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## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

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Volunteers are assigned to facilities near their home.

Brecksville UMC contact is Lucy Fesler 330-467-6983

The Area Agency on Aging has many opportunities that will allow you to contribute to the community, bring improvement to the lives of older adults and benefit personally by helping others.

The Agency's Ombudsman Program is most dependent on volunteers. The role of volunteer ombudsmen is to extend our program presence throughout the region's long-term care facilities. In many ways, volunteers are our "eyes and ears" in the over two-hundred licensed long-term care facilities. Trained and certified volunteers visit facilities regularly, observe conditions, speak with residents and families, and briefly report activities or situations requiring Ombudsman attention.

Volunteers perform the following for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and group homes:

- Visit on a regular basis, on average around six hours a month
- Distribute information on resident rights
- Serve as a liaison and source of referral for resident complaints
- Empower residents to act independently
- Work with facility staff to resolve simple problems

- Complete volunteer activity reports

Other volunteer opportunities within the Agency include:

- Supporting the Agency with office assistance
- Participate in Agency fundraising events
- Recruitment of new volunteers
- Participate in community events such as health fairs
- Speaking at groups about the Agency and older adult issues

Serving Summit County – training would be at  
The Area Agency on Aging 10B, Inc.

1550 Corporate Woods Parkway

Uniontown, Ohio 44685-8797

(800) 421-7277

## **BEREA CHILDREN'S HOME**

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Berea Children's Home and Family Services

202 E. Bagley Road Berea, OH 44017

Phone: 440-260-8337

CONTACT: Debbie Mueller

[Dmueller@bchfs.org](mailto:Dmueller@bchfs.org)

Berea Children's Home and Family Services has emerged over the years as a diverse organization, highly regarded for the ability to be responsive to the emerging and

ever-changing needs of the communities we serve. Our innovative, comprehensive programming strives to preserve family relationships, help make children and families more self-sufficient and reduce clients' need for future social service or court interventions. We are a private, not-for-profit, charitable organization governed by a board of directors in covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Annually we serve 11,000 children and families in 22 counties throughout the State of Ohio. Through innovative leadership and superior services, we make the commitment to a future by cultivating strong kids, strong families and a strong community.

Once you decide you are ready to make a commitment, the following steps are involved...Volunteer Application, Interview Process, On-boarding Paperwork , Background Check, Physical with TB Test, Agency Orientation Training

**Administrative Support** Provide clerical and related assistance to positively impact staff and program/department efficiency. Eligible placements must be a minimum of 16 years and pass the agency physical and background check. Examples of tasks and duties could include typing, filing, shredding, stuffing mailers, preparing newsletters or other communications, and reception/greeter duties. Typically, assistance is needed Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Food Services Support** This placement also work staff to help light food preparation, food s service, distribution, and/or packing food baskets for clients at the holidays. Minimum age of 16 years old.

**Maintenance Support** Provide gardening, light repair, toy maintenance, as well as other clean-up and maintenance assistance. Minimum age of 16 years old. Ability to use light maintenance and gardening tools required.

**Special Events & Seasonal Services** Provide seasonal and holiday set-up, planning and program implementation assistance to positively impact staff and program/department efficiency. Minimum age of 16 years old.

**Transportation Services** Provide transportation related support including courier, food basket delivery, and toy distribution to positively impact staff and program/department efficiency. Minimum age required is 21 years of age. A personal vehicle would be used and mileage reimbursed. All agency locations are in need of assistance. Typically, assistance is needed Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

### **Done-In-A-Day Projects**

These projects are geared around the groups coming in.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Beth Lawson Phone: 440-260-8231

## **BRECKSVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

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Brecksville Center for the Arts

8997 Highland Drive

Brecksville Ohio 44141

440-526-6232 Fax: 440-526-1214

Contact Kim Holmok, volunteer coordinator

Web: [www.brecksvillearts.org](http://www.brecksvillearts.org)

Email: [brecksvillearts@yahoo.com](mailto:brecksvillearts@yahoo.com)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 4 pm

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**HOME DAYS** - Work the Brecksville Center for the Arts' booth at Home Days in June.

Various shifts available for this 3 day event.

**GENERAL OFFICE WORK** - Includes general office duties such as answering phones and filing.

**ART FROM THE HEART** - An annual fundraising event. Volunteer opportunities include greeting attendees, helping with food service, set up and tear down of event.

