

American Red Cross of Athens

<http://www.athensohredcross.org/volunteers.html>

Provides disaster relief to those in need of assistance and plans/runs blood drives in Southeast Ohio.

Possible Activities:

- Three general categories of activities: (1) office work/data entry, (2) disaster relief, (3) bloodmobile greeters, escorts, or canteen staff.
- Complete red-cross disaster courses and become approved to respond to fires (and perhaps other emergencies). After training, you would shadow others in response to fires until you become comfortable on own.
- Attend disaster team meetings once per month (2nd Thursday of each month, 5:00-6:00pm).

Requirements:

Pass a background check and pay the fee for the background check

Contact Information:

Jane, Volunteer Coordinator

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Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare (ABH)

[Link to ABH handout here.](#)

Possible Activities:

- Gain experience working in an inpatient psychiatric hospital.
- Participate in therapeutic activities with patients. Activities include arts and crafts, bingo and card games, volleyball, and billiards.
- Support patients during chapel by listening, singing, and sharing (not available during summer months).
- Meet a wide variety of patients and treatment professionals.

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Athens Area Hospice

Website: <http://www.acvna.org/>

Dedicated care to ensure the highest possible quality of life during the last stages of life

Possible Activities:

- Be one of a unique group of specially-trained volunteers who provide companionship for hospice clients and respite for their caregivers.
 - Activities may include quiet conversation, playing cards, board games or working jigsaw puzzles, washing dishes, feeding assistance, reading aloud, tending a garden, writing letters, and more.
- Quality-of-life volunteer activities are perfect for those volunteers who want to serve clients in a direct way, but who do not choose to make in-home visits.
 - Get involved as a pen-pal, create handmade flower arrangements, or cook a casserole dish for delivery to hospice households.

- Office volunteers work with staff in the office on such activities as filing, copying, data entry, processing and collating documents, and/or assisting with special projects.

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Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities and ATCO Adult Services

Website: <http://athenscbdd.org/index.html>

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through an array of individualized services and supports.

Possible Activities:

- Gain experience working in a social services agency for both children and adults with developmental disabilities.
- Participate in and support individuals during weekly community activities, including Monday lunches, recreation night, bowling league, and dance group.
- Meet a wide variety of children and adults in Athens County, as well as treatment professionals.

Requirements:

Volunteers must fill out and turn in a volunteer application, along with two references, located at:

<http://athenscbdd.org/volunteer/index.html>

Background check.

Understand confidentiality responsibilities.

Contact Information:

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Athens County Child Advocacy Center

Website: <http://www.athenscac.org/volunteer>

The CAC provides services for child sexual abuse victims and their families

Possible Activities:

- General office help.
- Child/family interaction in waiting room during family interviews
- Assist with community education workshops
- Planning fundraising activities

Requirements:

Submit an application (available from the website and at the Center).

Background check (volunteer must pay for costs).

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Athens County Children Services

Website: <http://www.athenschildrenservices.com/pages/volunteer-opportunities>

Possible Activities:

- Help with community events.
- Work in classrooms with students.
- Assist with support groups, including family, teenage women, and men groups.
- The program includes social work interns and public relations/advertising interns.

Requirements:

Background check and fingerprinting.

Complete necessary training.

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Athens County Senior Center (United Seniors of Athens County)

<http://www.seorf.ohiou.edu/~xx102/>

Our mission is to promote independence, enhance physical and emotional well being, and to increase effective use of community resources by Athens County residents who are age 60 and older.

Possible Activities:

- Participate in social activities such as playing cards, billiard games, and other special events.
- Participate in friendly visits or phone calls to offer social contact and check on the well-being of an individual.
- Get involved in instruction or education of various topics of interest, including cooking, crafts, self-improvement, healthcare, etc.

Contact Information:

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Athens County Victim Assistance Program

<http://www.athenscountygovernment.com/vap/>

Possible Activities:

- Supervised Visitation Center (weekends):
 - Initially shadow and then monitor visits between parents and children
 - Complete monitoring reports
- Victims' Assistance Project:
 - Tasks vary every week because your work will depend on the needs of the victims that you are assisting, but may include:
 - Assist with advocacy services, petition courts, assistance with civil protection orders
 - Help victims complete paperwork and filing reports.
 - Accompany victims to court upon request.
 - Assist with victim impact statements.

Contact Information:

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Autism Society of Southeastern Ohio

<http://www.autismseohio.org/>

We are committed to increasing advocacy and support for families affected by autism or other developmental disabilities by raising public awareness, outreach, education, collaboration, and community events.

Possible Activities:

- Assist with raising public awareness through annual events such as “Rock for Autism”
- Provide support for through community events.
- Assist in educating the public about autism.

Contact Information:

Noriko Kantake

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Beacon School

Website: <http://athenscbdd.org/services-for-children/index.htm>

Beacon School is part of the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities. They offer services for individuals with developmental disabilities from toddler age until age 21. Programming is tailored to each individual student’s needs. The focus is on building skills needed in the present and future in the areas of functional academics, prevocational, socialization, daily living skills, adaptive physical education, fine/gross motor, and recreation/leisure.

