



KORT Volunteer Opportunities

End of Year Picnic at Blackberry Creek Elementary School needs several volunteers for this event. Supervisors for the event would be happy to sign volunteer hour sheets for anyone who can help.

The picnic is Friday, May 19th from 5pm-7pm at the Blackberry Creek playground. If it rains, it will be held indoors in the gym and multi-purpose room. Middle school and high school volunteers are needed to help run picnic and carnival games for the kids.

If anyone is interested, please email at lisamazacano@yahoo.com or kbcpto@gmail.com. We appreciate any help we can get. Thank you so much for volunteering to help with this event.

Kaneland Arts Initiative - Call for Volunteers!!!: Are you a Kaneland student in grades 6-12? Are you interested in volunteering?

The KAI planning and volunteer committees could always use your help. Please consider signing up for an opportunity to help work with a variety of different people, as well as hearing amazing music from within our talented community (Kaneland students included). Kaneland Arts Initiative hosts many creative events throughout the school year and summer. We are always looking for auditorium assistance and help with our annual Fine Arts Festival.

I am currently making the schedule and would like to add your name to the list.

Please e-mail me as soon as possible if you would like to earn volunteer hours by helping out your school community. Laura McPhee – Kaneland Arts Initiative Volunteer Coordinator. laura.mcphee@kaneland.org

Hesed House Volunteer: Hesed House's mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again.

Hesed House is heavily dependent upon its valued volunteers which generally are categorized as follows:

- Groups that are willing to make long-term commitments. The primary foundation for feeding and serving individuals and families at Hesed House is composed of many faith-based groups in the Fox Valley area, followed by civic organizations and businesses who sign on to prepare and serve food in the PADS shelter on an ongoing basis.
- Individuals or families who would like to volunteer in our programs on an as-needed or as-available basis. Opportunities are matched with an individual's areas of interest, experience and availability.
- Groups that would like to help with specific building-related projects (painting, landscaping and minor repair and construction projects).

How do I begin the process for volunteering?

Please contact our Director of Volunteers, Bruce Bachmeier, at: 630-897-2156 ext. 538 or bbachmeier@hesedhouse.org

Bruce maintains the schedule for individual volunteers, volunteer groups, open dates where extra help is needed and all volunteer-related projects.

Volunteer Applications can be downloaded here ([individual application](#), [group application](#)) and returned to the [Director of Volunteers](#).

Marklund Volunteer: To connect the community with rewarding volunteer opportunities at Marklund and to support our staff in its mission to make Everyday Life possible for our clients with profound disabilities.

Volunteers are an important part of our service to individuals with developmental disabilities. Whether you provide support to clients on site at our Geneva and Bloomingdale campuses, help with office duties or work at a fundraising event, you are an integral part of the Marklund team. Through our volunteers, we are able to enhance the care of our clients and students. Volunteers help Marklund *make everyday life possible* for our clients and students by assisting them with therapeutic, recreational and educational activities, doing art projects, reading a favorite story, or just being a new face to see during the day. They provide many daily life experiences while freeing up staff to provide 24-hour specialized care.

Additional volunteer opportunities include: community outing assistants; special events; Speakers Bureau, and support services. All of our volunteers can find a place for themselves, no matter what their interests, where they live or how much time they can donate.

For more information about volunteering at one of our sites, please contact:

- Cathy Nikrandt, Manager of Volunteer Engagement, Geneva location, cnikrandt@marklund.org | Phone: 630.593.5468
- Lisa Esposito, Volunteer Engagement Specialist, Bloomingdale location, lesposito@marklund.org | Phone: 630-397-5661

The Holmstad: A Covenant Retirement Community

A few volunteer opportunities that are available for middle school students:

- Host a bingo session (we have groups come in and play bingo with the residents and bring candy prizes for the winners)
- Game night with the students and residents

Contact Andrea Robertson at 630-879-4162 or askrobertson@covenantretirement.org for more information and to set up volunteer opportunities.

FVSRA: Fox Valley Special Recreation Association – Creating memories, Discovering Abilities, Enriching Lives of People With Disabilities

[Online Application](#) – 630-907-1114

JOB TITLE:

Volunteer

DEPARTMENT:

Recreation

DIRECTLY REPORTS TO:

The Support Staff Manager & the Program Leaders

JOB PURPOSE:

To assist the Program Leader with assigned duties during general programs and special events.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a minimum of 14 years old.
- Have an interest and commitment in working with individuals with disabilities.
- Must have a basic knowledge and understanding of recreation programming for individuals with disabilities.
- Must demonstrate an ability to work effectively with FVSRA staff and individuals who have a disability.
- Must be highly motivated and enthusiastic in order to provide a quality experience for those participating in the program(s).
- Must demonstrate dependability, promptness and punctuality.
- Must be safety conscious.
- Must display confidence, maturity, and flexibility.
- Must have the ability to engage in activities requiring physical exertion.

Fox Valley Park District: To enrich our community with fun, diverse and safe park and recreation experiences through environmentally and fiscally responsible actions.