**STUDENT ART SALE** - An annual fundraising event. Volunteer opportunities include set up and tear down of event, price tagging items, display maintenance and handling sales on the day of the event. Various shifts available.

**AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM** - Art program takes place within the elementary schools. Assist teacher and students during the art class.

**HEARTFELT HOLIDAY** - Our largest fundraiser of the year. Fine art show. Volunteer opportunities include greeting attendees, work admissions, help sell raffle tickets at event, help with sales in various booths throughout the show. Various shifts available.

**FOOD & HOSPITALITY** - Helping with food service for various events throughout the year at BCA.

**TRUSTEE OPPORTUNITIES** - An opportunity to serve as a board member of Brecksville Center for the Arts. Please contact Rob Bauer, Executive Director, for further details at 440-526-6232.

## **CITY OF BRECKSVILLE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT**

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Two Community Drive , Brecksville  
Contact : Ted Lux, Director 440-526-2499  
What We Do

The Department offers services, assistance, information and activities for older and physically challenged residents.

#### What We Offer

- Medical Transportation
- Fun Classes
- Emotional Support
- Food Programs
- Special Assistance Programs
- Restaurant and Mall Trips
- Brecksville Travelers
- Brecksville Errands

#### **City of Brecksville needs volunteers:**

1. Substitute drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels to the community, if the regular drivers are ill or on vacation.
2. On Mondays: nurses to take blood pressure at peoples homes.
3. Drivers to take people to doctors appointments, dental appointments, the mall etc...as needed.

Requirements: Need to take a driving test.

Need to have a physical and have your hearing and sight tested.

## **BROOKLYN MEMORIAL CHURCH**

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Brooklyn Memorial Church  
2607 Archwood Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
Phone: 216/459-1450  
Contact: Pastor Jared Littleton  
[jaredlittleton@gmail.com](mailto:jaredlittleton@gmail.com)

“When thinking about poverty, we often get bogged down by statistics. While these are valuable things, it can allow us to forget the real people who experience this day to day. John Wesley was right to say that the best way to serve your needy neighbors was to actually go and visit them. At Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, we have the honor of hosting a community meal the last two Sundays of every month. Since each meal has a sponsoring congregation, we have many hands to help in the kitchen and serve the food. However, we do not have enough help making reaching our to our 170+ guests each week so that we may help to nourish their souls as well as their bodies. For each of the meals, we could use a number of people to help to provide hospitality by greeting each guest as they arrive, chatting with (and especially listening to) our guests as they wait for their food, eating with them, and being available for prayer. Once you have grown to know and love some of the people who come to the meals, we would hope you could then be an ambassador back to your congregation as we dream together mission projects that are a direct response to the expressed needs of the friends you have now made.

In addition, our almost 100 year old building often shows its age. While we don't mind showing our wrinkles and old age, we do sometimes have maintenance problems

that keep us from being able to serve the community to the best of our ability. In addition, we have many rooms in our church that go unused because they need a few able bodied people to help clean them out and get them ready to host meetings, AA groups, tutoring sessions, etc. If there were a few handy men and women who would be willing to lend a hand, it would help to extend our ministries.”

## **CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME**

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### RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER

11401 Lorain Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Phone: (216) 416-4277

Contact Maria Livers, (216) 476-0333

*[mlivers@ccnworks.org](mailto:mlivers@ccnworks.org)*

Cleveland Christian Home provides a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families suffering from mental illness, abuse and neglect. Our ongoing volunteer needs revolve primarily around facilities and grounds maintenance, mailings, and organization of our Needs Room (offering new and gently used items to our clients at no cost). We also have specific events volunteer needs at different times throughout the year. Annual events include our 5K Walk & Run for the Kids, the Scramble for Kids Golf Tournament and our Santa’s Workshop Holiday Gift Donation Drive. Visit our website at [www.cchome.org](http://www.cchome.org) to learn more about Cleveland Christian Home programs and services.

