue-Fri [9-5], Sat [9-2] minimum of 4 hours/week. Minimum age: 16

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

230 N Rose St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kalamazoomuseum.org>

Hands-On Program Assistant 🙏 Assist children with arts and crafts on various Saturdays throughout the school year as well as daily during school breaks, December 26-30, 2011 and April 2-6, 2012 and Wednesdays during the Summer (June 27-Aug 8, 2012). Must have a positive attitude and ability to work well with children. Background checks required for all volunteer positions. Minimum age: 14

Kalamazoo-Portage FIRST LEGO League Robotics Team

811 Edison St, Kalamazoo

Research Mentor-Biomedical Engineering Part of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League Robotics Competition is to research a real world issue relating to that year's theme, create an innovative solution to that problem and then make a creative and fun presentation to present to judges at the competition. This year's theme is "Biomedical Engineering". The research mentor, along with coaches and other mentors, would learn about the current issues/causes of our world's climate change and then in turn teach it to the kids. The mentor would also be working with a professional in this field to help the kids develop an innovative solution to the problem. Then the mentor would work with the kids to make a fun presentation for the judges; whether that be in skit, song, story...the sky is the limit. Required skills: Willingness to learn alongside the kids. Hours: 3 hours every other Saturday afternoon starting in September and monthly meetings during the summer (Jun-Aug). Minimum age: 16

Robotics Mentor The robotics team uses LEGO Mindstorms to design, build and program a robot for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition. This volunteer position would involve working with the robotics team to design, build and program a robot. Volunteers help to teach the kids, but are not allowed to build the robot for the kids. Required skills: A desire and willingness to learn. Useful but not required skills would be knowledge of programming, basic engineering concepts (such as gearing and structural strength) and knowledge of LEGO's design. Hours: Every other Saturday [12-5], Sep through mid-Dec. Minimum age: 16.

Kellogg Biological Station

3700 E Gull Lake Dr, Hickory Corners • <http://www.kbs.msu.edu>

Summer Day Camp Junior Counselor MSU Kellogg Bird Sanctuary Summer Day Camp Program offers four one-week summer camp sessions focusing on ecology, wetlands and forests at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary near Augusta, Michigan. We need enthusiastic, responsible, and caring volunteers to help supervise and teach campers engaging, hands-on activities that explore the natural world and our connection to it. You'll also greet campers each morning upon arrival, assist in leading activities and supervision of campers, set-up and clean-up, and help campers find the person picking them up after camp. Volunteers should have an interest in working with youth and enjoying the outdoors. Volunteers can choose to attend one or more of the week-long sessions and must be willing to make at least a 5-day commitment: June - July. Hours: Jun-Jul, Mon-Fri [8:30am-3pm] Minimum age: 13

Kindleberger Summer Festival

PO Box 486, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kindleberger.org>

Festival Volunteers 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. Hours: Times vary by activity. Date: July 6-11th, various shifts available. Min age: 16

March of Dimes

1930 W Milham Ste A, Portage • <http://www.marchofdimes.com/michigan>

March for Babies Volunteers Volunteers are needed to create a team, join a team or donate to the cause. Walkers will enjoy a paved, 4 mile walk along scenic Portage Creek. Activities include vendors, face painting, magic tricks, games and free food and drinks. Dogs are welcome if they are on a leash and the owner cleans up after them. Registration opens at 9a.m. and the walk begins at 10.m. on Saturday, May 5th 2012.

Meals on Wheels Senior Services

918 Jasper St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.seniorservices1.org>

Delivery Hoppers Volunteer drivers and hoppers for the Meals on Wheels program deliver nutritious lunchtime meals and smiles to the doorsteps of seniors who have difficulty preparing their own meals. Hoppers assist by driving routes or carrying meals to the door. Personal reference check, background check, interview, orientation, and signing of Auto Safety Certification form. Hours: Mon-Fri [10:30am-1pm] Minimum age: 13

Calhoun County Delivery Hoppers Volunteers needed for Calhoun County. Drivers and Hoppers for the Meals On Wheels program deliver nutritious lunchtime meals and smiles to the doorsteps of the seniors who have difficulty preparing their own meals. Hoppers assist the drivers by taking the meals to the door. Personal reference check, background check, interview, orientation, and signing of Auto Safety Certification form. Hours Mon-Fri [10:30am-1pm] Minimum age:13

