

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

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WORKING WITH KIDS

Burlington Children's Space

We welcome youth volunteers to assist our classroom teachers with daily activities including meals, snacks, setting & cleaning up after activities, walks, playing outdoors and indoors, reading books. Youth must be interested in working with young children, and have lots of energy. An orientation, pre-volunteer visit, and continued supervision from classroom teachers are provided.

Contact: Heather Duhmel, 658-1500

Location: 241 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington

Educating Children through the Magic of Puppets!

Kids on the Block-Vermont (KOBVT) is an educational puppet troupe teaching children in grades K-8 how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each other's physical and cultural differences. Using life-sized puppets, our program seeks to create a community which helps children realize their full potential. KOBVT offers 21 prevention and awareness programs, including: Disability Awareness; Cultural Diversity; Social & Safety Issues; Healthy Bodies; Abuse Prevention; Children's Mental Health; HIV/AIDS; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention; Divorce; and other topics. The puppets reach over 12,000 students each year. KOBVT offers numerous volunteer opportunities for high school students throughout the year: Puppeteering; Fundraising projects; In-office administrative & computer work; Internships; and more. Our hours are flexible and fit well into anyone's schedule.

Contact: Deb W. Lyons, 860-3349 or Deb@KidsontheBlockVermont.org

Location: Various locations throughout Vermont and Chittenden County

Come volunteer & make a difference in young children's lives! The Afterschool Program at the Sustainability Academy (aka Lawrence Barnes School) will be offering a variety of afterschool classes for our elementary students, from Homework Club to Basketball Skills, from Clay Creations to Reading Buddies. Our afterschool classes & activities are offered from 3:30-5:30, Monday-Thursday.

Contact the After School Site Leader: Christina Moorman at cmoorman@bsdvt.org. Thank you!

Location: Barnes Elementary School, 123 North St., Burlington

C.P. Smith After School Program

Monday-Friday at any time between 2:30-5:30pm (1/2 hour to 1 hour per week)

C.P. Smith After School Program is looking for people who want to make a difference in the lives of Burlington's elementary students. Students would be working with kids in grades K-5. They would help students with homework, assist class instructors and help supervise play times. This would include helping with attendance, setup, clean up, and interacting with the kids during activities.

Contact: Amy Johnson, 865-5385 or aljohnso@bsdvt.org

Location: C.P. Smith Elementary School, 332 Ethan Allen Parkway, Burlington

C.P Smith Childcare for PTO Meetings
Every 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30-8:00pm

Parents need volunteer childcare services while they attend the PTO meetings at their elementary school.

Location: C.P. Smith Elementary School, 332 Ethan Allen Parkway, Burlington

kendra.sowers@gmail.com

(802) 862-7848

Edmunds After School Program

Monday-Thursday 2:45-5pm (1/2 hour to 1 hour per week)

Edmunds After School Program is looking for people who want to make a difference in the lives of Burlington's middle school students. We could use volunteers to tutor students with homework, participate in intramural sports, assist in a cooking class, chaperone on outing club trips, and much more. Volunteers may choose an area/program they are interested in.

Contact: Ali Gitzes, 355-4062 or agitzes@bsdvt.org

Location: Edmunds Middle School, 275 Main St., Burlington

VNA Family Room

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-1pm

Volunteers are needed to assist with childcare for ages infant–5 four one of our programs at the VNA Family Room: the Family Play Program includes drop-in parent-child interactive play and literacy sessions with parent education and support, ESL classes for moms, resource and referral services, projects to promote cross-cultural relationships, and a summer outdoor component. Volunteers should be responsible, respectful, and enjoy young children.

Contact: Rich Smith, 860-4420 ext. 3128

Location: 1110 Prim Road, Colchester

Sara Holbrook Community Center

Monday-Friday 2:30-5pm

Volunteers are needed to initiate and supervise activities with groups of elementary school children, ages 5-11. Activities include: arts & crafts, group games, cooking and baking, homework help, reading stories, and community outings. Must be able to work with children one-on-one and in groups and be compassionate and patient. Volunteers need references and must consent to a background check. No commitment is necessary, but consistency benefits the kids.