## **CLEVELAND FOOD BANK**

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[info@clevelandfoodbank.org](mailto:info@clevelandfoodbank.org)

Cleveland Foodbank

15500 South Waterloo Road

Cleveland, OH 44110

Contact Alan Fratus, Volunteer Services Manager, (216) 738-2053

Joan Szczepanik, Volunteers Services Assistant, (216) 738-2069

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed to help sort and repack nonperishable food that is later distributed to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. Volunteers can also assist in the Community Kitchen preparing hot meals that are distributed at local hot meal sites. Volunteers are needed to help at the Cleveland Foodbank's member agencies (food pantries and soup kitchens).

### **Volunteer Guidelines**

- \* Volunteers need to be at least 12 years old
- \* Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to volunteer unaccompanied by an adult
- \* You cannot wear sandals or open-toed shoes when you volunteer
- \* With volunteer youth groups there must be one adult present for every 10 children
- \* Volunteers commit to at least a two hour volunteer shift
- \* You cannot volunteer if you are a convicted felon

### **Volunteer Hours**

Repacking

Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-8:00PM

Friday: 8:30AM-2:00PM

Saturday: 8:00AM-12:00PM (book up quickly)

Community Kitchen

Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-3:00PM

Friday: 8:30AM-2:00PM

- \* Minimum two hour commitment (four hours on Saturday morning)
- \* Please register on-line at [www.clevelandfoodbank.org](http://www.clevelandfoodbank.org), then call Joan or Alan to schedule a volunteer session
- \* Please visit web-site or call office for driving directions

### **Cleveland Foodbank's Family Night**

Families with children ages 6-11 are invited to participate in Family Night at the Cleveland Foodbank. Family Night is the second Thursday and third Monday of each month from 5:30PM-7:30PM. Families volunteer in the repack room helping to repack and sort donated product for local hunger centers. You must call to schedule for a Family Night.

## TAX HELP

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Contact: Cailey Ambrose  
Ohio Benefit Bank  
(216) 738-2265x2119

[cambrose@clevelandfoodbank.org](mailto:cambrose@clevelandfoodbank.org)

Looking for a different kind of volunteer work? How about volunteering to do taxes for Cleveland-area residents this tax season?

The Cleveland Foodbank is looking for volunteers to spend a little time learning about taxes. If you're interested, you'll be trained with Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) tax materials to help people whose incomes are \$56,000 or less with their federal and state individual income tax returns.

In order to help low- and moderate-income people to save money and promote financial stability, the Cleveland Foodbank is going to use OBB to assist people in completing their tax returns for free. Low-income people are often prey to agencies in their neighborhoods that offer Refund Anticipation Loans and charge exorbitant fees to file taxes.

This year we have decided to help. Through the Ohio Benefit Bank you will learn to prepare simple federal and state tax returns. In return, you will be asked to donate your time helping at a couple of OBB Tax Clinics from the end of January through April 15. Sites use computers to prepare and electronically transmit tax returns (e-file). If you're interested in learning to e-file tax returns for members of your community as a volunteer, then the Ohio Benefit Bank can teach you.

NO accounting experience is needed. If you can shop online, you can learn this

software! All you need basic internet navigation skills and a desire to help others prepare their basic returns.

Don't wait! To volunteer, for more information or training dates contact Cailey Ambrose at (216) 738-2265 x2119 or [cambrose@clevelandfoodbank.org](mailto:cambrose@clevelandfoodbank.org)

A five hour training is required to be certified to do taxes. Once trained, counselors are asked to commit to 2 or 3 clinic dates (see below).

#### Clinic Dates

Saturdays (9:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., lunch provided)

January 30, February 6, February 13, March 6

Evenings (2:45 p.m. until 8 p.m., dinner provided)

February 25 (Thursday), March 23 (Tuesday), April 7 (Wednesday)

Greer Connor

Ohio Benefit Bank Trainer

AmeriCorps\*VISTA Member

Cleveland Foodbank, Inc.

(216) 738-2265 x2104

(216) 738-1604 fax

The Benefit Bank Help Desk is available for technical assistance at (866) 887-6060.

For Ohio Benefit Bank questions, interest in becoming a site, and to find your nearby OBB site call (800) 648-1176 or visit [obb.ohio.gov](http://obb.ohio.gov)

Sharon Hosko

526-1012

## **CORNERSTONE OF HOPE**

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Cornerstone of Hope  
5905 Brecksville Road  
Cleveland, OH 44131-1517  
(216) 524.HOPE(4673)

Contact: Isabella

[www.cornerstoneofhope.org](http://www.cornerstoneofhope.org)

Cornerstone of Hope is dedicated to providing support, education, and hope for the grieving.