Michigan Blood

524 E. Milham Ave. #A, Portage • <http://www.miblood.org>

Assist a Donor - Help at a Blood Drive If you enjoy meeting and socializing with generous, community-minded people, Michigan Blood has a very exciting opportunity for you to begin your volunteer experience. Michigan Blood is looking for volunteers to help at blood drives in the Kalamazoo area, as well as surrounding counties. Michigan Blood volunteers trained in the Post-Donation Station are responsible for socializing with donors, observing donors for reactions, and

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offering fluids and other refreshments after the donation process. Any time you can give is extremely appreciated. You can volunteer as often or as little as you want. This opportunity is perfect for those in college, retired, and those working who want to be more involved in their community. No experience is necessary, just a friendly, dependable, and caring attitude, and a willingness to travel to blood drives. Training is provided by Michigan Blood. Please visit www.miblood.org to learn more. Hours: As few as 1-2 times/month, or as often as desired Minimum age: 16, or 12 with adult

MRC Industries, Inc

2538 S 26th St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.mrcindustries.org>

Kalamazoo Classic Volunteers Volunteers needed for registration, aid stations, food, folding T-shirts, etc., prior to and during race days on June 17-18, 2011. Volunteers must be able to stand for a period of 3-5 hours at a time (some indoor, mostly outdoors). Minimum age: 15. Hours: Friday [3:30-7:30pm] or Saturday[5:30am-11:30am] various shifts available.

New Genesis Inc

1340 Cobb St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.newgenesisinc.org>

Computer Lab Assistants Volunteer needed to lead students in computer lab activities. Various activities available. Must possess computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office, internet usage, and e-mail usage. Hours: Mon-Fri, [3:30-5:30pm]; Tue & Thu [6-8pm]. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult

High School Summer Camp Aides Volunteers needed to assist with program components of literacy, math, reading, computer technology, athletics and arts exploration for children ages 6-14. Volunteers will also help with serving meals and snacks and supervision on field trips. Date: Jun-Aug [9-5pm]; one day or weekly. Junior or Senior in High school

Tutor/Mentor Assist children grades K-5 with academics in math, English, reading, science, etc. Motivate/coach youth. Hours: Mon-Fri [3-6pm]. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult

Recreational & Program Aides Volunteers needed to help with various recreational activities such as basketball, soccer, football, golf, volleyball, music or arts. Must be friendly and good with children.

New Year's Fest

141 E Michigan Ave, Ste 100, Kalamazoo • <http://www.newyearsfest.com>

New Year's Fest Volunteers Greet people as they enter buildings and check to make sure that everyone is wearing a New Year's Fest button. All jobs are indoors or inside a heated tent. Great to do with a friend or a group! Locations around Bronson Park and downtown Kalamazoo. All volunteers receive a free t-shirt and complimentary button admission. Enjoy the entertainment while you volunteer your time! Hours: Two hour shifts, various shifts available, [5-11:30pm]. Minimum age: 16, or 12 with adult

Oakwood Neighborhood Association

3320 Laird Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.oakwoodneighborhood.org>

Youth Art Drop-In Activity Assistant Help children between the ages of 4-12 with various arts, crafts, games and outdoor activities for two hours a day. You'll also help schedule activities, give out snacks and assist with cleaning the activity area. Hours: 6-week summer program, mid-June through July; Mon-Fri [3-5] (Volunteers not required to work every day.) Minimum age: 14.



Woods Lake Park Caretaker-Friends Of Woods Lake Park Help us preserve and improve Woods Lake Park through removal of invasive plants, re-planting native plants, picking up trash, bush-whacking, stone hauling, and trash removal. At the beach park in the city, take out invasive plants, maintain native plants and learn land stewardship. Hours: Call to participate in scheduled volunteer days, or by other arrangement. Minimum age: 13



Portage Community Center

325 E Centre, Portage • <http://www.portagecommunitycenter.org>

Youth Program Aide Assist staff with a variety of duties for the after school program for middle school-aged youth. Participate in the after school program activities that range from board games, crafts, homework or Wii. All applicants must have the ability to HAVE FUN while being a leader. If the applicant has a special talent they would like to share with the youth, please include that information in the volunteer application. Hours: Mon-Fri, [3:00-6:00pm] Minimum Age: 15

