

Winter, 2011

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES In LaGrange County

The following is a free listing of opportunities provided as a service by the LaGrange County Community Foundation. This listing will be updated each month and posted on our website at www.lccf.net. **Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities** listings will continue for one year or until notified by the organization. **Special projects** will be listed for two installments unless renewed or cancelled.

1. Organizations wishing to post new volunteer opportunities or modify previous listings should contact Loren Heinlen at the Community Foundation – 463.4363 or lheinlen@lccf.net. The Community Foundation will only post listings that come directly from an authorized organization representative.
2. Volunteers should **contact the organizations directly** for more information.

All copy below represents only those organizations that have responded to an inquiry regarding the need for volunteers and is generally a “cut and paste” version of that response.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Association is looking for volunteers, especially around 4-H fair time. People volunteer sometimes 20 -40 hours per week usually in July. From time to time, a previously unknown person can step forward and because of a specific know-how make a huge difference in two hours.

Contact: John Emerson, Extension Educator, CED
Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
LaGrange County
114 West Michigan Street, Suite 10
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
260-499-6335
260-499-6398 (FAX)
jremerson@purdue.edu

Ark Animal Rescue needs volunteers to help out at the bookstore and the animal shelter. If anyone has questions as to what they might do, please have them call me.

Contact: Marge Malone
Ark Animal Rescue
260-562-3655
margaretmalone@embarqmail.com

American Cancer Society is always looking for volunteers to help out with the Relay for Life event that will be held June 25-26, 2011, at Prairie Heights High School.

The 2011 Relay for Life of LaGrange will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary and we want this event to be special. We would love for as many participants that maybe have not been involved in the past few years to come back and be a part of this great event.

Contact: Gina Bufkin, Community Representative | Great Lakes Division, Inc.
 American Cancer Society
 111 East Ludwig Drive, Suite 105
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825
 p 260-471-3911 x 7714
 f 260-483-5344
regina.bufkin@cancer.org

The Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake is always seeking volunteers for:

- Grounds keeping
- Housekeeping
- Mail/clerical
- Routine maintenance (painting/carpentry/electrical/plumbing, roofing)
- Food service

Contact: Rick Miller, Executive Director
 Brethren Retreat
 260-336-2470
www.brethrenretreat.org

Council for a Drug-Free LaGrange County is looking for volunteers to serve on the council and represent local non-profits, government agencies and schools or their community-at-large in the effort to increase community awareness through prevention, justice and treatment in the fight against substance abuse.

Contact: Christine Putnam, CDFLC Coordinator
 C/O Lagrange Healthy Families
 260-336-0942
putnam_lagrangehf@yahoo.com

Council on Aging needs volunteers to help in the following ways:

- Board of Directors and Board Committees
- Folding newsletters and other mailers/brochures
- Stocking Food Pantry
- Delivering Food
- Cleaning our facility
- Hosting trips and other events
- Spring and Fall clean ups for clients
- Build/install wheel chair ramps
- Tax Preparation
- Perform BP/Glucose checks
- SHIP counselors
- Bingo/Wii Bowling
- Exercise classes

- Crafts/painting
- Helping out with special events
 - 4 H fair
 - Corn school
 - Liberty Days
 - Luncheons
 - Car washes
 - Rummage sales/auction

Contact: Bill Cunningham, Executive Director
 LaGrange County Council on Aging
 260-463-4161
bill@lagrangecoa.com

Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. is always looking for volunteers, but specifically is in need of persons to volunteer for our 24-hour crisis line and in need of response team members for 24-hour support for our shelter – Safe Haven. Training is provided and required. There are other opportunities to volunteer. To find out what those might be, please phone us at 260-463-8700. Elijah Haven offers services for domestic violence victims of LaGrange County.

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry is in need of volunteers to help us with grant writing and media releases.

Contact: Debra Treesh
 Farmers and Hunters feeding the Hungry
 260-541-0365

Healthy Families is in need of volunteers. Certain criteria may be needed. But does have things almost anyone can do.