Cornerstone has special programs for grieving children, teens, and adults, including specific groups for young widows, those who have lost a child, and those affected by violent crimes, suicide, and neonatal loss, to name a few.

Cornerstone of Hope is blessed to have the support and dedication of over 100 volunteers who offer their time in some of the following ways:

- Assisting with fundraising activities (including securing silent or live auction donations, helping to plan fundraising events and/or volunteering at fundraising events);
- Helping facilitate seminars and/or programs (including preparing support group materials, assisting Counselors before, during, or after groups, etc.);
- Acting as members of the Board of Trustees or Advisory Board (This is a three-year commitment, with meetings held every other month. More information about board commitment responsibilities is available);
- Administrative and office assistance (including assistance with copies, mailings,

etc.);

- Marketing (including designing and assisting with dispersal of brochures and flyers about Cornerstone and our programs);
- Camp Volunteers (lend a hand at one of Cornerstone’s one, two or three-day camps, including serving as a big buddy to a child attending camp, assisting with camp activities, helping with set-up and clean-up, and much more); and
- Sharing your story of healing with others (encourage others by sharing how you have dealt with the loss of your loved one and the hope you have found in your healing).

If you are interested in volunteering at Cornerstone of Hope, please contact us for additional information at (216) 524.HOPE(4673)

## **CLEVELAND METROPARKS**

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Brecksville Nature Center

Contact :Sharon Hosko

(440) 526-1012

[sbh@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:sbh@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Cleveland Metroparks has fun, educational and diverse opportunities for volunteers at various locations throughout the Park District! Opportunities are available for individuals (16 years and older), community groups, student projects, scout groups, school groups and more!

The mission of Cleveland Metroparks is to “conserve significant natural resources and enhance people’s lives by providing safe, high-quality outdoor education, recreation,

and zoological opportunities.”

Cleveland Metroparks Volunteer Services prides itself on providing educational and interesting opportunities for volunteers that coincide with the mission and goals of Cleveland Metroparks!

You will also get the satisfaction of contributing to the conservation, education and recreation efforts of Cleveland Metroparks

Volunteer Locations:

**A variety of volunteer opportunities are located throughout the Park District. The following are the sites where and programs in which volunteers assist:**

- Brecksville Nature Center (Brecksville Reservation)
- CanalWay Center (Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation)
- EarthWords Nature Shops (Ohio & Erie Canal, Rocky River & North Chagrin Reservations)
- Garfield Park Nature Center (Garfield Reservation)
- Golf Clubhouse Services (Bedford, Brecksville, North Chagrin, & Rocky River Reservations)
- Historical Interpretation (throughout Park District)
- Institute of the Great Outdoors (based at Garfield Reservation)
- Look About Lodge (South Chagrin Reservation)
- Natural Resources Management (at 16 Cleveland Metroparks Reservations)
- Natural Resources Research (at 16 Cleveland Metroparks Reservations)
- NatureTracks (based at Garfield Reservation)

- North Chagrin Nature Center (North Chagrin Reservation)
- Park Operations (at 16 Cleveland Metroparks Reservations)
- Rocky River Nature Center (Rocky River Reservation)
- Youth Outdoors (based at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation)
- Visual Communications (Brecksville Reservation)

### **How do I apply?**

Cleveland Metroparks accepts volunteers on an ongoing basis. Volunteers are selected based on their interests, skills and availability. In addition, volunteers are only placed within programs that have a current need for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a Cleveland Metroparks volunteer, please review the volunteer screening requirements, then print and mail a complete application and opportunities checklist to the Manager of Volunteer Services. Upon receipt of your completed application, you will be contacted to schedule a placement interview.

## **CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**

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Contact Shelby Louis  
330-657-2909x109  
[slewis@cvnpa.org](mailto:slewis@cvnpa.org)

Whether you want to spend time outdoors or prefer working inside, you can find a volunteer opportunity in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to suit you. There are opportunities for a variety of age groups and interests, including helping with interpretation, education, and visitor services (16/18 years-adult). You can also help with visitor and resource protection (18-adult), natural resource management (all ages),

trail maintenance (all ages), and other exciting events (Ohio Winter Special Olympics, Blue Heron Day, Countryside Conservancy Farmers' Markets, Special Events Volunteer, Adopt-a-Trail, and River Day).