Tutors As a volunteer tutor you would need to be available at least one evening per week to assist elementary, middle and/or high school students who are in need of extra help with their studies. Operates during the school week. High school volunteers are required to have teacher recommendation, all others will be assessed for the tutor position. Hours: @Community High - Mon & Wed [3-6pm], @Portage Community Center - Tue & Thu [3:30-5:30pm]. Volunteer tutors are not required to be available the whole time, but are required to tutor a minimum of one hour. Minimum age: 17

Gardening/Landscaping   Volunteers needed to help with planting flowers in the spring, maintaining garden areas during the summer and fall. Volunteers should have some kind of gardening experience/ green thumb. Hours: Very flexible. Minimum age: 16

Newsletter Volunteer   PCC distributes a bi-annual newsletter. Volunteers are needed to assist with collating & labeling. Volunteers should have good organizational skills. Hours: Vary, if interested please contact about dates and times.

Middle School After School Program & Summer Recreation Program Volunteers needed to assist staff with a variety of duties in relation to the Middle School After School Program and Summer Recreation Program. If the volunteer has a special talent he/she would like to share with the youth, please indicate that on the Volunteer Application Form. Forms can be found online or at the Portage Community Center office. Hours: Flexible. After school program - Mon-Thu [3-6pm], Fri [3-5pm]; Summer Program (Jun-Aug) Tue-Thu [Noon-4pm] Minimum age: 17

Portage District Library

300 Library Ln, Portage • <http://www.pdl.lib.mi.us>

Summer Reading Assistant Volunteers work 3-hour shifts at our Summer Reading Table. Volunteers assist children and adults as they sign up online for the summer program, distribute prizes, and help participants with any questions they have about the program or summer events. Volunteers must be friendly, possess excellent communication skills and enjoy working with people of all ages. Hours: Flexible times Mon-Sat (3-hr shifts available). Minimum age: 13


Residential Opportunities, Incorporated

1100 S Rose St, Kalamazoo • <http://residentialopportunities.org>

Special Events Volunteers ROI serves people with disabilities to live in the community and participate in community events. ROI has several events throughout the year that need organizers, hosts, socializers, set up and clean up. The events include Holiday Parties, Picnics, Carnivals, and outings at local recreational areas. Groups of volunteers, adults and older children are welcome; we need your organizing and socializing skills and willingness to make new friends. Hours: Vary, usually evenings or weekend days. Minimum age: 13

Richland Area Community Center

9400 E CD Ave, Richland • <http://www.richlandareacc.org>

Community Center Assistance  Help us with a variety of tasks at the Community Center. We can often use support with a variety of tasks, including office work, indoor/outdoor maintenance or other opportunities. Call for more information about what is available. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16, or 12 with adult

Salvation Army, The

1700 S Burdick St, Kalamazoo • <http://tsakalamazoo.org/>

Pack Thanksgiving Food Baskets 🛠️ Assist in packing Thanksgiving baskets for distribution to families in our community. Volunteers will participate in an assembly line production of the food baskets. Specific duties include packing canned goods into boxes, carrying boxes through the assembly line and re-stocking supplies. This is traditionally set up as a race against the clock and the pack itself takes less than 15 minutes. All ages are welcome for this activity. Kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great activity for the entire family. Group size: 25 - 100 Hours: Nov. 20, 2012, 6:00 p.m. until finished, pizza provided Special Skills: Must be able to lift boxes and/or organize cans on tables.

Bell Ringers 🛎️ 🛠️ Help to ring in the change by ringing the bell to help raise funds for the Salvation Army. Volunteers must stand for extended periods of time outside to greet and thank shoppers as they drop donations in the kettle. Must be able to tolerate cold days working outside and have an engaging personality and enjoy working with the public. Hours: Mid-Nov until December 24, 2-3 hr shifts available between [10am-9pm]. Sites throughout the community. Great for groups and musicians! Minimum age: 18, or all ages with adult

South County Community Services

101 S Main St, Vicksburg • <http://www.sccs.us>

Pantry Volunteers 🛠️ Pantry volunteers needed to organize, sort and pack emergency food orders. Must be able to lift 20-30 lbs. Hours: 2-hr shifts. Minimum age: 17

Summer Daycamp Recreation Aide Help implement a fun arts program full of crafts, games, activities and snacks, for children ages 5-10, at various sites in South County, including Fulton, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg and Scotts. Hours: [8:45-12:00pm] and [12:45-4:00pm] Days are flexible. Minimum age: 14

