

# Monthly Volunteer Connection

January 2012

A monthly listing of volunteer opportunities in Sedgwick County

## Volunteer Tax Preparation

With your help, millions of dollars can be returned to our community and into the hands of hard-working individuals and families. Volunteers are needed to prepare and electronically file tax returns for those who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. No experience necessary and training is provided. Training is scheduled for January 2012. There are sites throughout the city with daytime, evening and weekend times available to volunteer. Call 2-1-1 or visit our website at [unitedwayplains.org](http://unitedwayplains.org) for more information on this and other ways you can help with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.



**Find more  
volunteer  
opportunities  
or get more  
information:**

**PHONE:**  
**Dial 2-1-1**

**VOLUNTEER  
ONLINE:**  
[www.unitedwayplains.org](http://www.unitedwayplains.org)

Click on "Volunteer Center" and then "Volunteer Online" to search by areas of interest, times available, length of commitment and more.

## Hoops Time!



Help at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 7, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Campus High School. Volunteers are needed for score keeping, line judging and cheering on the athletes. This is a great opportunity for all ages! Contact Mitch Guthrie at 263-1181 or [mgsoks@aol.com](mailto:mgsoks@aol.com)

## Episcopal Social Services needs you

ESS has a couple of volunteer positions available, including managing the ESS food pantry once or twice a week. Duties include making sure that food items are stocked and organized on the grocery shelves and rotating food in a timely manner so as to keep the oldest expiration date at the front of the shelves. Minimum age is 18.

Also needed is a data entry volunteer using Sage software. Training will be provided on the software but volunteer must understand computers. Flexible schedule. Minimum age is 21.

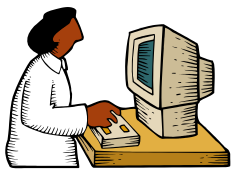
Contact Lillian Gattis at 269-4160 or [lillian.gattis@esswichita.org](mailto:lillian.gattis@esswichita.org)




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## Office Helper



Volunteer at Salvation Army in the Homeless Services department. Office work includes shredding, filing and some data entry. Volunteer must sign confidentiality agreement. Contact Jamie Scott at 425-6116 or [Jami\\_Scott@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Jami_Scott@usc.salvationarmy.org)

  
**Please tell agencies that United Way referred you!**

## Help our Youth

Youthville has several volunteer positions available, including a Resource Room volunteer to sort, organize and pack donated clothing, a Local Transport volunteer to drive youth in foster care program within Sedgwick County (volunteer will use own vehicle but Youthville reimburses for mileage) and an Office Support volunteer to assist Case Manager with data entry. Contact Antoine Morrison at 529-9164 or [amorrison@youthville.org](mailto:amorrison@youthville.org)



## Reality U!



This **Communities in Schools** event gives High School students a chance to step into the shoes of a 28 year old, with a career, family and financial responsibilities in a simulation of adulthood. As they walk through a series of booths, manned by community volunteers, the students make financial decisions from car and home purchases to insurance and child care commitments while trying not to spend more than they can afford. Volunteers are utilized at each booth to assist students in making their purchases and/or selecting a service. Contact: Diane Graham at 973-5115 or [DGraham@CISWichita.org](mailto:DGraham@CISWichita.org)

## Tips for volunteers

- Wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activities.
- If you would like to bring young children, please check with the organization to make sure supervision is available.
- Check with the organization prior to the activity about what you need to bring (tools, lunch, safety gear, etc.)
- Give the organization enough advance notice if for some reason you cannot participate.
- Please let the contact person know United Way Volunteer Center referred you.
- Give the organization and United Way Volunteer Center feedback on the project.
- **Most importantly, have lots of fun!**



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