

MISSION FAIR 2008

Our Mission Fair was held on September 28 to distribute information about local service organizations. The organizations listed here participated in the event and provided suggestions for volunteering opportunities. Most organizations need daytime/weekday volunteers, but there are several opportunities for helping during evening or weekend hours.

All these organizations gladly accept financial donations. Please contact the organization directly if you would like more information or to volunteer.

SOUTH KINGSTOWN CARES

307 Curtis Corner Rd
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-360-1304

www.SKcares.org

This organization places volunteers in the South Kingstown school system. Opportunities exist at the elementary, middle and high school buildings.

1. Assist in classrooms in the local schools.
2. Assist in after-school homework clubs.
3. Be a mentor by establishing a nurturing relationship with a student.
4. Organize and maintain college materials for high school students.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER OF SOUTH COUNTY

61 Main Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-782-3995 (office)
401-782-3990 (24 hr help line)

www.dvrcsc.org

This organization provides services for victims of domestic violence and abuse. They maintain a 24-hour telephone help line, court advocacy, drop-in center, and a variety of support groups. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

1. Telephone helpline volunteers: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm weekdays. Need to take 9 hours of training (spread over 3 nights) offered in January, May, and September/October.
2. Babysitters: Monday evenings 6:30pm-8:00pm and Tuesday mornings 9:30am-11:00am.

SOUTH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

1555 Shannock Rd
PO Box 68
Shannock, RI 02875
401-213-6711

www.southcountyhabitat.org

This organization builds homes for people in need of affordable housing. They also operate a store where they sell donated building materials, furniture and appliances.

Volunteers are needed to work as:

1. Builders to construct homes.
2. Crew leaders (professional builders) to train and supervise construction volunteers.
3. Office staff assistants: 3 hour shifts Monday through Friday.
4. Serve on one of several committees: church relations, family selection, finance, fundraising/promotional events, marketing/public relations, nominating, and volunteer relations.
5. ReStore volunteer: cashiers and salespeople every Friday and Saturday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm; lunch provided.
6. Provide lunches for ReStore and on-site volunteers.

WELCOME HOUSE OF SOUTH COUNTY

8 North Rd
Peace Dale, RI 02883
401-782-4770

www.welcomehouseofsouthcounty.org

This organization provides shelter to the homeless in Washington County serving individuals and families. A lunchtime soup kitchen is run every weekday and dinner is provided every night for the residents. Volunteers needed to:

1. Help prepare, serve and eat lunch at their soup kitchen; volunteers needed Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.
2. Provide dinner for 20 people.
3. Adopt a family for Christmas by providing gifts and food for a holiday meal.
4. Provide items posted on the "Current Needs" board outside the building.
5. Sign up to be on the "Urgent Needs" email list. Emails concerning special needs for individuals or families are sent to everyone on the list. If you can fulfill the need, you reply. Otherwise you ignore the plea.

ST. MARY'S/ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

PO Box 204
2075 Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd

Charlestown, RI 02813
401-364-9412

This organization serves those in need in Washington County. They maintain the largest food pantry in the southern part of Rhode Island. Additionally they provide clothing and hygiene products and operate a soup kitchen. This group will soon to be renamed the RI CENTER ASSISTING THOSE IN NEED. Volunteers to:

1. Unload the delivery truck from the RI Food Bank: Tuesday mornings 9-11am.
2. Restock pantry shelves and carry-out food bags for handicapped clients:
Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am, 6:30-7:30pm and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am 6:00-7:00pm.
3. Soup kitchen volunteers: 3rd Saturday every month.
4. Sort and distribute donated clothing and furniture.

SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

1935 Kingstown Rd
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-789-3016
1-800-432-2605

www.sccainc.org

This organization provides social and advocacy services to disadvantaged individuals and families while promoting self-sufficiency. Volunteers to help with:

1. Tax preparation for low-income clients beginning in January: Must participate in an IRS training course offered online in order to volunteer. Must be able to volunteer during the day on weekdays.

THE GALILEE MISSION

268 Kingstown Rd
PO Box 459
Narragansett, RI 02882
01-789-9390

www.galileemission.org

This organization provides a recovery program for adult males who are dependent on drugs or alcohol. All residents are expected to be employed full-time and pay weekly rent. At this time, they do not need volunteers. They do need financial assistance and donations of clothing, toiletries and gift cards.

CANE

Child Development Center
281 Post Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

401-789-7210

This organization offers a preschool and early learning experience for families in Washington County. A sliding fee scale is used to determine payment. The facility is open 7:30am to 5:30pm weekdays. Adult Day Care is next door and interaction between the two centers is prevalent. Volunteers needed to:

1. Enter data into a computer database.
2. Help with the children
3. Serve on the Board of Directors. The Board typically meets on the 3rd Monday, about 8 times per year.

GEORGE A. WILEY CENTER

32 East Avenue

Pawtucket, RI 02860

401-725-5555

www.georgewileycenter.org

Members press for long-term solutions to problems that arise from living on a low-income. Issues include energy/utilities, food/hunger and jobs/economic justice.

Volunteers needed to:

1. Attend monthly meetings
2. Consumer advocacy
3. Citizen lobbying
3. Office/clerical help

TRI-TOWN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

1126 Hartford Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

401-351-6611

www.tri-town.org

This organization partners with the RI Department of Elderly Affairs to offer State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). They provide information and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries and their families to allow them to better understand and utilize their benefits. Volunteers needed to:

1. Receive training in Medicare to become a counselor.
2. Assist coordinators in distributing and publicizing information to seniors about health care benefits and coverage.
3. Data entry: logging appointments, calls and outreach. This can be done from your own home as long as you have a computer.

HEIFER PROJECT

216 Wachusett St.
Rutland, MA 01543-2099
Toll Free Phone: 877-663-1681
www.heifer.org

This organization helps people obtain a sustainable source of food and income by providing livestock and other materials to communities. Volunteers needed to:

1. Community volunteers disseminate information about Heifer to schools, clubs, and congregations.

JOHNNYCAKE CENTER

1231 Kingstown Rd
Peace Dale, RI 02883
401-789-1559
www.jonnycakecenter.org

This organization provides emergency assistance of food, clothing, bedding and furniture to those in need. It also operates a thrift store. Volunteers needed to:

1. Stacking the food pantry shelves
2. Sorting donated clothing

WAKEFIELD OASIS

4979 Tower Hill Rd
Lower Level-Rear
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-789-4279
www.mhca-ri.org/wakefield/index.htm

Mental Health Consumer Advocates of Rhode Island is an organization for adults who have experiences psychiatric symptoms or who receive mental health services. Contact Wakefield Oasis if you would like to volunteer.