Contact: Casey Sexton, 862-6342

Location: 66 North Ave., Burlington

King Street Youth Center

Monday-Friday 2:30-5:30pm

Assist with gym, art, cooking and educational activities, provide support to staff around children's interactions and clean-up. Must like working with children from 5-10 years of age. A minimum of 3 hours per week is required. Interview, references, and background check are required.

Contact: Gabriella Tufo Strouse, 862-6736 x105

Location: 87 King St., Burlington

On-Call Babysitter for Refugee Parents

The Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program is looking for responsible, on-call, volunteer babysitters who could take care of refugee children for up to 2 hours while the parent is having an English lesson. This would be an absolute dream come true for us! Interested students should provide us with their contact information, and we will call them if we get in a pinch and need a babysitter.

Contact: Shawna Wakeham, 655-2656

Location: Various locations throughout Burlington

Williston Child Care Center

Williston Child Care Center seeks nurturing individuals who like to spend time with children. Our babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are always busy learning. Their days are filled with discovery. Be part of their adventure by helping our teachers nurture their growth. Read a book, do a messy activity, or just hold a baby. Take a break from your everyday world by visiting theirs. You'll find that it's good for your mind and good for your heart! Volunteers will receive on-site mentoring and support.

Contact: Elizabeth Meyer, 863-3367

Location: 181 Commerce St., Williston

WORKING OUTDOORS

Ethan Allen Homestead

Call and find out about seasonal projects to volunteer with, great place to volunteer in groups!

Contact: Jennifer Ely, 863-5744

Location: Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington

Bike to Fight Hunger

The Homebound Delivery Grocery Program delivers groceries to over 140 low income, homebound seniors and disabled individuals in Chittendon County. Do you have a couple of hours every month to spare biking groceries to those in need? We have the bike and the trailer, we just need your energy to peddle a few bags of groceries to people in need. Contact Alace Anton, Homebound Grocery Delivery Coordinator: (802) 658-7939 ext #25

Green Mountain Club

Opportunities abound to volunteer with the Green Mountain Club! Please feel free to ask us about helping out with projects on and off Vermont's Long Trail. For more information about any of the opportunities listed below please contact:

Mari Zagarins

Membership & Volunteer Coordinator

phone: (802) 244-7037, ext. 24

email: mzagarins@greenmountainclub.org

Yard Work

Volunteers help elders with seasonal tasks such as raking leaves, cleaning out gutters, etc. through the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging. General yard work skills are needed. Volunteers may need their own tools. Requirements also include ability to converse with people of all backgrounds and philosophies, dependability and accountability to seniors, ability to accept senior direction, and ability to set clear, reasonable boundaries.

Contact: Bev Hill, 865-0360 x1034

Location: Throughout Burlington

Snow Shovel

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging is looking for volunteers to help out senior citizens with shoveling their side walks and driveways this winter. This is a huge help to senior citizens who would otherwise be homebound.

Contact: Bev Hill, 865-0360 x1034

Location: Throughout Burlington

Operation Snow Shovel

The Center for Community and Neighborhoods (C-CAN), a program of the City of Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office, is pleased to announce the return of Operation Snow Shovel. This is a referral program that connects residents who need help shoveling with volunteers who are willing to help them out. We are definitely in need of snow-shoveling volunteers. Volunteers commit to shovel the walk leading up to the front door of their match's residence within 24 hours of each snowfall. Operation Snow Shovel volunteers ensure that vulnerable community members can get out and otherwise remain independent each time it snows 3 inches or more.

Contact: Nicky Beaudoin, 865-7548

Location: Various locations around Burlington

Graffiti Removal with Center for Community and Neighborhoods

Adopt-a-Block: GRT recruits volunteers to take on a specific area or street as their "territory." The Adopt-a-Block Volunteer is given their own graffiti removal kit and asked to clean any new incidents within 48 hours. Experience shows the quicker a graffiti "tag" is removed the less likely it is to return. Adopt-a-Block has been extremely successful at deterring graffiti in both business and residential areas that have traditionally been overrun with "tags." In addition, it gives frustrated community members an effective means for improving their streets.