Contact: Christine Putnam, Supervisor/Family Resource Specialist
 Lagrange Healthy Families
 260-336-0942
putnam_lagrangehf@yahoo.com

LaGrange County Community Foundation is looking for volunteers to serve on its scholarship advisory committee. Adults of all ages who do not have immediate relatives applying for scholarships this year through the community foundation and who would enjoy reading and scoring scholarship applications as part of the selection process are invited to inquire with the program officer.

Contact: Loren Heinlen, Program Officer
 LaGrange Co. Community Foundation
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 LaGrange IN 46761
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 Fax: 260-463-4856
 Email: lheinlen@lccf.net

Learning Generation Initiative would like to recruit volunteers in LaGrange County to serve as tutors for adults. Tutors are needed for math and reading. Tutors work one-on-one with adults to assist them in their GED Preparation work.

Contact: Kathy Royer, Executive Director
The Learning Generation Initiative
1396 Benham Ave. Suite A
Elkhart, IN 46515
866-898-3908 (toll free)
574-304-1004 (cell)
260-918-1491 (fax)
Kathy@learninggeneration.com

Northeastern Center has a big need for volunteer drivers in LaGrange County. Many of our clients do not have their own transportation, making it difficult to get to and from their Northeastern Center services as well as necessary medical and social service appointments. We recruit drivers who use their own vehicles to transport our clients. These trips are typically within a 60 mile radius, round trip and we reimburse volunteers for their expenses at a rate of 46 cents per mile. There is a kind of lengthy process we have to go through to get our drivers set up and ready to go -- so only volunteers who are willing to commit to driving for at least a year are encouraged to apply for this position.

We also have a need for clerical/administrative volunteers. These positions typically work 1-2 times a month assembling medical charts and copying or collating resources. Some of this work can be done in the volunteer's own home. The rest of the work is performed in our LaGrange office.

Occasionally we have other needs too - and we'd love to hear from LaGrange County residents who have ideas about ways they can use their skills, talents and experience to help us help others.

Contact: Darcy Vance, Volunteer Coordinator
The Northeastern Center
260 - 347-1553 ext. 143
dvance@nec.org

Parkview Home Health & Hospice is seeking volunteers to help patients and families in LaGrange and surrounding communities. Volunteers are especially needed that are available one to four hours during the day to be a friend to patients and families. As a volunteer, you can help patients, families and staff with a variety of tasks such as running errands, being a home visitor, general office work and fundraising. Volunteer hours are flexible and can be arranged around your schedule. To visit patients, volunteers must complete training and continuing education classes. Training is held at various locations throughout the year.

Contact: Mauna Crown, Volunteer Coordinator
Parkview Home Health & Hospice
800-363-9977

Parkview LaGrange Hospital has an on-going need for service volunteers. We are looking for individuals who are interested in giving back to the community through on-going service - a minimum of four hours a week. There are a variety of settings and service opportunities at the hospital - everything from serving as a greeter in our main lobby to driving our courtesy shuttle in the parking lot. The common denominator is someone who is friendly and service oriented.

For more information and a copy of the volunteer application and reference forms, those with internet access may go to lagrange.parkview.com and check out the link to volunteers. The direct link to the section is:

<http://www.parkview.com/Locations/ParkviewLaGrangeHospital/Pages/Volunteers.aspx>

Those who do not have internet access are welcome to stop by the hospital and pick up an application form from the volunteer at the information desk or call me and I will mail them one.

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Ann.Kadish@parkview.com

PC's for Youth is always looking for people to help us to repair computers. Our volunteer application is available on our website at www.pcsforyouth.org

Contact: Colton C. Strawser, Executive Director
Director of Marketing Fundraising
PC's For Youth
107 South High Street
LaGrange, IN 46761
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Organization E-mail: info@pcsforyouth.org

SPECIAL PROJECTS

None at this time.