## **SUMMER WORK CAMPS – “GROUP WORKCAMPS “(OUR YSP)**

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Group Workcamps (Home Repair) –

[www.groupworkcamps.com](http://www.groupworkcamps.com)

Brecksville UMC contacts are Catherine Vastartis or Elizabeth Jaszczak

### **Volunteer Positions**

**Setup Crew Member:** This person helps during the week BEFORE the mission trip. Works under the direction of the Setup Director. Assists in delivering materials, preparing work sites, verifying directions from the lodging facility, and preparing the residents and worksites. Construction knowledge is a plus. Several Setup Crew members may be needed at each setup.

### **During the mission trip week**

**Cafeteria Host:** Creates a welcoming and pleasant atmosphere in the cafeteria by helping the cook staff organize the cafeteria, decorating, and interacting with the campers during meal times. Requires friendliness and organization-creativity is a plus!

**Office Team Member:** Provides excellent customer service to campers and staff who need assistance in the office. Maintains daily office operations, maintains office supplies and forms, answers phones properly and relays information immediately to the appropriate people.

**Program Team Member:** Travels to work sites daily to take digital photos of

participants and residents following Group's photo guidelines. Helps maintain the gym or auditorium and helps set up/tear down program equipment and props. Photography experience is necessary.

**Site Coach:** Assists camp participants with questions and problems at work sites. Helps make decisions on substitution of materials. Assists in the tool room and materials room. Assists with material pickups and deliveries. Must have construction experience or handyman knowledge and good people skills.

**Facility Team Member:** Establishes a partnership with the custodial staff at the camp facility. Ensures the restrooms, shower areas, and cafeteria are kept clean and supplied.

**Song Leader:** Leads music by musical instrument and voice, encouraging campers to sing during evening programs. Must learn the designated camp songs and be able to teach them to others. Works with the MC to select songs for each program from the music list. Works with the Program Manager to lead rehearsals of individuals and/or groups who will be helping with the music during the programs.

## **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY**

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Lutheran Church.

9201 Brecksville Road

Brecksville, OH 44141

Brecksville UMC Contact is Craig Czarnota 838-1331

We participate in Interfaith Hospitality Network at Christ the Redeemer

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cleveland (IHN) is a non-profit

organization providing overnight hospitality, meals and professional support to a homeless families through a network of religious congregations and volunteers.

IHN's mission is to provide compassionate care to homeless families, alleviate the trauma of homelessness and assist them in securing a stable home.

Volunteers are the heart of IHN's hospitality mission. As one volunteer put it, "We put the hospitality in the Interfaith Hospitality Network".

3,000 trained volunteers each year meet basic human needs of shelter, safety and sustenance with a spirit of warmth and hospitality, welcoming families as guests and treating them with dignity and respect.

## **KAIROS MINISTRY**

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### **Brecksville UMC Contact is Les Buttolph 440-526-8938**

KAIROS (Greek for God's Special Time) is an international prison ministry to bring God's love to the incarcerated. Teams of about 42 men or women go into prisons over a 72 hour period, and provide home cooked meals and homemade cookies (baked with prayer and love) as a means of showing God's love to these prisoners. The program not only gives spiritual talks and fellowship time during the weekend, but follows through with once a month gatherings for all KAIROS alumni, as well as weekly Prayer and Share times to develop individual as well as community faith practices. We are advocates of Christ rather than prisoner advocates. Our mission is to demonstrate God's love and develop a community of faith that spreads that witness through the prisons. All workers are volunteers, and all costs are raised through private donations.

## **KYLIE JANE LONG FOUNDATION**

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Contact Elizabeth Long

[kyliejanelongfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:kyliejanelongfoundation@yahoo.com)

[kyliejanelong.org](http://kyliejanelong.org)

The Kylie Jane Long Foundation assists local children facing critical or chronic illnesses in Northeast Ohio hospitals. The Foundation also reaches out to help both the children and their families, so that they can be present with their child during a time of great need. There are a plethora of opportunities to get involved with the foundation, including the annual Hope on the Slopes Fundraiser that takes place at Boston Mills Ski resort on February 28 (ages 15-adult). Volunteers are also needed to assist with monthly/weekly operations of the organization (Ages 16-adult) and serve on both marketing and development committees. In addition, volunteers can use their creative skills to help provide wish requests for both families and hospital departments, especially for special occasions/holidays that must be spent in the hospital. Volunteers can also be involved in cultivating additional fundraising avenues to provide financial assistance to families who have a child in the hospital. The Kylie Jane Long Foundation truly has opportunities for everyone – volunteers have been the backbone of the organization in the past and are the keys to helping local children and families in the future.