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

6851 S Sprinkle Rd, Portage • <http://www.swmlc.org>

Nature Preserve Volunteer 🛠️ Help restore preserves by clearing trails, removing brush, pulling invasive plants, planting wildflowers, sowing and collecting seeds, installing nature preserve signs and fencing (Wed & Sat), picking up trash. This is a great opportunity for families or individuals interested in making a positive impact on the natural spaces around us. Volunteers are also needed for tending a native plant garden at SWMLC office in Portage. Event organization is also needed on an as-needed basis (adults only). Hours: Each Wed [9am-Noon]; Sat [9am-Noon] once/month; Occasional Sun [Noon-4pm]. Apr-Oct. Check our web site at www.swmlc.org for more info. Minimum age: 16, or 5 with adult

SPCA Southwest Michigan

6955 W KL Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.spcaswmich.org>

Cat Socialization and Care 🐱 Rescued felines require regular socialization and play time with volunteers. Socialization is very important in each animal's rehabilitation and future placement. Hours: [8am-noon] or [4-7pm]. Minimum age: Teens ages 15 to 18 are welcome, but must attend an orientation with their parent or guardian. Court-ordered volunteers must serve a minimum of 30 hours.

Dog Socialization and Dog Walking 🐶 Rescued canines require regular walking and play time with volunteers. Socialization is very important in each animal's rehabilitation and future placement. Work is mostly outside and volunteers should dress appropriately, including sturdy shoes. Teens ages 15-18 are welcome, but must attend an orientation with a parent or guardian. Hours: Two daily shifts [8am-noon] or [3-7pm] are available. Minimum age: Teens ages 15 to 18 are welcome, but must attend an orientation with their parent or guardian. Court-ordered volunteers must serve a minimum of 30 hours.

Stewards of Kleinstuck

1616 Dover Rd, Kalamazoo • <http://www.stewardsofkleinstuck.org>

Nature Preserve Workers 🌿 Volunteers are needed to help us work to create a healthier ecological 50-acre preserve, located close to the YMCA and is used for exercise and enjoyment. Volunteers can help with things such as removing invasive plants, planting native ones, creating paths and stopping erosion. Experience not required. Volunteers should ideally have an interest in ecological preservation, ability to work outdoors, recognize weeds to be pulled and replant native species. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16

Photo Organization Help us to analyze and organize digital photos of the Preserve. Work can be done in any location the volunteer would prefer, or work space can be made at WMU for work. A computer is required. Photos will be provided on a disc. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16

Website Volunteer Help the Stewards of Kleinstuck maintain our webpage, by making updates, posting new information and responding to website correspondence. Basic knowledge of website maintenance and excellent written communication skills are required. Work may be done on your own computer anywhere with internet access and on your own time. Minimum age: 16

Stitched With Care

Meeting Location: Kalamazoo First Assembly of God Church, 5550 Oakland Dr, Portage

Needlework Volunteer Stitched With Care's goal is to improve the physical comfort of disadvantaged people through the provision of handmade quilts, afghans and other fiber based items. Volunteers should know how to sew, knit or crochet. Interested individuals can be trained. For those who sew, having a sewing machine is a plus. Volunteer should be friendly, outgoing and work well with others. Meeting location: Kalamazoo First Assembly of God Church, 5550 Oakland Dr, Portage. Work can be done from home if so desired. Must have own transportation. Hours: Volunteer times are one Sat in Jan-Nov, 9am-3pm and the last Tue of the month in Jan-Oct, 7pm-8:30pm. Min age: 15, (12 with parent)

Sunnyside United Methodist Church

2800 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo • <http://www.sunnysideumc.com>

Free Store of Kalamazoo Volunteer 🏪 🌿 The Free Store of Kalamazoo works like a thrift store except that everything is free. Donations are accepted Tues and Thursdays from 3:30-6pm and Saturdays from 9am - 12pm. Community members are invited to shop on Saturdays from 10 - 1pm. There is no eligibility requirement to shop or donate, all are welcome, all are encouraged to come check us out. As we provide "goods" to the community, our greater intent is to "know" the community and engage in new relationships. No special skills required. Volunteers can engage as greeters, work at the registration table or check out desk, help the hospitality area offering coffee and refreshments, sort clothing and donated items, or work as "personal shoppers" for those shopping. Learn more at: <http://www.sunnysideumc.com/free-store.html> Hours: Saturdays volunteers are invited from 9am - 1pm (shopping occurs from 10-1, donations accepted 9:00 - 12:00); Tuesdays and Thursdays volunteers can sort donated items from 3:30-6:30pm (donations accepted 3:30 - 6pm) Minimum age: 12, or 5 with adult

