

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES  
INSIDE!**

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**Fall/Winter 2011-2012**

**Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee**  
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## Share Your Gifts All Year-Round

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday, with time to reflect on gratitude and to share our bounty with others. Many of us have more time than money to share, and thousands of people are motivated to get out and serve, making November and December the busiest months of the year for volunteering.

You can imagine the wonderful holiday meals, parties, food baskets, and gifts provided by volunteers. Our Holiday Giving Tree alone will supply more than 13,000 gifts for older adults, people with disabilities and children – provided by generous people like you.

Because these holiday activities are so popular, there are often not enough volunteer spots to go around. **Many nonprofits have more volunteers than they need now, and then not enough in January and February.**

This newsletter is filled with interesting ways to serve, but if you can't find just the right thing on just the right day, don't be discouraged...be flexible and creative! Think beyond the traditional volunteer role that you have in mind.

Nonprofits need people behind the scenes to make phone calls, help in the office, assist with marketing plans and serve on the board. **There are a thousand opportunities (and more listed every day) at VolunteerMilwaukee.org.**

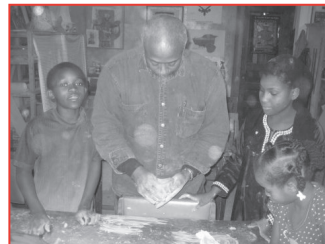
Still can't find the right opportunity? Here are some other ideas:

- Rake leaves or shovel the walk for a neighbor. After a heavy snow, shovel around the nearby fire hydrant.



### **Volunteers in Action...**

*Reading with kids at Hope House,  
making art at Our Next Generation,  
and pitching in on a school supply drive.*



- Bake cookies and make a friendly visit to a lonely neighbor or friend.
- Practice some songs with your musical friends and call a nursing home or senior center to entertain.
- Coordinate a collection of breakfast or high protein foods for a food pantry.
- Head up a collection of warm hats and gloves and donate them to a shelter.
- Work on a political campaign, get out the vote, or write to a legislator about a cause that's important to you.
- Watch for ways you can help in the paper, on the news, and in the neighborhood. You'll see lots of things to do!

**Make a commitment NOW to volunteer after the first of the year, and throughout the year.** The nonprofit organization and the people they serve will be very grateful.



# Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

## Ongoing Opportunities November-January

### Music or Crafts

Share your skills and provide music that our elderly and disabled clients will enjoy, or assist with craft projects.

Weekday mornings or afternoons.

**Aurora Adult Day Center** - Melissa Owen  
(414) 290-5494, melissa.owen@aurora.org

### Resident Activity Coordinator

Help with senior activities including bingo, board games, crafts, baking/cooking, field trips and social events. Weekdays.

**Family House** - Ralpheal Gordon  
(414) 264-6458  
dantegordon@hotmail.com



### Prepare A Meal

Plan, purchase, prepare and serve weekend breakfast or an evening meal at the shelter for homeless men.

**Guest House of Milwaukee**  
Renee Pasciak - (414) 345-3240 x 168  
renee@guesthouseofmilwaukee.org

### Share Music or a Friendly Visit

Sing, play an instrument or CDs for hospice patients, or share stories and play games to elevate the mood and reduce tension.

**Home & Hospice Advantage**  
Rita Matute - (262) 746-6950 x 2658  
rmatute@hospiceadvantage.com

### Pre-Arrival Household Setup

Transport furniture and household items and set up an apartment for arriving refugees. Access to a truck is helpful.

**International Institute of Wisconsin**  
Tiffanie Henderson - (414) 225-6220  
refugees@iiswisconsin.org

### Provide Comfort or Coordinate a Meal

Welcome guests at our hospital hospitality house, or plan, prepare and serve a meal. Food is provided.

**Kathy's House** - Maggie Morse  
(414) 453-8290, blc736@yahoo.com

### Eyeglasses Fitting

Help fit adults who are homeless with donated eyeglasses. Training in November/December.

**Repairers of the Breach**  
MacCanon Brown - (414) 342-0582  
mb.repairers5812@sbcglobal.net

### Outing and Events Guide

Be a guide for someone attending an outing or event.

**Vision Forward Association**  
(formerly Badger Association)  
Mary Holsen-Stepp - (414) 615-0103  
m.stepp@badgerassoc.org

## One-Time Opportunities



### Help Feed the Homeless November 2-December 23

Assist with breakfast preparation, set up, serve and clean up. 7:00-10:30 a.m.

**The Gathering of Southeast Wisconsin**  
Kasia Drake-Hames - (414) 272-4122  
kdrakehames@thegatheringwis.org

### Red Kettle Bell Ringers Through December 24

Ring the bell to encourage giving and assist with donation kettles. 2-hour shifts.