## **MALACHI HOUSE**

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Malachi House  
2810 Clinton Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44113-2939  
(216) 621-8831  
Contact Alice Sawyers  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[volunteer@malachihouse.org](mailto:volunteer@malachihouse.org)

The most important thing, I think, is that we serve the poor and sometimes forgotten portion of our people. These people have run out of options. For absolutely no cost to them or their families, we take care of them for the remainder of their lives. We run completely on donations and receive NO state or government funding. We are the only home in the country that runs like this.

As for Volunteers: We have a limited paid staff and everything is supplemented by volunteers. They do every thing from answering phones, mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, helping with meals, etc. The only volunteer opportunity that takes training is the actual resident care. Any one over the age of 16 is welcome to volunteer. Students may also get their service hours for school here.

## **NEHEMIAH**

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The Nehemiah Mission Receiving Center is located on the Near West Side of Cleveland at West 65th and Bridge Avenue.

(6515 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102  
Contact Jim Szakacs, Executive Director  
440-263-8125

[director@nehemiahmission.org](mailto:director@nehemiahmission.org)

Nehemiah in Old Testament history was an Israelite living in captivity after the invasion by Babylon. He was King Xerxes cupbearer, when he read of how the walls of Jerusalem had deteriorated and were an embarrassment to those who remembered Israel in her glory. The king, noting Nehemiah's sadness, allowed him to lead a group to go back to rebuild the walls. The Nehemiah Mission is, in this fashion, a mission to help rebuild the "walls" of Cleveland's inner city. Although it is presently funded through our District apportionments, it is being required to eventually become self sufficient via gifts/donations.

Groups can come during the week, or sign up for a longer period, like a week. Projects like repainting and putting up walls in the Brooklyn Memorial church, the mission site (a renovated church), and exterior and interior projects (ramps, painting - similar to YSP) in homes in the inner city area. There is no youth restrictions other than to have some adult leadership. Projects are assigned based on the numbers and abilities of the various volunteer crews - there doesn't seem to be much of a shortage of projects. There is a kitchen and sleeping areas for the volunteers, and a fee for staying on site to help defray the costs.

## **PROJECT LEARN**

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Project Learn (Cleveland)  
2728 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115-2429  
(216) 621-9483  
Contact Barbara Watson  
[bpwatson@projectlearn.org](mailto:bpwatson@projectlearn.org)

Project Learn is an adult literacy program that has an ongoing need for two types of volunteers:

1. Tutors - to work with low-level readers. Volunteers are asked to make a minimum one-year commitment to the student and are generally expected to meet with the student twice weekly.
2. Friends of Project Learn - these individuals can help in a variety of ways with the annual benefit event in the fall.

## **PROVIDENCE HOUSE**

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Providence House (Cleveland)  
2037 West 32nd Street  
Cleveland, OH 44113-4017  
(216) 651-5982  
Contact : Robin Konscak  
[volunteering@provhouse.org](mailto:volunteering@provhouse.org)

“Providence House, with and through God, provides a temporary, safe, home-like

setting and refuge for children under age six who are in crisis.” The program also provides support services to the parents of the children it shelters. All volunteers must be at least 21 years old. Due to the nature of its work and State licensing requirements, Providence House has a fairly extensive application process that includes meeting several basic requirements including satisfactory background checks by the State of Ohio and the FBI, drug and health screens, and satisfactory references. Providence House uses volunteers in the following capacities:

1. child care - assist professional caregivers
2. administrative - data entry, correspondence and other clerical duties
3. gift-in-kind - sort and document donations of clothing, food and toys
4. special events - help at off-site fundraisers throughout the year

## **RONALD Mc DONALD HOUSE**

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Ronald McDonald House

10415 Euclid Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44106

Contact Mary Jo Pecek (216) 229-5757

[mpecek@clevelandrmh.org](mailto:mpecek@clevelandrmh.org)

Volunteers span all ages. Most volunteers work one 3 hour shift per week between the normal hours of 9AM-9PM.

