

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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One Time (or Short Term) Opportunities:

1. UCM Community Thursday Dinner and Saturday Brunch!

Dates: Thursday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 5th

Times: 4pm-7:30pm (Thursday) and 11:30-1pm (Saturday)

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with preparation of food, serving the meal and clean-up for both days. Come out and support the efforts of United Campus Ministries as they offer free and tasty meals to the community!

For more information and or to make reservations please contact:

Melissa Wales, Program Director, by **Email:** ucm@frognets.net **Phone:** 593-7301

2. Planting Vegetables at Good Earth Farm

Date: Saturday, June 5th and every Friday and Saturday throughout the season!

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Description: Spend the day preparing Good Earth Farm for another successful harvest, in which thousands of pounds of fresh produce will be donated to local shelters. Work will include general farm labor, such as digging, hoeing, and planting, so be sure to dress appropriately. The farm is just outside of Athens on Armitage Road, and easily accessible from the bike path. Lunch will be provided! Visit our website at www.commonfriars.wordpress.com

For more information and directions please contact:

Paul Clever, Volunteer Coordinator, **Email:** pclever2@yahoo.com

3. Habitat for Humanity Affiliate Build in Jacksonville

Date: Saturday, June 5th

Time: All Day

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks throughout the day in an effort to continue building this home.

For more information or directions contact:

Denise, Volunteer Coordinator, **Phone:** 419-481-4060

4. **Signature Gathering: Athens County Humane Society**

Date: Saturday, June 5th

Time: 9:00am – 1pm

Description: Interested in animals and just want to get involved. Help support the efforts of the Athens County Humane Society by volunteering! This opportunity is available every Saturday at the Athens Farmer's Market.

For more information contact:

Shelley Lieberman at volunteer@athenshumane.org

Summer Service Opportunities:

1. **Ohio River Clean Sweep**

Date: Saturday, June 19th

Time: 9:30 am

Description: This event is part of a larger river sweep event organized by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) and Foundation for Ohio River Education (FORE). Volunteers are needed to help with the annual river bank cleanup for the Ohio River and its tributaries. **Sunday Creek** has been a part of this event in the past and we have decided to continue this tradition and host a cleanup site. For the event, volunteers will meet at Glouster Memorial Park. Please bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes.

For more information or directions please contact:

Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Volunteer Coordinator, **Phone:** 740.767.2225 or **Email:** amber@sundaycreek.org

2. **Habitat for Humanity: Bake Sale**

Date: Wednesday, June 23rd through Friday, June 25th

Time: TBA

Description: We will be selling water and cookies for **The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure** (GOBA). We are in need of volunteers who have a tent that we can borrow and/or are willing to bake cookies for the sale!

For location and times or for more general information please contact: **Faye** at 592-0032

3. Rural Action: July Watershed Day Camps

Date: July 12th-16th (in Glouster) and July 19th -23rd (in New Straitsville)

Time: 8:30am – 4pm each day

Description: Rural Action is holding two, week-long watershed day camps in July. They will be taking some excellent field trips, as well, such as to the Wilds and the Ecohouse. They are in need of volunteers to help with the effort and have flexible hours and scheduling available. Whether you are able to commit for part of a day or an entire week they are appreciative.

For more information and directions please contact:

Joe Brehm

Environmental Education Programs Coordinator Rural Action

Email: joe@ruralaction.org or visit www.ruralaction.org/daycamps

Phone: 740-767-2225

4. Good Works: Summer Kids Discovery Club and Luncheon

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

Description: Good works is sponsoring the Summer Kids Discovery Club and luncheon for 6 weeks this summer. They are in need of volunteers to provide nutritional and healthy food to the children and adults who will participate. We estimate that we will provide 60 meals a day or about 300 meals a week. We depend upon friends from the community to help us as we provide food and shelter to people struggling with poverty.

If you would like to participate, here are a few ways you can help:

1. Buy a food card from Kroger, Walmart, C&E or another local grocery store and donate it to Good Works. For directions, you can call us at 740.594.3333 or 740.594.3339.
2. Contribute on-line through **NETWORK FOR GOOD**. Visit our web site and click on MAKE A DONATION (www.good-works.net)
3. You can also send us a check directly to: Good Works, Inc. - PO Box 4 in Athens, Ohio 45701

For more information and directions please contact:

Keith Wasserman at 740.594.3333 or 740.594.3339

On-Going Opportunities:

- A. Appalachian Behavioral Health. Contact George Eberts at 740-589-4027 or eberts@ohio.edu**

This is a psychiatric hospital located in Athens which serves approximately 75-100 in-patient clients. If you have a particular interest in working with persons' with mental

health disabilities, contact George Eberts to arrange a volunteer opportunity or internship. Also, they are seeking churches that would like to host chapel for patients Sundays in January and April 2010.