The Point Community Center

2595 N 10th St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.thepointkalamazoo.org>

Front Desk/Office Volunteer Would be responsible for answering phones, greeting guests, answering questions about programs and services offered, making sure guests sign in and out, giving tours, data entry, creating documents and brochures, helping with mailings, basic office duties, and other tasks as assigned. Hours: Flexible. Minimum age: 16

Global Coffee Volunteer Global Coffee is our non-profit coffeehouse. Volunteers would be trained on how to become baristas. They would make espresso based beverages, as well as grind and brew coffee. They would perform cashier functions, as well as dish washing and cleaning. They would be trained and expected to uphold to health code standards. Hours: Various shifts Mon-Thu [7-7], Fri [7-11am]. Minimum age: 16

Special Events A volunteer that wants to help with one or two day special events like Trunk-or-Treat, Family Movie Night, Santa at The Point, etc. Would be responsible for helping plan and advertise for special event, on day of event would help in whatever capacity assigned. Hours: Vary by event. Minimum age: 16

True Vine Equestrian Center

72861 28th St., Lawton • <http://truevineequestrian.org>

Office Assistant Volunteer needed to assist with various office duties. Computer knowledge is required in addition to a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Filing, data entry, running errands, and inventory are some of the duties of this position. Hours: Approximately 5 hrs/wk, Tue & Thu mornings Minimum age: 16

USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Tennis Championships

Kalamazoo College 1200 Academy St, Kalamazoo • <http://www.ustaboys.com>

Ball Runners AMAZING Tennis! Ball runners and management, ages 9-18, work as teams on court to retrieve balls during matches at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium, USTA Boys' 18 & 16 Nationals tournament. Attendance is required for practices and during the tournament. Must be quick, focused and detail oriented. Registration takes place during April and May, 2012. Late registration is available upon request. Hours: Practices during Jun & Jul on Tue and Thu nights; assigned daily shift during tournament, Aug 3-12, 2012 at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium. Minimum age: 9

Tower Runners Tower runners, ages 12-19, work 4-hour shifts at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium during the August 3-12, 2012 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. Find out more at www.ustaboys.com or call 269-337-7343. Hours: August 3-12, 2012, 4-hour shifts [7:45am-7:30pm]. Minimum age: 12

USTA Tournament Volunteers 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 70th 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 3-12, 2012; various shifts. Minimum age: 15

Volunteer Kalamazoo

709A S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo • <http://www.volunteerkalamazoo.org>

Youth Advisory Council Do you like working with a group and have creative ideas? We are looking for enthusiastic students to help guide our youth volunteer program for the future and complete service projects as a group. Read more about the goals and requirements. Applications accepted now through Monday, June 4. Apply online or print an application. Questions? Contact Amanda Reel, 269.492.3723, amanda@volunteerkalamazoo.org.

West Michigan Glass Art Center

326 W Kalamazoo Ave Ste 100, Kalamazoo • <http://www.wmglass.org>

Clerical/Mailing Assistant Help with quarterly newsletter and other mailings: stuff, fold, staple, label, etc. Hours: Vary depending on organizational needs. Minimum age: 13

Data Entry Looking for a self-starter to track and analyze in Excel, prepare monthly reports. Hours: Vary depending on organizational needs. Minimum age: 16

Event Assistants Come join West Michigan Glass Art Center volunteers and have fun working with glass artists and scientific glass blowers. We need help with special events, including: monthly Art Hop nights (first Friday of every month), Explore Glass Art Day (Apr, May, Oct, Nov); annual Public art project in the community (summer); Summer Glass Camp for KIDS. Assistance needed includes help with registration, general errands and go-getters. Party planning and cookie baking is also needed for events and volunteer recognition. Hours: Vary depending on organizational needs and special events schedule. Minimum age: 16

WMU Homecoming Campus Classic

300 E Walwood Hall WMU, • <http://www.wmich.edu/race>

Course Marshals 🏃 The annual Homecoming Campus Classic, a 5K run and 5K and 1K fun walk and run, attracts more than 1500 participants and is one of WMU's most popular homecoming activities. More than 250 volunteers are needed for this event. Course marshals are positioned at various points on the race course ensuring that runners follow the route and don't stray or cut corners. Course marshals also provide water and cheer on runners throughout the race. Hours: Saturday of WMU's Homecoming. Minimum age: 14