1. Family Room Volunteers: These volunteers sign guests in and offer a warm supportive atmosphere to families.
2. Kitchen Hosts: Volunteers help with meal prep and keeping the kitchen area clean

and well organized.

3. Drivers: Volunteers help families who don't have a car available get groceries, go to a shopping mall or museums. They may use the RMH vehicle or their own.
4. House Volunteers: They staff the front desk and answer phones and any guests questions. Volunteers greet new arrivals, give house tours and pitch in where they can.
5. Chore Volunteers: They help with chores around the house.
6. Office Volunteers: Volunteers will be doing clerical work at the house.
7. Family Meal Volunteers: We need individuals or groups willing to fix and serve meals to approximately 45 people. This is especially rewarding to families who have been at the hospital all day.

This is just a sample of the many volunteer activities at Ronald McDonald House. There are volunteer activities in woodworking, gardening, painting, teaching exercise, arts and crafts, baking and even shoveling snow. Please check out our web site at [www.clevelandrmh.org](http://www.clevelandrmh.org) and find a volunteer activity that interests you. We have something for everyone.

## **REGINA HEALTH CENTER**

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Regina Health Center  
5232 Broadview Road  
Richfield, Ohio 44286-9608  
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Contact: Marty Craig  
[mcraig@reginahealthcenter.org](mailto:mcraig@reginahealthcenter.org)  
[www.reginahealthcenter.org](http://www.reginahealthcenter.org)

Regina Health Center is a nursing home and assisted living facility. Regina Health Center provides compassionate and holistic health care services for members of religious communities, clergy, and for other persons needing supportive services or residential nursing care. There are many things that can be done at any time to help out, like watering plants in the resident's rooms, filing in the administration office, cleaning flower beds around the facility, yard work, and much more.

## **SOUTH POINTE HOSPITAL**

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South Pointe Hospital  
20000 Harvard Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44122-6805  
Contact Amy McGee, volunteer coordinator  
(216) 491-6242  
[mageea@cchseast.org](mailto:mageea@cchseast.org)

**Volunteers Needed:**

DM-Every other Monday Heavy lifting  
Wound Center- 1 hour daily M,T, Th, F  
Gift Shop A- Evening after 3:00; Weekends  
B- Saturdays, Sunday afternoon  
Food Panty/Clothes Closet: organize anytime/day  
Ombudsmen Office: 3 volunteer needed  
Medical Records: always need  
Medical Library- Heavy Lifting  
Comfort Runners -always needed  
Activity Cart-Always needed  
Medical Staff Services- clerical, newsletters, shredding  
Pain Center- clerical, Hand massagers  
Cancer Center- 1 days a week; Clerical, phones  
Cookie Bakers- Partner for Tom Thursdays

## **THE GATHERING PLACE**

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The Gathering Place (Cleveland)

23300 Commerce Park

Cleveland, OH 44122-5811

(216) 595-9546

Contact Betsy Kohn

[kohn@touchedbycancer.org](mailto:kohn@touchedbycancer.org)

The Gathering Place provides services and support to individuals and families who are dealing with cancer. It has a need for volunteers in the following categories:

1. working with participants in the program's Education Centers
2. assisting in children's programs
3. greeters in the reception area

The Gathering Place provides training for volunteers and is offering a training for its volunteers on January 29, 2010

## **SOUTHEAST YMCA – BEDFORD**

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Southeast YMCA

460 Northfield Road

Bedford, OH 44146

(216)663-7523

Contact Ian Roberts

[iroberts@clevelandymca.org](mailto:iroberts@clevelandymca.org)

Volunteering is at the very core of the YMCA movement, especially at the Southeast Branch of the Cleveland YMCA in Bedford. As a volunteer driven organization, the YMCA offers numerous opportunities and areas in which volunteers of all ages can participate, even families. Volunteers serve on boards, help out at special events, teach youth and adult classes, mentor, coach, greet people, help raise funds and more. No matter how you help, you'll make a big difference as you work with others to create a feeling of connectedness in your community. YMCA volunteers use their hearts, heads, and hands as they work to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

## **THRIFT NATION**

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Thrift Nation

6286 Pearl Road in Parma Heights

Contact JR Hnas (440) 886-3300

[volunteer@thriftnation.org](mailto:volunteer@thriftnation.org)

Thrift Nation, a new secondhand store, helps fund mission trips

All clothing donations can be taken to the store. Furniture donations can be picked up and furniture that is purchased can be delivered.

In order to maximize the amount of money Thrift Nation gives directly to missions, those working full time at Thrift Nation rely on volunteers to keep the store stocked and appealing to customers. Volunteer activities include:

- \* Cleaning, sorting, and generally preparing merchandise, including: clothes, shoes,

books, toys, house wares, furniture, and more clothes

- \* Stocking the sales floor with merchandise
- \* Improving the organization and presentation of the sales floor
- \* Vacuuming, mopping, dusting and cleaning the store

As volunteers become orientated and collect 20+ hours of volunteer time, more opportunities will become available. Pricing, pick-up and delivery, customer service, and greeting staff are all possible positions for experienced volunteers.

For more information on Teams to the Nations visit [teamstothenerations.org](http://teamstothenerations.org).

## **UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEER IN MISSION**

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United Methodist Volunteer in Mission

General Board of Global Ministries

Brecksville UMC Contact is Lynn Spencer (440) 838-4371

There are many volunteer opportunities available within the umbrella of the United Methodist Church. United Methodists Volunteers in Mission or UMVIM is under the program area of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). Brecksville United Methodist Church is part of the North Coast District which in turn is part of the East Ohio Conference which in turn is part of the North Central Jurisdiction. I would recommend searching websites of [www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com) and also [www.gbgm-umc.org](http://www.gbgm-umc.org)

There are many UMVIM mission teams from each of the United Methodist conferences. The web site will give you information on who to contact for each trip. There are no geographical restrictions on which work team you wish to join, although most team's members have a local connection with each other. Brecksville UMC

currently has work teams traveling to Russia, Costa Rica and Liberia.

**Global Justice Volunteers-** This program provides for young adults 18-25 years old, opportunities to live and learn alongside peoples whose lives are shaped by justice work. Global Justice Volunteers volunteer at the grass roots level for a set term of 2-3 months.

**Health Care Volunteers-** This is a national organization related to the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)

**Nomads-** A program that offers persons with recreational vehicles the opportunity to share their time and skills in meaningful Christian service.

Primetimers: For adults age 50 and older. A program that offers educational and mission service opportunities.

**Xbuntu eXplorers-** A partnership with Mission Volunteers and the Women's division of the United Methodist Women, participants from the US are hosted by women's organizations in other countries. The program allows Christian sisters to understand and share together the daily life, joys, struggles, culture, challenges and opportunities of women.

**UMCOR-** There are three ways you can volunteer to assist with UMCOR work: working as a disaster response volunteer, helping to sort and ship relief supplies at UMCOR Sager Brown( in Louisiana), and volunteering overseas at an UMCOR project.

## **WEST SIDE ECUMENICAL MINISTRY**

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We operate three facilities on Cleveland's Near West Side

Contact Lou Keim (216) 651-2037

[www.wsem.org](http://www.wsem.org)

WSEM Food Center at Brookside

3784 Pearl Road, Phone: (216) 749-4295

WSEM Food Center at Community Corner

8302 Detroit Avenue, Phone: (216) 631-6508

WSEM Food Center at Near West

3610 Bridge Avenue, Phone: (216) 281-5854

Volunteers are vital to West Side Ecumenical Ministry's (WSEM) ability to provide real help, real hope and real futures for over 45,000 Clevelanders in need each year. Our dedicated volunteers work hand-in-hand with our caring staff, to help feed the hungry, and help prepare children, youth and adults for future success through various education, workforce preparation and counseling initiatives. Volunteers also help support our many fundraising events that help make these critical support services possible.

Volunteers help with many duties, including:

- Unloading the food from the Cleveland Foodbank delivery truck
- Stocking shelves
- Bagging groceries
- Intake & reception work
- Sorting & displaying clothing and household items

- Assisting in the maintenance and cleaning of the Centers, and
- Serving on each Center's Program Advisory Councils (PACs) as well as the WSEM Food Center Advisory Council.