Our Philosophy

At the Fox Valley Park District, we believe volunteerism is one of the highest forms of recreation. Community involvement is a vital key in staying active and making a difference in others' lives. The District has an assortment of volunteer opportunities that can offer challenging and rewarding use of leisure time. Volunteer participation in the Fox Valley Park District instills a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Why Volunteer?

- To continue learning and growing
- To develop new interests and friendships
- To share your time and talent with your community
- To gain valuable work experience
- To stay active
- To have fun

Who Can Volunteer?

Volunteers must be 14 years of age to independently volunteer. Youth younger than age 14 may volunteer with a parent or legal guardian.

Your Role As A Volunteer

All Fox Valley Park District volunteers are representatives of the park district. All the representatives are courteous and helpful to guests and come to each event ready to be a part of a team and get the job done while having a good time.

Volunteer Application

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, fill out a **FoxForce Volunteer Interest Form** (PDF). Please call Debbie Smith, Community Outreach Manager, at 630-966-4555 with questions, or click to email [Debbie Smith](#).

Kane County Forest Preserve District: Be Inspired to Inspire Others

We invite you to be part of the District's volunteer program and help inspire appreciation for the natural world and

cultural history of Kane County.

The District has volunteer opportunities in natural areas management, environmental education, cultural preservation and public safety. With the help of our dedicated volunteers, the District is able to further advance its mission of restoring, restocking, protecting and preserving lands for the education, recreation and pleasure of the Kane County citizens.

You can find our volunteer application on this site or you can get more information by calling the Volunteer Office at 630-208-8662 or emailing volunteer@kaneforest.com The Volunteer Office and the District's headquarters are located at the Fox Valley Ice Arena, Third Floor, 1996 South Kirk Road, Geneva, IL 60134.

Northern Illinois Food Bank: Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors in Northern IL

Solving hunger by providing nutritious meals to those in need in Boone, DuPage, Dekalb, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will & Winnebago counties.

Food Sorting and Packing

Much of the donated food Northern Illinois Food Bank distributes needs to be inspected, sorted and packaged before it's distributed to our hungry neighbors. We simply could not do this without the help of volunteers. Last year, volunteers donated more than 134,000 hours of their time, the equivalent of 60 full-time employees.

Whether you can volunteer once a week, once a month or once a year; individually or with a group of friends, family or colleagues, whatever your commitment, every hour of assistance helps us ensure our hungry neighbors will have access to food in their time of need.

Individuals, families, corporate and social groups are welcome! Children ages 8 and older can volunteer with families or in groups with adult chaperones. If you would like to register a group of 20 or more, please call us directly at 630-443-6910. If your group is less than 20, use the [LINK HERE](#) to register online at the Center of your choosing.

Elburn Lions Club – Leo Club:

The Elburn Leo Club is our junior affiliate – members are children ages 12-18. Our club is also proud to sponsor a Junior Leo program, Meant for children ages 8-12. Our Leo Club provides an opportunity for today's youth to learn what it is to serve. What better way to prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow?

Parents need not be members of the Lions Club for their children to become Leos. For more information, contact Lion Anne Kuntz – ann1kuntz@gmail.com or 630-567-6734.

Feed My Starving Children:

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. – Proverbs 22:9

Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack™ meals specifically designed to reverse malnutrition. Volunteering occurs at our permanent sites and hundreds of MobilePack™ events nationwide.

Register online to volunteer: <http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/Default.aspx#.WAjrpegrLs0> You can also call 630-851-0404 for more information. Address: 555 Exchange Court Aurora, IL 60504

Anderson Animal Shelter:

Visit: <http://www.andersonanimalshelter.org/volunteer> to find out about MANY different ways to volunteer your time!

Traditional Volunteer Help

Anderson Animal Shelter could not provide such outstanding care for its animals without the help of its dedicated volunteer force. AAS volunteers are involved in almost all aspects of the shelter providing hands-on care to the shelter animals as well as helping to keep the shelter clean, participating in events and fundraisers, and even fostering animals in their own homes.

Our extensive volunteer program enables individuals or groups to become involved in helping the shelter according to their own personal interests and talents. The Junior Volunteer program, for teens age 13-16 and the Adult Volunteer program for ages 17+ offer individuals the opportunity to work on behalf of the shelter's animals to make a positive impact in our community. If you have a child under the age of 13 who wants to get involved, please visit our **Humane Education** page to find a variety of programs for younger children.

[Click Here to View the Volunteer Handbook](#)

For more information about our volunteer programs, [please check out our FAQ](#).

Click here to complete the Volunteer Application

Group or Temporary Volunteering

Are you a member of a company or group looking to help the Shelter for a day? Are you a student who needs to complete a few hours for a class requirement?

Our Temporary Volunteer Program is designed for those individuals or groups looking to help one time, for a few hours. This program is perfect for company volunteer days, classroom service projects, church groups or just someone looking to give a little time to the Shelter without going through the traditional volunteer process. **Click here to complete the Group or Temporary Volunteer Application**

[Please check out our FAQ](#) and contact Elizabeth Krahulec at to schedule a day/time to volunteer.