Mural Projects & Restorative Activities: GRT seeks to improve, not just repair, its community. Mural painting provides the opportunity for offenders and volunteers to enhance buildings and spaces that are deteriorating or repeatedly "tagged" with graffiti. Artists who would like to participate in mural design and painting are encouraged to contact the GRT at 865-7548.

Repairs and Clean-ups: GRT organizes regular community clean-ups and takes out community members, offenders from our Restorative Justice Panels and youth to repair damaged property. Contact our office for more details.

Contact: Nicky Beaudoin, 865-7548

Location: Various locations around Burlington

Adventure Sports with Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports

Many opportunities to work outdoors with, canoeing, kayaking, biking, indoor rock climbing, and much more. Call to find out about all the opportunities and schedules. Check out vermontadaptive.org for more information on volunteering.

Contact: Maggie Burke, 802-343-1193

Location: Various throughout Vermont

Winooski Valley Park District

Invasive species removal for the WVPD in several parks including Ethan Allen Homestead, Colchester Pond, Woodside Park – to remove species such as Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed, and Garlic Mustard.

Contact: Aziza Malik, (802) 734-3839

WORKING WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

Activity Leader

Share 30-40 minutes of your time one day a week leading an activity with seniors living in our Assisted Living residence. Read the newspaper, a novel, or poetry; perform manicures; lead an arts & crafts activity, or a sing-a-long; play a game. Activity leaders can use their own strengths and skills to develop their own ideas which will help our residents continue to live a healthy, active life. Must be 18 or older.

Contact: Paula Fitzpatrick, 865-4154 / Location: 3 Cathedral Square, Burlington

Talk About Your Vacation or Travels

Converse Home residents greatly enjoy short travel presentations for the fun of learning new information and for the memories that are sparked. We would appreciate volunteers who are willing to talk about their travels. Just bring some photos, souvenirs, and stories from a vacation you enjoyed! Anyone who enjoys the elderly, has some enthusiasm, and a story to share is very welcome! Flexible one hour scheduling is available. A loud, clear voice is an asset in this position.

Contact: Laury Jestings, 862-0401

Location: 272 Church St., Burlington

Talk to Seniors

Many seniors live alone and have no social contact network. They would love to have a visitor once a week for an hour or so. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship to these seniors through one-on-one visits. CVAA staff work with prospective volunteers to find the right placement. Schedules are flexible; volunteer and senior agree on mutually convenient frequency and time/day to meet.

Contact: Bev Hill, 865-0360 x1034

Location: Throughout Burlington

Entertainment for Seniors!

Provide entertainment to an appreciative audience! Volunteer possibilities could include singing, playing musical instruments, showing a collection, demonstrating a craft or hobby for the senior residents at The Converse Home. There are lots of possibilities! Enthusiasm for sharing your talent (and a loud voice) is all you need. One hour per month, or every two months. Mornings or afternoons are preferred, but evenings are possibilities. Application, interview, references and a background check are required.

Contact: Laury Jestings, 862-0401

Location: 272 Church St., Burlington

Filing and Painting Fingernails

Ladies here definitely love to have their nails painted. Here we have a salon area where residents will meet you, the volunteer. Ideally the volunteer would come once a week and residents would get to know they can count on you to be there. Days and hours are flexible. Grooming such as this is a great way to build rapport and connections with these appreciative seniors. It is required of all volunteers to complete background check forms.

Contact: Laury Jestings, 862-0401

Location: 272 Church St., Burlington

POVERTY RELIEF

Pick Up Donations for Newly Arrived Refugees

As a volunteer with our Donations Program, you will be filling one of the most essential, yet often unrecognized, needs in our organization. All of our clients' homes are furnished with donations from the community, but we often find ourselves turning away much-needed beds, tables, and chairs because we have no way to pick them up. Volunteers with access to pick-up trucks will pick up donations at their convenience just once a month and deliver them to our warehouse. It is most helpful if volunteers can commit for at least several months.