- B. **Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice**, contact Christie Truly, Volunteer Coordinator, (740) 594-8226, ext. 475 or email to ctruly@acvna.org.

A volunteer is needed for a short-term marketing opportunity. Volunteer Services needs a new brochure for recruitment purposes. They also need a brochure for our new Athens Village program for seniors living in place. These will be basic brochures that they can print at their office.

- C. **Arts West**, 132 East State Street, Athens, contact Emily Prince, Program Specialist, (740)592- 4315, or email artswest@ci.athens.oh.us

Arts West provides a working space available to all Athens' community members (including OU students) to host artistic endeavours such as music and theatre productions, workshops, classes, exhibitions, and other art-related events. Volunteers are always needed to assist in beatification of the grounds, cleaning, envelope stuffing, ushering for performances, help with load-in and strikes, tech work (if you already know or wish to learn), teaching a FREE workshop, etc., fundraising prep, direct mail campaign prep, space prep, promotional activities including postering (in adherence with City of Athens regulations on public advertisement posting).

Ohio University students are eligible for volunteer service in exchange for facility usage. One [1] hour of the Performance Space will be donated in exchange for two [2] hours of volunteer service.

- D. **Athens Area Mediation Service**, www.sites.google.com/site/athensmediation
8 Court Street, Suite 408, Athens, Ohio. Contact: John Schmieding. Office: (740) 594-6169 or email to aams@frognet.net

The Athens Area Mediation Service is a nonprofit organization that provides the residents of Athens County with cooperative approaches to dispute resolution. This organization offers an on-going service opportunity focused on Volunteer Mediation. This opportunity is open to all majors and requires a long-term commitment of usually one year. Please contact John Schmieding for more information.

- E. **Community Action** – <http://www.hapcap.org>. Community action is the umbrella organization over the following programs. Each of these programs has volunteer opportunities and particular coordinators to contact directly.

- **Meals on Wheels programs (at the Southeast Regional Food Center)-**
Contact Marilyn Sloan at 1-800-385-6813 or msloan@hapcap.org

They utilize volunteers Monday - Friday from 7am until 1 p.m. They will open on Saturday mornings for a committed Group. Volunteers pack and prepare food for the Backpack Kids program, which provides weekly lunches to over 1000 kids and the Build a Boxes for Senior Program which provides food to over 4000 seniors per month.

- **Weatherization Program – Contact Greg Andrews at 740-753-3062.**

Individual or small groups of volunteers are needed to assist work crews that weatherize homes in a tri-county area. Crews go out during the day Monday – Friday to assist low to moderate income families. The goal is to weatherize 450 homes over the next 20 months including air leakage reduction and insulation. The average saving to home owners is a 30% reduction to energy consumptions.

F. Good Works - www.good-works.net

Are you concerned about people struggling with poverty in Athens County? Would you like to spend a few hours a week helping at-risk children, helping out at a homeless shelter or visiting with widows at their homes? Want to help teach a computer class, support our weekly community meal or help build a building? Started by an OU student during his senior year, Good Works, Inc. has been providing a community of HOPE for the rural homeless and others struggling with poverty since 1981. Please visit the Good Works web page (www.good-works.net) and click on Volunteer Opportunities.

G. HAVAR, www.havar.org, Building Bridges Adult Center 88 West Washington St. Nelsonville, Ohio 45764. Contact: David Milikin, Project Manager. Phone: (740) 594-3533 or in Nelsonville: (740) 753-9101

Havar Incorporated is a private non-profit corporation that provides community based supports to citizens with developmental disabilities. Havar works with the "People First" community service chapter advocating for issues and initiatives that involve citizens with disabilities, and promote and participate in community activities inclusive to citizens with disabilities. This organization offers one-time and going service opportunities. For more information please contact David Milikin.

H. Habitat for Humanity, general contact Ed Baum, 740-592-0032. See other specifics below.

There are 2 homes currently being built in the Athens area and volunteers are needed. Volunteers donate their time on Wednesdays and Saturdays. No previous experience is necessary. The people coordinating these projects will teach you what you need to know and provide supplies. As an aside, the persons' volunteering to manage these projects are all retired staff or faculty at OU.