**The Salvation Army** - Julie Beierle  
(414) 302-4300 x 217  
julie\_beierle@usc.salvationarmy.org

### Holiday Dance November 18, December 2

Help adults with disabilities with dancing and/or serve snacks. 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin**  
Amy McGlothen - (262) 953-2215  
amym@eastersealswise.com

### Thanksgiving Food Drive November 18-19

Unload, sort and box food items for economically challenged families.

**Council for the Spanish Speaking**  
Maribel Murillo - (414) 384-3700  
mmurillo@spanishcenter-milw.org

### School Food Distribution November 15, December 6

Bag Meals for Minds food items and distribute lunches to school children. 3:00-6:30 p.m.

**Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin**  
Rebecca Hahn - (414) 831-6310  
rhahn@feedingamericawi.org

### SibShops Events November 19, December 17

Assist siblings of children with special needs with recreational activities, set up and serve lunch. 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin**  
Amy McGlothen - (262) 953-2215  
amym@eastersealswise.com



### Stuff the Bus Food Drive November 23

Collect food donations at Pick 'n Save or unload and sort donations at Feeding America warehouse.

**Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin**  
Jenny Mendenhall - (414) 831-6345  
jmendenhall@feedingamericawi.org

### Help Feed the Homeless November 28, 30

Assist in preparing dinner, set up, serve and clean up after dinner. 3:30-6:00 p.m.

**The Gathering of Southeast Wisconsin**  
Kasia Drake-Hames - (414) 272-4122  
kdrakehames@thegatheringwis.org

### Senior Center Holiday Decorating November 29, December 1-22

Decorate our Wilson Senior Center for the holidays (November) or spread cheer by visiting and singing carols to our seniors any weekday morning (December).

**Interfaith Senior Centers**  
Marcia Taddey - (414) 282-5566  
mtaddey@interfaithmilw.org

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### **Holiday Decorators November 30**

Help our program participants decorate the office for the holidays.  
9:30 a.m.-Noon.

**Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin**  
Amy McGlothlen - (262) 953-2215  
amym@eastersealswise.com

### **Children's Day with Santa December 17**

Help children create holiday crafts; assist photos with Santa; wrap gifts.  
10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care**  
Delma Vega - (414) 977-5000  
delmav@stanncenter.org

### **9th Annual Broomball Tournament - December 3**

Help with registration or serve lunch.  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee**  
Anton Timms - (414) 267-8111  
antont@boysgirlsclubs.org

### **Funtastic Saturday - December 3**

Help people with disabilities create crafts and play games. Also prepare snacks.  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin**  
Amy McGlothen - (262) 953-2215  
amym@eastersealswise.com

### **Holiday Decorating at Washington Park Senior Center - December 6**

Put up Christmas tree, decorations and window décor to help create the holiday spirit for seniors. 9:00-11:30 a.m.

**Interfaith Senior Centers**  
Katie Sufferling - (414) 933-2332  
ksufferling@interfaithmilw.org

### **Holiday Dinner with Santa December 7**

Set up, serve dinner, help with crafts, be Santa's helper or clean-up. 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Bay View Community Center**  
Kimberly Schubring - (414) 482-1000  
kschubring@bayviewcenter.org

### **Youth Program Winter Wonderland December 9-10**

Welcome guests, serve meals, help Santa, lead games and crafts.  
Shifts a.m. or p.m.

**YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee**  
Erik Kennedy - (414) 274-0724  
ekennedy@ymcamke.org

### **Holiday Party Assistance December 12**

Play games with children, serve meals, help with craft activities or take photographs for transitional housing families. 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**YWCA of Greater Milwaukee**  
Marva Johnson - (414) 442-1247  
marva.johnson@ywcamilw.org

### **Toys and Cookies December 12-13**

Use your large vehicle to pick up gifts, or bake 2 dozen cookies, or pack and deliver cookie boxes.

**Bay View Community Center** - Linda Nieft  
(414) 482-1000, lniefert@bayviewcenter.org

### **Breakfast with Santa December 17**

Monitor lines, assist Santa and clean up at a fun holiday party. 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**United Migrant Opportunity Services**  
Griselda Aldrete - (414) 389-6007  
griselda.aldrete@umos.org

### **Winter Fest - December 17**

Set up, clean up, serve breakfast and assist with arts & crafts at this holiday breakfast for families.

**Next Door Foundation** - Stephanie Parrett  
(414) 562-2929, sparrett@nextdoormilw.org

### **Wrap It Up - December 19**

Wrap holiday gifts for shoppers at Bayshore Town Center. Noon-7:00 p.m.

**Gilda's Club Southeastern Wisconsin**  
Justine Murray - (414) 962-8201  
jmurray@gildasclubsewi.org

### **Christmas Toy Shop December 19-21**

Help sort, stock or distribute 100,000 toys to families in need in partnership with Toys for Tots. 3-4 hour shifts.