Contact: Bobacar, 338-4633

Location: Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program: Chittenden County

Day Station Homeless Shelter

Variety of opportunities to collect supplies for COTS Daystation (daytime homeless shelter).

Contact: Deb Bouton, 864-7402, x104

Location: 179 South Winooski St., Burlington

Good News Garage: Put Up Posters Around Burlington

Good News Garage accepts donated cars, trucks and vans, repairs them and provides them to people who are in need of transportation. The majority of these families are single moms with children. We need people who are smart, friendly, and self-confident. These people need to represent us well and figure out good places to post our information.

Contact: Carmen George, 864-3667

Location: 331 N. Winooski St., Burlington

Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger

The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger needs steady volunteers to assist the Cooking for Life nutrition education program. Help us provide low-income Vermont families with skills for balanced nutrition for life. Volunteers will sort and divide spices for cooking classes and assemble participant binders. Scheduling is flexible: 1-2 hours/week during normal office hours. The more the merrier - great for groups of two or more!

Contact: Rebecca O'Reilly, 865-0255

Location: 180 Flynn Ave., Burlington

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Vermont Children's Aid

Volunteers are needed to assist with clerical tasks and with events and fundraising activities.

Outgoing individuals with some clerical skills are welcome.

Contact: Cheryl Herrick, 655-0006

Location: 79 Weaver St., Winooski

Big Heavy World**Monday-Friday till 8pm**

Big Heavy World has been promoting and archiving the Burlington music scene since 1996. Our longevity and success is due to participation by volunteers and interns who share our extreme enthusiasm; we wouldn't exist without their support. We need volunteers to assist in mailing CD's, promotions, marketing, cataloging, film editing, graphic design, postering. Computer skills helpful, but not necessary. Office orientation, film instruction, and computer familiarization provided. Interview required. 2 hours per week.

Contact: James Lockridge, 865-1140

Location: Burlington

Survey Tallying

Every time Kids on the Block-Vermont performs, students participate in written surveys before and after the show. Volunteers will tally survey answers and the results help us track program effectiveness, ensure that our messages are being conveyed to our audiences, and strengthen our program to benefit the education and social and emotional welfare of children in Vermont. All volunteers will receive an introduction to Kids on the Block-Vermont that will include a review of task procedures, and of course, trying on a Puppet.

Contact: Adam Courville, 860-3349/Location: 294 North Winooski St., Burlington

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE

AIDS Services

Volunteers will put up posters, clean indoors and outdoors, do peer outreach, help with event preparation and do general office tasks for Vermont CARES. Must have an open mind and a good work ethic. All volunteers have 4-hours of core training including HIV one-on-one and a 2 hour training in the specific area in which the volunteer will work.

Contact: Kara Casey, 863-2437 x24

Location: 187 Saint Paul St., Burlington

Peace & Justice Center

Volunteers can help with data entry, stuffing envelopes, staffing information tables and promoting peace. Basic training provided.

Contact: Wendy Coe, 863-2345 x3

Location: 60 Lake St, Burlington

Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program

Help refugee families settle into Vermont by hauling furniture, tutoring English, babysitting, and donation center.

Contact: Bobacar (802) 338-4633

Location: 462 Hegemen Ave Ste 101, Colchester, VT 05446

ARTS AND MUSIC

Musical Entertainment

We are looking for volunteers to share their musical talents with seniors at Cathedral Square Senior Living in Burlington. Sing songs, play music, and bring smiles to those around you. Solo, duets and groups welcome. Help enrich the lives of seniors in your community!

Contact: Paula Fitzpatrick, 865-4154

Location: 3 Cathedral Square, Burlington

Web Site Crew/Music Shop Assistant

Check out Big Heavy World's website for volunteer opportunities, bigheavyworld.com/crew

Contact: James Lockridge, 865-1140

Location: Burlington

Photographer

Photograph various special events throughout the year on an on-call basis for Vermont CARES. Photos are used in a newsletter and for displays. Work with our terrific staff and help us capture important moments at these fun events. Volunteer should have experience and their own camera; we will pay for film and developing costs. Application, interview, and three references required.