- George Bain at 740-592-3828 or gbain@yahoo.com - He is coordinating the building of a new home in Jackson on Saturdays.
- Carol Kirk at (740)664-6664 or karo6000@yahoo.com- She is coordinating the completion of a home in Albany on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

I. Kids on Campus – www.ohio.edu/kids, contact Tina Lenigar, (740) 566-8543 or leniga@ohio.edu

This organization provides volunteer opportunities for individual and groups who are interested in working with elementary age students. Volunteer opportunities are available afterschool from about 2:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Monday –Friday.

J. **Lottridge Community Center.** See contacts below.

Many different types of programs and events for children, families, and seniors are offered through the Community Center for. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities with the following programs.

- The Friends and Neighbors Program provides hot meals every Weds. at noon. They also operate a Food Pantry Lisa Roberts at 667-0684 or Bill and Dorothy Bell at 740-667-6760.
- Volunteers are need to help sell food and clean up at the Country Music show which occurs two times a month, the 2nd and 4th Friday, from 6- 10:30 p.m.
- The first Sunday of every month the community center hosts a smorgasbord – lunch buffet. Help is needed to cook and prepare food & clean up from 7am- 2:30pm. Call Mary Meiggemeyer at 740-667-6726.

K. **Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District**, www.meigssecd.com, 33101 Highland Rd., Pomeroy, Ohio 45769. Contact: Karla Sanders at 740-992-4282, or sanders.lcwg@yahoo.com for more information.

- They are looking for at least seven more volunteers to participate in the Leading Volunteer Monitors Program. This program is being funded by the Ohio EPA through a recently awarded Ohio Environmental Education Fund mini-grant. There are many benefits to the program. For example, volunteers will receive Ohio EPA QDC (Qualified Data Collector) level 1 certification through training which allows them to sample/monitor streams and collect credible data. The program is not demanding; it requires volunteers to participate in training, monitoring, and litter-clean up events which will take up only 13 days of one full year (and 12 of the 13 are half days). This may be an ideal independent study opportunity for a student. Greater involvement is welcomed!
- The AmeriCorps Leading Creek Watershed position is a one year position from August 2010-August 2011. It is through Rural Action's AmeriCorps Program and details may be found www.americorps.gov. Karla Sanders is the current AmeriCorps worker and would be happy to speak with any interested individual about the experience. I highly recommend it!

L. **ROTARAC** - If you are interested in joining this group of young professionals and students, please contact Regina M. Warfel, rmwarfel@gmail.com, Ph.D. Candidate, Ohio University.

Rotarac of Athens is recruiting volunteers to assist in many community projects. ROTARACT was founded in 1968 by ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, a worldwide association of service-minded business and professional leaders. Today there are over 6,000 Rotary-supported ROTARACT clubs with more than 130,000 members in some 120 countries around the world. Clubs are either community-based or university-based. The Rotary Club of Athens serves as the sponsor to the local ROTARACT.

M. **Service Living** – check out <http://serviceliving.wordpress.com> or contact Heidi Bender at (517)896-1856.

Service Living was launched in the Fall of '09 in a collaborative effort between Good Works, Inc., the Ohio University, and the communities of greater Athens county as a

means of connecting first year college students with the people of Southeast Ohio through immersive service opportunities. Students commit on a quarterly basis to weekly projects in the community which range from planting gardens for individuals struggling with food security, to helping low-income families to build their own homes, to spending time with the elderly or disabled, or preparing and eating a meal with residents of a local homeless shelter. You can learn more about Service Living and about our 7 current projects through our website: <http://serviceliving.wordpress.com>.

N. Three Rivers Housing Corporation- www.3rivershousing.org; (740)797-7139

On-going volunteer opportunities are available to individuals or groups interested in engaging in new home construction. Three Rivers Housing Corp. is a nonprofit organization which has been providing affordable housing services in southeastern Ohio since 1992. To date Three Rivers has assisted ninety-two individuals and families in becoming new homeowners. Contact Three Rivers Housing Corp. directly to arrange to volunteer.

**O. United Campus Ministries – 740-593-7301; ucmathens@frogned.net;
www.ucmathens.org**

THURSDAY SUPPER: EVERY THURSDAY, 5:30pm, lower level UCM

Registered OU student organization. Weekly free meal open to all. Great opportunity for the OU and Athens communities to meet! Volunteers and donations welcomed! Call 593-7301 or email Lauren at lr395306 for information.

SATURDAY LUNCH: EVERY SATURDAY, 1:00pm, lower level UCM

IT'S BACK! Thanks to our new Saturday Lunch intern, Shannon! Email her ss335907@ohio.edu to volunteer at this weekly free meal open to all. Great opportunity for the OU and Athens communities to meet! Volunteers and donations welcomed!