Elburn Food Pantry:

525 N. Main Street

Elburn, IL 60119

[View Map](#)

Phone: 630-448-1069

Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry:

Volunteers Opportunities

Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry is always in need of volunteers to assist with our Food Distribution Program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

8:00 am to 10:00 am: Prep for distribution – stocking shelves, sorting produce, filling freezer/cooler shelves, unloading food rescue items from truck, other

9:30 am to 2:15 pm: Assist with distribution – check-in, directing and assisting guests in choosing food, breaking down boxes, refilling shelves in freezer/cooler and market, sorting food in warehouse, direct traffic in parking lot and overflow parking, load cars and return carts, other (You do not have to commit to working the whole shift-let us know what works for you!)

2:15 pm to 4:00 pm: Assist with cleaning and restocking

Not looking to work in our Warehouse or Market? We also have Volunteer Opportunities available in our front lobby. Available positions include Greeter, Receptionist, and computer Check-in Volunteers. We will work with you to find a position that is perfect for you during a timeframe that you are comfortable with.

If you are in need of Community Service Hours, Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry also welcomes your help.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Brisa at 630-897-2127 x5220 or bbarraza@aurorafoodpantry.org

Fox Valley Troop Support:

www.fvts.org

Fox Valley Troop Support Holiday Community Care Package Dates

Do you know someone deployed from the Fox Valley area? Our local Troops need to be assured that the folks back home unconditionally support them. Fox Valley Troop Support is a group of patriotic citizens whose mission is to support our local troops by providing letters and care packages to those service members who are deployed around the globe. Tips for letter writing and suggested care package items are listed on our website: www.fvts.org. The Tri City area has always been very supportive of our deployed troops especially over the holidays but now more than ever **THEY NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU**.

Despite the drawdown in Iraq and Afghanistan, many local Troops are already deployed and many more are preparing for an upcoming deployment. They will be away from their loved ones during the holidays and would love to hear from you. Here is how you can help a deployed service member receive a little bit of holiday cheer from the folks back home.

Fox Valley Troop Support Inc is partnered with the Batavia Veterans of Foreign Wars 645 South River Street Batavia IL. Our community care package dates at the Batavia VFW are:

Friday December 5 (Family Night), donations will be dropped off and sorted. We encourage families to participate with sorting all of the donations (5-8 PM). **Saturday December 6**, care packages will be prepared (10-2 PM) and the first of six monthly shipments will be mailed.

If your service organization would like to collect items for care packages, organize a fund drive to help defray the expensive postal rates (\$13.80, as of 1/1/2015, to mail one USPS flat rate box) or if you have an idea how you can help, please contact FVTS Co Chairs: Kathy Tobusch (630) 464-8142 kathy@fvts.org, Chuck Timm, (630) 879-0372, chuck@fvts.org or Secretary, Peggy Reese (630) 208-7402, peggy@fvts.org.

To add a deployed member to our care package list, we need their name, rank, unit address including APO or FPO. We also need their approximate month of return from deployment. FVTS respects the privacy of the deployed loved ones and does not distribute the addresses.

Kathy Tobusch and Chuck Timm
Co Chairs Fox Valley Troop Support Inc
St Charles IL

Tails Humane Society: Saving the lives of companion animals through rescue, adoption, and spay/neuter.

We need you and so do the animals! Tails Humane Society offers a variety of exciting opportunities designed to provide the best quality of life for homeless animals in our care. We offer opportunities to work directly with our animals and also opportunities that are "behind the scenes". Examples include fundraising event committee members or administrative support roles. Tails utilizes Volunteers Monday-Sunday from 7AM-close, including holidays. Your volunteer time, regardless of your interest or assignment, will directly impact our rate of success.

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TAILS Pals

Children aged 5 – 15 years can become part of the Tails Pals program. For safety reasons, Tails Pals must be accompanied by an adult Volunteer (18+) who will submit their own volunteer application and attend the Volunteer Orientation session, training, and accompany the Tails Pals for all volunteer assignments at the shelter and/or events. There will be some restricted Volunteer activity for this age group. All Tails Pals are asked to contribute a \$10 fee to offset the cost of their Volunteer shirt, name badge, and printed materials.

Ready To Get Started?

Contact Nicole Brokaw, Director of Volunteers and Outreach, to discuss the volunteer on-boarding process. You will receive a volunteer screening in addition to your application that will need to be completed prior to being approved to join the volunteer program.

After approving your application, Tails will invite you to join a Volunteer Orientation session. Please bring your complete application and volunteer fee to orientation. Please do not leave it at the shelter beforehand.

After you have completed orientation, Nicole will work with you to schedule your training. After you've completed training, you will be able to schedule shifts to come in and volunteer.

Have questions or would like to request a volunteer application?

Read about our FAQs or contact Nicole at nbrokaw@tailshumanesociety.org or 815-758-2457 ext. 103.

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering at Tails!