Contact: Kara Casey, 863-2437 x24

Location: 187 Saint Paul St., Burlington

Flynn Arts and Music

Are you interested in volunteering for FlynnArts and the Education Department? We often need help with data entry and always need help distributing brochures and posters in the community and at special events. Or perhaps you have a special skill that we might put to good use? Please contact Christina Weakland at 802-652-4543 or cweakland@flynncenter.org for more information.

Dinner Music

The Converse Home, a residential care home for seniors, is seeking musicians who will play soft music during the residents' meal time. We have a lovely baby grand piano - tuned regularly - in our dining room just waiting for someone to play it. Maybe you play another instrument that would be equally enjoyed. Music makes the atmosphere even nicer for our noon and evening (5pm) meals. Some residents just enjoy listening; others will be humming and singing along with familiar tunes. If you have time at least once a month, enjoy elders, and would like a very appreciative audience, please call us and start sharing your music!

Contact: Laury Jestings, 862-0401

Location: 272 Church St., Burlington

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Canteen Volunteer for Donor Center in Burlington

Monday- Friday at any time between 9am-6pm or Saturdays between 7:30am-1pm

Canteen Volunteers at the blood center welcome donors to the canteen, serve refreshments, chat with donors, observe donors for reactions, and alert staff if needed. They also provide donor recognition, prepare and maintain canteen as a clean and pleasant area, answer questions or refer questions to appropriate staff. Basic reading and writing skills and the ability to interact with others in a pleasant and courteous manner are important. On the job training, retraining and updates are provided. Volunteers work flexible 2-4 hour shifts during center hours. Application and in-person or phone interview required. Volunteers should be **at least 17 years** old or be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Judy Smith, 658-6400 x3647

Location: 32 North Prospect St., Burlington

Bandage Kit Folder

Volunteer will organize and refold bandage kits used for first aid classes. Training will be provided, work at the Chapter or from home. Hours are flexible and based on need for kits to be restocked. Volunteers must be reliable and able to lift and carry 15-20 lb boxes. If working from home, the volunteer must have transportation to pick up supplies from the Chapter and drop off the finished kits.

Contact: Michael Coughlin, 660-9130 ext. 104

Location: 29 Mansfield Ave., Burlington

Registration Volunteer at Donor Center in Burlington

Monday-Friday at any time between 9am-6pm or Saturdays between 7:30am-1pm

Registration Volunteers welcome donors, track and organize donors and lists, answer questions or refer questions to appropriate staff. Volunteers must have basic reading and writing skills and ability to interact with others in a pleasant and courteous manner. On the job training, retraining and updates are provided. Volunteers work flexible 2-hour shifts during center hours. Application and in-person or phone interview required. Registration volunteers are trained on the day of their first shift. Volunteers must be able to follow a sequence of steps so that the registration process runs smoothly and FDA rules are followed. Although some assistance is available during exceptionally busy times, volunteers are expected to work quickly and systematically enough to keep up with donors as they go through the registration process.

Contact: Judy Smith, 658-6400 x3647

Location: 32 North Prospect St., Burlington

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Cooks & Bakers

Use your creativity and cooking or baking skills to prepare cookies, a dessert or a dinner meal for the guest families staying at Ronald McDonald House. Dinner should serve 10-12 people and consist of at least an entree, a side dish and a dessert. Work in our large well-equipped kitchen or use your own and drop off food. Please call in advance to arrange one or more dates. Cooks and bakers are asked to provide the ingredients for the meals or desserts they are planning to prepare.

Contact: Hattie Johnson, 862-4943

Location: 16 South Winooski Ave., Burlington

Post Fliers Around Town

Hang fliers and leave brochures in stores and on bulletin boards around town to advertise for the Burlington Time Bank. A Burlington Time Bank Coordinator will provide you with a list of places to go, the fliers, and tape/tacks. This is a great opportunity for families or groups!