Possible Activities:

- Get involved in this alternative school setting, assisting students during daily as well as social activities.

Contact Information:

Cathy Hunter, Lead Teacher

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Athens County Inc

<http://www.bbbsathens.org>

Possible Activities:

- If you commit to 1 quarter:
 - Assist in the office
 - Respond to inquiries about the organization
 - Help complete reference checks.
- If you commit to the entire year:
 - Be involved in the matching process (matching Bigs and Littles)
 - Interview Bigs and Littles
 - Help make appropriate matches
 - Write reports
 - Be involved with fundraising

Contact Information:

Jamey Bouwmeester

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)—Guardian Ad Litem

<http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPisE/b.5301295/k.BE9A/Home.htm>

Volunteer website→ <http://nc.casaforchildren.org/volunteering/default.asp?id=10395>

Possible Activities:

- If you are over 21 years of age:
 - Be an advocate for children.
 - After being assigned a family, you will spend time with the children, investigate family dynamics, consider what the children want before making a final report.
- If you are under 21 years of age:
 - Help with office work
 - Sit in on court hearings.

Requirements:

Reference and background check.

Child advocates undergo 30 hour pre-service training.

Contact Information:

Rebecca Robinson-Miller

Phone Number: 592-3255

Echoing Meadows Residential Center

Echoing Meadows is an assisted-living facility grounded in a Christian philosophy of balanced physical, mental, spiritual, and social living for persons with developmental disabilities.

Possible Activities:

- Play games and do other activities with the residents (persons with physical or developmental disabilities).

Contact Information:

Emily Wells and Lizz Burke

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Good Works, Inc.

www.good-works.net

Possible Activities:

- There are over 18 volunteer and internship opportunities available through Good Works including providing assistance at the Timothy House, a shelter for the rural homeless, and Friday Night Life (community meals). See the website for details on all volunteer opportunities

Requirements:

Must get approval for credit before volunteering.

Contact Information:

Keith Wasserman

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HAVAR

<http://www.havar.org/employment.htm>

For the past 30 years, Havar Inc. has been dedicated to serving citizens with disabilities in both Washington and Athens Counties

Possible Activities:

- [Putt People First](#), a non-profit miniature golf course, is offering 2-4 hour volunteer shifts with or without Havar consumers.
- Get involved with tutoring, living skills training, recreational activities, arts and crafts, etc.

Contact Information:

[David Milliken](#) (740) 594-3533
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Hickory Creek of Athens

<http://www.hickory-creek.net/>

Possible Activities:

- 1 to 1 visits with residents in one of the four units (Alzheimer, rehabilitation, higher functioning, or heavier care).
- Group activities, outings
- Learn about various types of specialized care

Requirements:

Flexibility in scheduling, but you must have a set schedule.

Background check, TB test and orientation.

Contact Information:

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Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Council

<http://www.hapcap.org>

Possible Activities:

- Assisting in food and nutrition programs to help feed the elderly and children
- Assist with aspects of their other programs such as Head Start, Meals on Wheels, Oral Health, and Youth Build. See website for more information.

Contact Information:

Chris Dellameter (director)
767-4500
www.hapcap.org/volunteer.htm

Holzer Medical Clinic

<http://www.holzerclinic.com/>

Possible Activities:

- Discharge planning, continuum of care, financial assessment, child/adult neglect

Requirements:

Must sign an internship contract.

Contact Information:

Dow Saunders
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Integrated Service Systems

<http://www.integratedservice.org>

Possible Activities:

- In-home services with families in need of assistance.
- School and mental health services with poverty-stricken families.
- Assist in an employment center.
- Most of the work occurs in Vinton, Jackson, and Ross counties.

Requirements:

Background check. This is a difficult position that is appropriate for students who are highly motivated to do service work with those struggling with poverty, as well as work with family preservation and incarceration prevention.

Contact Information:

Kevin Gillespie

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Kids On Campus

www.ohio.edu/kids

Possible Activities:

- Involvement with the after school program, working with and group of children and “teen leaders.”
- Discharge planning, continuum of care, financial assessment, child/adult neglect

Requirements:

Initial application available online

Contact Information:

Crystal Smith

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My Sister's Place

Services to victims of family violence in Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties.

Requirements:

- Complete the volunteer orientation.