**The Salvation Army**  
Joy Alexander - (414) 302-4300  
joy\_alexander@usc.salvationarmy.org

### **Wrap Gifts for Seniors December 19**

Wrap gifts for seniors in need of holiday cheer. 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### **Help Santa Deliver Gifts December 20**

Deliver beautiful holiday gifts to seniors. 12:30-3:00 p.m.

**Bay View Community Center** - Linda Nieft  
(414) 482-1000, lniefert@bayviewcenter.org

### **Christmas Family Feast December 20, 23, 25**

Decorate, set up, assist with food prep or greet and serve Christmas dinner to feed 8,000 people. 4-hour shifts.

**The Salvation Army**  
Joy Alexander - (414) 302-4300  
joy\_alexander@usc.salvationarmy.org

### **Holiday Lunch at Washington Park Senior Center - December 22**

Prepare and serve a holiday lunch to seniors and help with clean up.  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Interfaith-Senior Centers**  
Katie Sufferling - (414) 933-2332  
ksufferling@interfaithmilw.org

### **McGovern Park Holiday Celebrations - December 22, 30**

Decorate, prepare snacks and serve lunch to seniors, then join us for holiday fun. 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Interfaith-Senior Centers** - Linda Batzler  
(414) 527-0990, lbatzler@interfaithmilw.org

### **New Years Celebration at Wilson Senior Center - December 30**

Prepare and serve snacks to seniors as they enjoy musical entertainment. Clean up after event. Noon-4:00 p.m.

**Interfaith-Senior Centers**  
Marcia Taddey - (414) 282-5566  
mtaddey@interfaithmilw.org

### **Food Sale Assistant November 14-16, 18-19, December 8-9, 12-13, 16-17, 20-21**

Assist with mobile market food sales throughout Milwaukee. Unload the truck, set up food and customer service.

**SHARE Wisconsin** - Alisha Klapps  
(262) 439-4447, aklapps@sharewi.org

### **Lunch Preparation Assistant November 16-17,**

### **December 14-15, January 25-26**

Cook and serve lunch for warehouse volunteers in our kitchen, then clean up.

### **Make Food Loads November 15-17,**

### **December 13-15, January 23-26**

Pack organic produce or monthly food orders. A great opportunity for groups, teens and adults.

### **Count Food Loads November 19,**

### **December 17, January 28**

Count food loads to ensure accuracy and help move loads onto trucks.

**SHARE Wisconsin** - Bill Timken  
(262) 439-4442, btimken@sharewi.org





# — January Volunteer Opportunities —



## Outdoor Work - Wheel-n-Chip Society - January 3, 10, 17, 24

Chip trails, trim bushes, mend fences or work on other maintenance projects. 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Wehr Nature Center** - Jo Williams  
(414) 425-8550, jo.williams@ces.uwex.edu

## Holiday Party at Kelly Senior Center January 6

Set up, serve and clean up at our festive luncheon for seniors. 1:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Interfaith Senior Centers**  
Jane Czarnecki - (414) 481-9611  
jczarnecki@interfaithmilw.org

## Read Stories, Clean or Paint January 16

Read stories to preschool children, clean up or paint a room at a YMCA.

**YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee**  
Erik Kennedy - (414) 274-0724  
ekennedy@ymcamke.org

~ Monday, January 16 ~

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
A Day to Volunteer!**

## Fire Safety Outreach - January 16

Canvass neighborhoods and distribute fire safety information. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**American Red Cross** - Veronica Carter  
(414) 345-8653, carterv@wi-redcross.org

## I Came, I Saw, I Baked Week of January 16

Bake treats for out of town guests of local hospitals who are staying at Kathy's House.

**Kathy's House** - Maggie Morse  
(414) 453-8290, blc736@yahoo.com

## Sort Books For Kids - January 17-20

Sort, label and shelve donated books any morning or afternoon.

**Next Door Foundation** - Pam Edyburn  
(414) 562-2929, pedyburn@nextdoormil.org

## Once Upon a Time or Just Chillin' Waukesha - January 17, 21, 28, 29

Help girls use art to tell a story; make a mask, mural or puppet; strap on snowshoes and help with snow painting.

**Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast**  
Megan Buehler - (414) 443-3913  
mbuehler@gswise.org

## Dotty's Crafters - January 25, 31

Prepare craft materials for preschool programs and special events. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Wehr Nature Center** - Jo Williams  
(414) 425-8550, jo.williams@ces.uwex.edu

## Little Artists Family Art Club January 25

Qualified instructors needed to teach art to children and parents. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Bay View Community Center**  
Kimberly Schubring - (414) 482-1000  
kschubring@bayviewcenter.org

## Winter Fest - January 29

Help with indoor or outdoor hands-on activities for families to celebrate winter. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Wehr Nature Center** - Jo Williams  
(414) 425-8550, jo.williams@ces.uwex.edu



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