

Volunteer Opportunities

You have 97 days this summer to get out and serve. Below we've compiled a list of places where you can get involved.

Knoxville

Amachi Knoxville

Amachi Knoxville is a mentoring program that specifically serves children residing in Knox County between the ages of 4-17 who have an incarcerated parent. Mentors are asked to commit to being a consistent and positive influence in the life of a child one hour per week for the duration of one year. (contact: 865-524-2774 - Gloria Nolan)

American Red Cross - Knoxville Area Chapter

Volunteers of all ages are needed for both short-term and long-term opportunities. Daytime volunteers are in particular demand, but most opportunities can be designed around your busy work schedule. We especially need bilingual help in serving our diverse community. Special opportunities also exist for licensed health professionals and their unique skills. (contact: 865-584-2999 - Jennifer Ussery)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth in need of positive role models, primarily through professionally screened and supported One-To-One Relationships with caring volunteer adults. The intent of our mentoring service is to transform young people's lives and enrich their families, thus helping to strengthen our communities and society as a whole. (contact: 865-523-2179 - Marta)

Knoxville Habitat for Humanity

Knoxville Habitat for Humanity is an independent, nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that partners with people of all beliefs. They build simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with those in need. Volunteers and the future homeowners provide the labor in building the homes. Tax deductible donations of money, land and materials are provided by individuals, organizations and corporations. (contact: 865-523-3539)

Biggest Need: Volunteers for M-S 9-6 to fill any hours at Habitat's Re-store (running the store); T/Th crews (mornings and afternoons)

Mobile Meals

Deliver Mobile Meals lunches to homebound seniors or help serve and spend time with clients at dining sites. This opportunity requires access to a vehicle. Volunteers will be needed at different times between 9:30 and 12:30 on weekday mornings. (contact: 865- 524-2786)

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with mental retardation, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. It is a volunteer-driven organization. It takes the effort of many individuals like yourself to make Special Olympics of Greater Knoxville successful. (contact: Kim Hatfield-Gray, Work: 865-539-8690, Cell: 865-748-5047, khspecialo@yahoo.com)

Second Harvest Food Bank (Contact: Greg@secondharvestknox.org, 865-521-0000)

Volunteers are essential to keeping our costs low and efficiency high. Second Harvest has several areas of volunteer need:

- **Operations:** Volunteers are needed in the warehouse from 9-12 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This is a peak time for agencies to pick-up product. Volunteers help agency reps understand product restrictions and fill their carts/load their vehicles.
- **Salvage-Sorting:** Help sort donated canned goods in our salvage area. This work is vital – more than 4 million pounds of product is sorted annually.
- **Administration:** Several volunteers are needed in the Administrative offices to do mailing, prepare reports, work with our database, and help staff with special projects.

State-Wide Options

Youth Villages (All over TN)

By volunteering, you can provide a direct, positive force in the lives of young people being treated through Youth Villages, or help us raise funds for our programs by the donation of your valuable time. All your efforts are deeply appreciated and help us fulfill our mission of helping families live successfully. (Contact: Brittney Hughes, brittney.hughes@youthvillages.org, Phone: 901-251-4826)

Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee Valley/Middle Tennessee/Memphis/Chattanooga

It is time for everyone to step forward and address this crisis. No matter how you participate, we can all help young people reach their full potential. Join in and help kids find their path to a great future! Boys & Girls Clubs impact the lives of young people in vital areas such as academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. These Club programs and activities help kids thrive.

Contact: info@bgctnv.org (East TN), www.bgcmt.org (Middle TN), info@bgcm.org (Memphis), www.bgccha.org (Chattanooga)

Habitat for Humanity

Nashville: Matt Hawkins, 615-254-4663, ext. 238, www.habitatnashville.org

Memphis: Erica Gorman, egorman@memphishabitat.com, 901.761.4771 x217, www.memphishabitat.com

Chattanooga: Dawn Hjelseth, dstoike@habichatt.org, 1201 East Main Street, Chattanooga, TN, (423) 756-0507, www.habitachatt.org

Salvation Army

There are opportunities to help throughout the year. Individuals and groups are needed to assist with a variety of projects, including: helping stock and organize the food pantry, hosting a relaxation party or game night at the Single Women's Lodge, ringing a bell during the Red Kettle (bell ringing) campaign or helping with the Angel Tree program.

Contact: www.salvationarmyusa.org

Second Harvest Food Bank of Tennessee:

Middle Tennessee: 615-329-3491, www.secondharvestmidtn.org

Northeast Tennessee: 239 South Dudley St., Memphis, Tn 38104, 901-527-0841, www.midsouthfoodbank.org

Mid-South Food Bank (Memphis)

Distributing food, working in the warehouse, etc. (contact: 239 South Dudley St., 901-527-0841, www.midsouthfoodbank.org)

Nashville Rescue Mission

Volunteers are an essential part of the Nashville Rescue Mission's team. Since 1954, Mission volunteers have helped change lives in every capacity from serving meals and building playgrounds to providing medical care and tutoring to Recovery Program clients. (Contact: Volunteer hotline: (615) 312-1544, volunteer@nashvillerescuemission.org, www.nashvillerescuemission.org/)

Summer Camps:

Sevier Heights Middle and High School Camp: June 27-July 1

This year we are taking our High School and Middle School students to Darlington School in Rome, GA for Summer Camp. We need your help! As a leader at camp, you will be a captain for a rec team with a group of students to compete in games and other challenges. You will also help facilitate small group time. You will have time to connect with students and be able to have loads of fun! This year camp is June 27-July 1. (contact: emily.hendrickson@sevierheights.org, 865-577-4222)

Long Hollow Baptist Church Student Camp

Middle School Camp: June 17-22

High School Camp: June 22-27

Description: Long Hollow Student Ministry's biggest event all year is CAMP! We believe that when you take students out of the comfort of their home, friends, and surroundings this clears all distractions, and God moves in powerful ways in their lives! As a counselor, you are able to be right in the middle of this mighty move of God, and He is able to use you to be His mouthpiece and instrument of love to students! Middle School Camp is June 17-22, and High School Camp is June 22-27. Our camp is at Horn's Creek Campgrounds in Ocoee, TN. As a college student, If you would like to be a part of our student camp for Summer 2011, you will need to complete and submit our Volunteer Application. Thanks in advance for allowing God to use you in our ministry!