Finish Line Reporter 🏃 The Homecoming Campus Classic, a 5K run, 5K and 1K fun walk/run, attracts more than 1500 participants and is one of WMU's most popular homecoming activities. More than 250 volunteers are needed for this event. Finish line reporters are positioned at the finish line and retrieve the time-recording chips from the runners' shoes and turn these into race officials for recording. Reporters, who work from beginning to end of race, are often asked about race result postings and after-race activities. Hours: Saturday of WMU's Homecoming. Minimum age: 14

Registration Assistants 🏃 The annual Homecoming Campus Classic includes a 5K run, 5K and 1K fun walk/run, attracts more than 1500 participants and is one of WMU's most popular homecoming activities. More than 250 volunteers are needed for this event. Registration assistants assist with late registration, check in, distribution of materials, ensuring all paperwork is completed by all race entrants, distributing recording chips and T-shirts to runners as well as assisting with registration of volunteers. Hours: Saturday of WMU's Homecoming. Minimum age: 14

WMU Homecoming Campus Classic Race Volunteers 🏃🏃🏃 The Homecoming Campus Classic, a 5K run, 5K and 1K fun walk/run, attracts more than 1500 participants and is one of WMU's most popular homecoming activities. More than 250 volunteers are needed for this event. Volunteers are needed to work as course marshals, finish line reporters, logistics team, registration assistants or first aid tent. If you want to volunteer for Saturday's Campus Classic, please come to the WMU Bernhard Center Cafeteria (ground floor off W. Michigan entrance), at 7:45 a.m. and sign up in person. A community service letter will be sent if requested. The event will end between 11:15 and 11:30. Hours: Saturday, Oct 8 [6-11am], various shifts available. Minimum age: 14

Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center

34270 C.R. 652, Mattawan • <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

Special Events Volunteer 🏃🏃🏃 Join in the fun of community event that relies heavily on volunteers doing specific tasks. Special event activities and dates may vary, and tasks may include but not limited to: festival greeter, front desk receptionist, catch and release fishing assistant, parking lot attendant, volunteer assistant, kid's activities, preparation and clean-up and more. Hours: Vary, Apr-Oct. Min age: 16, or 15 with adult

Fishing Program Assistant 🏃 Assist with children's catch and release fishing program delivery. Basic fishing knowledge is mandatory. Volunteers will need to be able to instruct individuals on casting techniques, tie knots, line fishing poles and release fish from the hook. All equipment is provided. Volunteers are also needed during the week for rod and reel maintenance and repair. Hours: Jun-Aug, Sat [8am-Noon]; Fri [4-8pm], Mon-Fri, various hours. Volunteers are not required to work every Saturday throughout the summer. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult.

Miscellaneous Volunteer Project Assistant 🏃🏃🏃 Assist in various projects and/or programs at the Visitor Center including but not limited to: nature and special program assistance, critter care, trail maintenance, front desk reception, pond maintenance, housekeeping/cleaning and other. Hours: Vary, Tue-Sat. Minimum age: 16, or 15 with adult

Wright for Kids

3820 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo • <http://www.wrightforkids.com>

Rock for Kids Volunteer 🏃🏃 Wright for Kids ROck for Kids volunteers are needed to serve beverages in the beverage tent as well as provide volunteer support. Volunteers must be 19 years or older to work in the beverage tent. Hours: Aug 17-18, 2012. 2-3 hour shifts during [3:30pm-Midnight]

Youth for Christ Kalamazoo

122 W Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo • <http://www.kalamazooyfc.org>

Taste Of Heaven Store Helper 🍷. Come join us and pop popcorn, cook caramel corn, drizzle chocolate, package product and help clean up. Must have hair pulled back, wear closed toed shoes and shirt with sleeves (no tank-tops) and be able to stand or sit for 1 or 2 hrs at a time. Must be willing to serve and have fun working with other people! Volunteers welcome during any of listed hours with a minimum of 2 hours at a time - call to schedule. Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri [9am-3:30pm], Wed [9am-5:30pm], Sat (Nov & Dec only) [9am-1pm]. Minimum age: 13 For best response, please call for more information or to schedule: 269-349-0849