Contact Information:

Tammy Taylor

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Ohio University Child Development Center

<http://www.ohio.edu/childdevcenter/opportunities.htm>

The Center provides Child Care for children of faculty, staff and students of Ohio University and children whose parents live in the community surrounding Ohio University,

Possible Activities:

- supervising small groups of children
- setting up activities
- cleaning up after activities
- other duties as assigned by the classroom teacher

Requirements:

- current physical form
- fingerprint records (Ohio residents, BCII; out-of-state residents, BCII and FBI)
- high school diploma or transcript with graduation date
- statement of non-conviction
- three (3) references from non-relatives

Contact Information:

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O'Bleness Memorial Hospital

<http://www.obleness.org/services/sub.asp?id=11&sid=55>

Possible Activities:

- Emergency
 - Prepping rooms
- Opportunities in social services (prefer Social Work).
- Patient visitation.
- Oncology - counselor

Requirements:

Minimum of 25 hours per quarter and students must have a set schedule, interview and orientation.

If interested complete an application online (see the link above).

Contact Information:

Susan Kozak
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Passion Works

<http://passionworks.org/volunteer/index.html>

Passion Works is a premier art studio that supports collaborations between artists with and without developmental disabilities.

Possible Activities:

- One on one assistance (e.g. sitting beside a Passion Works Artist and getting their supplies when needed)
- Helping with production (e.g. pressing petals for Passion Flowers) or assisting an Artist in Residence in turning an image from a sketchbook into a larger-than life paper mache animal!
- Let us know what skills you have (e.g. sewing, listening, painting, putting things together and organizing). We'll work with you to create an experience that utilizes your talents.

Requirements:

Complete application process

Contact Information:

Joyce Frank
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volunteer@passionworks.org

Rural Action

<http://ruralaction.org>

Organization that promotes economic, social, and environmental justice in Appalachian Ohio.

Possible Activities:

- Service learning with local youth.
- Job training programs (from welfare to work).

Contact Information:

Candi Withem

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Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center (Crisis Center)

<http://www.spvmhc.org>

We are a group of treatment centers that offer residents of Ross, Fayette, Highland, Pike, and Pickaway Counties help for drug addiction, alcoholism, and a variety of other addictions, health concerns, or psychological disorders.

Possible Activities:

- Answer crisis line calls.
- Supervised practicum in emergency services, substance abuse, or counseling.
- We offer an atmosphere of collegial support, will assist individuals looking to enhance communication skills and encourage leadership.

Requirements:

Complete an orientation and training.

Work in 4-hour shifts for the crisis line.

Contact Information:

Janie Murphy

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Robyn Eley

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Survivor Advocacy Program of the Ohio University Women's Center

Website: <http://www.ohio.edu/womenscenter/>

The mission of the Ohio University Women's Center is to act as a catalyst to promote awareness, education, and advocacy about women, gender, and diversity, among faculty, staff, and students at Ohio University and its surrounding communities.

Possible Activities:

- Find out and provide advice, advocacy, information about women's issues, and resources for women and their supporters at Ohio University and in the Athens community.

Requirements:

Application process

Contact Information:

Lindsey Daniels

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For more information please call (740) 593-9625, or go to www.ohio.edu/womenscenter.

The Women's Center is located in Baker University Center Room 403.

The Gathering Place

<http://www.seorf.ohiou.edu/xx175>

<http://www.gatheringplaceathens.org/>

The Gathering Place supports the recovery of persons with mental illness by enhancing personal development and well being, while fostering community involvement.

Contact Information:

Devon Cogar (volunteer coordinator)

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Tri-County Mental Health

Possible Activities:

- Case Manager:
 - Commit to working for 1 year (10 hours per week)
 - Availability of this practicum depends on the availability of supervisors at Tri-County
- Sexual Assault Prevention Program:
 - <http://saprevention.org>
 - Focus of this program is on the prevention of sexual assault.
 - Train high school students to become peer prevention educators.
 - Work with youth to help them become active allies.
 - Engage boys and men in the effort to end sexual violence.
 - Help plan events, vigils, and fundraisers.
 - Be a part of the media campaign (poster distribution, creation of public service announcements, etc).
 - Work with others to develop new prevention workshops and community outreach.

Contact Information:

Case Management opportunity: Kendall Brown (Human Resources Director)

Phone Number: 592-3091

Sexual Assault Prevention Program opportunity: Lauren Riley

Phone Number: 592-3091 ext. 4621

Email: saprevention@gmail.com

Washington County Children Services Board

<http://www.washingtoncountychildren.com/>

Located in Marietta.

Possible Activities:

- Assist in one of the following programs: Prevention, Protection, Assessment, Foster Care, or Family Services.
- Hands-on activities, such as working in foster care and learning about recruitment processes, making site visits with staff, and giving presentations.
- Assist on grant-writing.

Requirements:

Not required, but they prefer students who are able to work at least 6 hours per week.

Resume and interview.

Contact Information:

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Wellspring Retreat and Resource Center

www.wellspringretreat.org

Wellspring is a residential treatment center for persons who have suffered harm as a result of being involved in cults or other religious, political or psychologically destructive relationships.

Possible Activities:

- Research assistant—data entry from the test protocols administered to Wellspring clientele; data analysis if the volunteer is familiar with SPSS
- Assist office manager with mailings, filings, client inquiries

Contact Information:

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