Contact: Annie Reinhart, 363-4698

Location: 168 North Champlain St., Burlington

Mascot – ECHO's Newton

Have you ever been called a "ham"? If so, here is your chance to shine. ECHO is recruiting for our new mascot "NEWTON." We are in search of someone who likes to shake hands, give hugs, dance around, and make people smile. If this sounds like you and you are at least 5'7" this is your opportunity. NEWTON gets around, so transportation is essential! Volunteer should be open to attending events on weekends.

Contact: Becca Rimmel, 864-1848 ext.116

Location: ECHO Center, 1 College St., Burlington

Teen Advisory Board

This is an ongoing community service opportunity that meets every other Wednesday night from 7-8 PM at the Fletcher Free Library. The Teen Advisory Board is a group of students who meet to discuss what they'd like to see at the library, help the Teen Literacy Coordinator plan/think of events for the library, and work on small activities such as creating decorations or crafts for the Youth Section of the Fletcher Free Library.

Contact: Rebecca Goldberg rgoldberg@ci.burlington.vt.us or 865.7216

Location: Fletcher Free Library

Fletcher Free Library Shelving Services

Assist the librarians with categorizing new and returned books for others to use freely.

Contact: [Rebecca Goldberg](mailto:RebeccaGoldberg@ci.burlington.vt.us) rgoldberg@ci.burlington.vt.us or 865.7216

Location: Fletcher Free Library

Gaming Tournaments

This event will run monthly as well, on select Friday afternoons from 3-5 at the Fletcher Free Library. This opportunity is for students who have a good knowledge of how to set-up and run video games, who would be able to assist the Teen Literacy Coordinator in planning monthly gaming tournaments, and need community service hours.

Contact: [Rebecca Goldberg](mailto:RebeccaGoldberg@ci.burlington.vt.us) rgoldberg@ci.burlington.vt.us or 865.7216

Location: Fletcher Free Library

Library Services

Brownell Library is looking for volunteers to help with shelving, entering book orders into online database, preparing newly purchased items for use, inventorying lists of titles, checking shipments, organizing books, and searching for materials. Volunteers may work directly with the public or behind the scenes. Individual training provided. Volunteer must be able to sort by alphabet and number (including decimal points), have good communication skills, and be able to follow directions.

Contact: Alison Pierce, 878-6955

Location: 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction

Bicycle Repair

Bike Recycle Vermont is a volunteer-based, self-funded, project of Local Motion. We accept bicycle donations and provide repaired bikes, along with helmets and locks, to very low income Burlington area residents, including resettled refugee families and other vulnerable populations. To date, Bike Recycle Vermont has given away close to a thousand bikes in the short time it has been in operation, with the demand this year almost doubled from last. We have hundreds of bikes requiring minor and/or major repairs to make them roadworthy. These bikes need anything from simple jobs (such as adding reflectors and filling tires) to major rebuilds and modifications. While we have a strong need for highly skilled bike mechanics, we also welcome people with beginner-level bike repair skills who are willing and able to further their skills.

Contact: Bike Recycle Vermont, 264-9687

Location: 664 Riverside Ave., Burlington

ReCycle North

Last year, ReCycle North helped to keep over 800 tons of reusable and repairable items out of our landfills – and you can help, too. The Building Materials Center could use your help preparing lumber for reuse. Or you can sort and organize at the Household Goods store, or help prepare large appliances for delivery. At ReCycle North, there is a volunteer job for just about any interest.

Contact: Hillary Hibbard, 658-4143 ext *831

Location: Household Goods Store – 266 Pine St. or the Building Materials Center – 339 Pine St.

Greeter at Ethan Allen Homestead

As a Greeter at the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum you will welcome incoming visitors to the museum and sell them tickets before directing them to exhibits, our Tavern Show, or a guided tour. Gift shop is small and the cash register is very simple to operate. This is a great place to meet interesting people from all over the country and world. Many Greeters may learn enough to eventually want to become tour guides as well. We will train you easily in your first or second visit. A willingness to lend a hand with other needed projects while Greeting is also appreciated.

Contact: Laura Need 865-4556 or info@ethanallenhomestead.org

Location: Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington