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Aging

Ansonborough House

71 Society St Charleston, SC 29401

Approximately 0.5 miles away, 7 minute walk, 5 minutes on bike.

Organization Mission/Goals: To provide affordable safe housing to low income seniors that are able to live independently.

Volunteer Request:

We can use a volunteer to assist in our food pantry on Wednesdays from 9-11am and on Thursdays from 12 - 2pm. This would involve assisting the seniors to shop, stock shelves, complete simple forms and bag groceries.

* No background check is needed. Volunteer should have patience in interacting with the seniors.

Contact: Dora LaTorre| 843-723-8613| doral@charlestonareaseniors.com | charlestonareaseniors.com

Lowcountry Senior Center

865 Riverland Drive, Charleston SC 29412

Approximately 5 miles away, 9 minute drive, 30 minutes on bike.

Organization Mission/Goals: The Lowcountry Senior Center welcomes adults age 50 and older to come for exercise, socializing and to broaden their horizons through a wide array of classes. We emphasize lifelong wellness with a focus on fun and learning, and offer a multitude of opportunities for seniors to try new things and meet new people.

Volunteer Request:

Front Desk Volunteer: This volunteer position staffs the Lowcountry Senior Center's front desk. We are currently looking for a volunteer for the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10am-1pm . The front desk is the first contact members and visitors have with the center and handle various tasks detailed below. The front desk is a busy, social, and fun volunteer opportunity!

Front Desk Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Provide positive customer service and work well with others
- Strong and professional communication skills
- Ability to multitask and be detailed orientated
- Register individuals for classes; handle payment and receipting
- Provide resource information for callers and members
- Give tours of the center to potential new members
- Take new member and renewal applications
- Answer the phone, take messages
- Able to familiarize self with programs and classes
- Oversee member and guest sign in
- Assist with mailings and other administrative tasks as needed

*Background check and volunteer orientation are required before volunteering can take place.

Contact: Kimberly Palmer|843-762-9555|Kimberly.palmer@RSFH.COM | www.lowcountryseniorcenter.org

Trident Area Agency on Aging

4450 Leeds Place West – Suite B, North Charleston, SC 29405
 Approximately 8 miles from campus, 15 minute drive, 40 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Trident Area Agency on Aging is a not for profit organization that provides assistance, advocacy and answers on aging. It is our mission to enhance the quality of life for seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers living in the Trident Area (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties)

Volunteer Request: A Friendly Visitor Volunteer makes visits to nursing home residents. 60% of Nursing Home residents never get a visitor. The Friendly Visitor goes into the assigned facility for 2 to 4 hours a week and visits with residents to reduce their feelings of isolation or helplessness ... to help educate them on their rights as a resident ... to help them advocate for themselves

*15 hours of training, Criminal Background Check, Must own a car

Contact: Kathie Braddock|843-529-3695|friendlyvisitor@tridentaaa.org|tridentaaa.org

Ralph H Johnson VA Medical Center

Voluntary Service Office, Main building, 1st floor
 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401
 Approximately 1.2 miles from campus, 4 minute drive, 25 minute walk, 6 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: The Charleston VAMC depends on the goodwill of our benefactors and volunteers who wish to give something back to America's heroes. Many of our Veterans have come to depend on volunteers for an improved quality of life while they are patients in our facilities.

Volunteer Request: There are many opportunities at the VA center. For updated opportunities check this [link](#). Then fill out this [application](#) (signature not required), email or fax to (843)789-6132 or take it to the center. There will be an online orientation and brief interview.

*Volunteers are especially needed as Veteran Patient Advisors, hospice volunteers, and emergency room volunteers.

Contact: Fred|Edmund.lesinski@va.gov|843-577-5011 EXT x7230/7488|www.charleston.va.gov/giving/

Animals

Pet Helpers

1447 Folly Road, James Island, SC 29412
 Approximately 6 ½ miles from campus, 11 minute drive, 31 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Pet Helpers is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 Adoption Center and Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic that serves communities across the Lowcountry. Our mission is to end the euthanasia of all adoptable cats and dogs by keeping all animals until adopted; providing low cost spay/neuter surgeries; offering humane education programs; pursuing animal cruelty prosecution; and initiating animal welfare legislation.

Volunteer Request: Seeking Dynamic Dog Team or Crazy Cool Cat Team Volunteers for socializing with dogs/cats, cleaning kennels, feeding, basic training, providing enrichment, taking dogs on day trips to James Island County Park, writing cat biographies for website, walking dogs, providing customer service, keeping an eye out for health and behavioral issues, foster care; Event Assistance/Adoption Counseling volunteers needed to represent Pet Helpers and act as a resource to potential adopters;TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) volunteers needed set traps to humanely catch feral cats, assuring feral cats are brought into the clinic to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and

medicated, pick up and release fixed feral cats back into their colonies, maintain colonies by dropping off food and keeping an eye out for health issues with feral cats and for unaltered feral cats.

*Volunteer Orientations are held.

Contact: Jamie Winston | 843.795.1110x102 | jwinston@pethelpers.com | <http://www.pethelpers.org/>

South Carolina Aquarium

100 Aquarium Wharf, Charleston, SC 29401

Approximately .8 miles away, 3 minute drive, 15 min walk, 5 min biking

Organization Mission/Goals: The South Carolina Aquarium inspires conservation of the natural world by exhibiting and caring for animals, by excelling in education and research, and by providing an exceptional visitor experience.

Volunteer Request:

EXHIBIT GUIDE-- Description: To serve as an Aquarium ambassador, including serving as exhibit interpreters for guests. Exhibit guides convey the theme of the Aquarium with special emphasis on fun, education and conservation messages throughout the facility.

Qualifications: Exhibit Guides must be outgoing and enjoy working with the public, as well as working with and handling animals. Patience, excellent verbal communication skills, flexibility, and a sense of humor are essential in this position.

Requirements: In addition to general requirements, volunteer exhibit guides must be eager to learn, prepared for on-the-job training and willing to attend additional training as required.

Commitment: Must be able to work at least one, four and a half hour shift per week or a minimum of one shift every other weekend for one year.

AQUARIST--Description: To help with the maintenance of freshwater and saltwater exhibits including backup areas. Duties include food preparation, feeding fish and invertebrates, cleaning tanks, record keeping, general maintenance and special projects.

Qualifications: Must have prior animal care experience (home aquaria, pets, etc.); must be agile and able to lift 50 lbs; must be willing to get wet and handle fish, shrimp, squid, etc. to be used for food; must be willing to learn more about animal and tank care independently; must be able to stand for extended periods of time; must be able to keep meticulous records.

Requirements: In addition to general requirements, must complete additional training with Husbandry staff.

Commitment: Must be able to work at least one, four-hour shift each week for one year.

DIVER-- Description: Duties include preparing food for dives, helping to feed the animals and maintain exhibit tanks, help maintain backup areas and equipment, interacting with visitors to educate them about the animals and their ecosystems, and general help as needed upon request of the Life Support and/or Aquarist staff.

Qualifications: Must be 18 years of age, have advanced SCUBA certification or the equivalent and work well in a team-oriented environment.

Requirements: In addition to the general requirements, divers must complete the Aquarium diver certification program, which includes an "in-water" skills test and an apprenticeship with experienced divers.

Commitment: Must be able to work two, seven-hour shifts (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) each month for one year.

**Interested volunteers are invited to complete an online volunteer application. The individual is then contacted and invited to come to the Aquarium for a pre-orientation interview with the Volunteer Services staff. Following that interview there is an orientation session and a background check as part of the onboarding process.

There is ongoing training and pre-shift briefings to assure that volunteers are empowered to be strong ambassadors for the South Carolina Aquarium, the natural world and for the animals that live here with us.

Minimum Commitment Requirement: one year.

Contact: Charmaine Wozniak|843-579-8553|cwozniak@scaquarium.org |scaquarium.org

Children and Youth

General

Junior Girls Day Out Community Project

2106 Mt. Pleasant Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately 2 miles from campus, 7 minute drive, 45 minute walk, 12 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Junior Girls Day Out was established as a means of providing positive outlets for young girls, helping them become well-rounded individuals, and inspiring them to reach their goals in life. We have developed and successfully executed twenty-one (21) education, career, personal, social, and cultural development programs for girls, ages 7-12, who reside in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed to assist in various events/programs throughout the year to help young girls reach their goals in life

*Background check and volunteer training required.

Contact: Kathy L. Jackson| 843-864-3399|JGDO2007@yahoo.com|www.juniorgirlsdayout.org

Abuse/Neglect

Carolina Youth Development Center

5055 Lackawanna Blvd N. Charleston SC 29405

Approximately 10 miles from campus, 16 min drive

Organization Mission/Goals: To assist children in reaching their full potential as healthy and well-adjusted individuals by delivering a continuum of prevention, assessment, intervention, treatment and transition services.

Our goal is to provide a safe and loving environment for our kids while they live with us and provide them with as many opportunities as possible enjoy and participate in local activities as well as focus on their education.

Volunteer Request: Home Work Helper - Mon-Thursday's during the School year from 4-6pm. Assist Kids with homework after school. Big need for math help. 6-8 volunteers needed Mon-Thurs. Volunteers can pick one day each week.

Big Brothers Big Sisters --Mentoring program to match you with a local child needing a positive role model. Match process involves application, interviews and home visit prior to match.

-Commitment 2 weekend or week nights per month, spending time with the kid, movies, outings, just hanging out.

*Background check and brief orientation required.

On Campus visits to the Emergency Shelter. Generally evenings or weekends, small groups come to hang out with the kids and play games. Groups can bring cookies/ice cream if you would like. Generally 6-8 volunteers per visit. Could be set up as a monthly activity.

*There is a volunteer application, confidentiality statement and background check. The volunteer is asked to pay \$16.00 for the background check.

Contact: Kim Brown |843-266-5218| kbrown@cydc.org |www.cydc.org

Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program

145 King Street, Suite 310 Charleston, SC 29401

Approximately 1 mile from campus, 6 minute bike ride, 13 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: The Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to advocate for abused children in the Family Court system. GAL volunteers get to know the child and everyone involved in the child's life, including family, teachers, doctors, social workers and others. They gather information about the child and what the child needs. Their recommendations to the court help the judge make an informed decision about a child's future. GAL volunteers provide a stable presence in a child's life, remaining on each case until the child finds a safe, permanent home.

Volunteer Request:

Volunteer Guardians ad Litem serve as the child's advocate in the Family Court system. They meet with the children, families, educators, and other professionals involved with the family and make recommendations to the Family Court Judge whenever a child's case is in court. Volunteers must meet monthly face to face with the children.

Volunteers must be 21 years old, and complete a 30 hour free training program. Background check followed by interview.

Contact: Jim Casserly|803-734-0585|jcasserly@oepp.sc.gov |www.charleston.sccgal.org

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center

1061 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately 1 ½ miles from campus, 5 minute drive, 8 minute bike ride, 32 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center's (DNLCC) mission is to keep children safe from abuse and trauma, and when either occur, to work with our community to bring healing to these children and their families. DNLCC is a Children's Advocacy Center that provides assessment, treatment and support services to children and their families when there is a concern of abuse. Primary services include providing immediate support and assistance to child victims and their families such as forensic interviews and medical examinations. DNLCC provides individual therapy, family therapy and group therapy to child victims and their families primarily in Charleston and Berkeley counties.

Volunteer Request:

Child Advocate

Description: child advocate volunteers spend time with the children in the waiting area by playing games, making crafts and reading stories while their parents/caregivers meet with the therapist.

Hours Needed: Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5pm

Specific Requirements: must sign a confidentiality statement as well as give authorization for a background check. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee that must be paid in advance to cover the cost of a South Carolina background check. Volunteer must also complete a volunteer orientation session held by DNLCC staff that provides information on child abuse.

Maximum Number of Volunteers: no maximum

Special Events -

Description: volunteers needed to participate in DNLCC fundraising and awareness events, as well as special events hosted within the community as representatives of DNLCC.

Hours Needed: throughout the year

Specific Requirements: N/A

Maximum Number of Volunteers: no maximum

Workday Projects -

Description: volunteers needed to provide needed repairs, renovations and/or maintenance to DNLCC's facility.

Hours Needed: only available Saturdays and Sundays

Specific Requirements: N/A

Maximum Number of Volunteers: 40

*Anyone volunteering as a child advocate must sign a confidentiality statement as well as give authorization for a background check. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee that must be paid in advance to cover the cost of a South Carolina background check. Volunteer must also complete a volunteer orientation session held by DNLCC staff that provides information on child abuse.

Contact: Shannon Stroer|843-723-3600| sstroer@dnlcc.org | www.dnlcc.org

Eagle Harbor Boys Ranch

1044 Eagle Harbor Lane, Summerville, SC 29483

Approximately 32 miles from campus, 37 min away by car

Organization Mission/Goals: While being a place of refuge and shelter for children ages four to twenty-one who are abused, neglected or abandoned, it is our mission to empower each child to rise above their past through love, structure and an opportunity to succeed in life.

Volunteer Request: Tutors-Tuesday and Thursdays from 4-6pm and weekends various hours. Volunteers to mentor/hang out on the weekends. You can be an encouragement to a child that is away from his family. Help him to develop his strengths and plan for his future.

*We require background checks and an application. Please contact us so we may email this information.

Contact: Liz Gilbert | 843-688-5995 | liz@eagleharborkids.org | 843-688-5995 | www.Eagleharborkids.org

HALOS (Helping and Lending Outreach Support)

3366 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Approximately 6 miles from campus, 12 minute drive, 28 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: The HALOS mission is 'to provide resources and special opportunities to abused and neglected children and their caregivers through partnerships with faith-based and other community organizations. We strive to achieve this mission via periodic special events, annual programs and Kinship Care support group held twice per month.

Volunteer Request: Kinship Care Childcare Volunteer needed from 5:30-7:45 on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month to assist indirect childcare to ensure safety and inclusion in a nontherapeutic, fun and supportive environment; Kinship Care Food Donors needed from 5:30 – 6:30 on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month to purchase or prepare a light meal for up to 20 adults and 30 children for our support groups that meet

twice per month. Food preparation must occur offsite and be transported to group locations. Food pick up is available; Kinship Care Respite Events volunteer groups needed to plan, organize and execute a one-time events for the children.

HALOS Internship

HALOS offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate-level interns to gain experience working in a grass-roots, fast-paced and dynamic nonprofit organization. Interns for summer and/or fall 2014, or academic year 2015 are needed. HALOS is small organization with only 2 full-time staff members. Interns are an important part of the team, are essential to achieving our mission. Interns/Volunteers may work in the Kinship Care Program with directly with families, and coordinating support group meetings and donations, or in Marketing/Public Relations and Fundraising. Because HALOS is small, interns/volunteers get hands-on professional experience. Each day may vary and HALOS is the perfect opportunity to students who want exposure to nonprofit operations. HALOS is also able to accommodate MSW students; however, it is better suited as a macro placement.

*Background check and brief orientation required.

Contact: Andrea [Thames|843-953-3715](tel:843-953-3715)|andrea@charlestonhalos.org|www.charlestonhalos.org

Lowcountry Orphan Relief

1850 Truxtun Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Approximately 7 ½ miles from campus, 17 minute drive, 33 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: To provide services and aid to meet the needs of abandoned, abused, and neglected children in the lowcountry, to specifically intervene where government aid ends.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed to fill orders, sort donations, stock merchandise

Contact: Regina Sharpe|843-747-4099|info@lowcountryorphanrelief.org|www.lowcountryorphanrelief.org

Education/Mentoring

Be a Mentor

Office: The Navy Yard, 1850 Truxtun Avenue, N. Charleston, SC 29405

Charleston Area Schools

Organization Mission/Goals: Through targeted and sustainable youth mentoring programs, Be a Mentor strives to enable youth to develop positive relationships with caring adults, build long-lasting community connections and enhance the development of character and leadership skills in order to lay the foundation for success and empower youth to reach their full potential.

Volunteer Request: Lunch Buddies Program: Matches volunteers with elementary students to eat lunch once a week and serve as a positive role model. Volunteers commit to meeting 1 hour a week for the duration of the school year to mentor and make a difference in the life of a child. All mentor/mentee pairs are one-on-one.

Project Shine Program: Matches a mentor with a middle school mentee to meet during lunch hours once a week. Also offers a curriculum and guided activities for the mentor and mentee to follow to help the mentee with goal-setting, academic success and character and leadership development. Volunteers commit to meeting 1 hour a week (between 11-1pm) for the duration of the school year. All mentor/mentee pairs are one-on-one.

*To participate, all mentors will need to attend a 1 hour program specific training, undergo a SLED background check and provide two references.

Contact: Eileen Burkhardt | 843-554-5987 | eburkhardt@beamentornow.org | www.beamentornow.org

Beyond Our Walls

Burns Elementary School- 3750 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, SC 29405
Approximately 6 ½ miles from campus, 13 minute drive, 35 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Not for profit community partner with Burns ES to help support academic, behavior and social skills development of students. Burns ES is a Title 1 public school that ranks very low in the Charleston County School District.

Volunteer Request: Seeking volunteers as reading coaches for children, guest speakers for classes; volunteers to work on craft projects and website design

*Volunteers must pass a background check and present a legal photo ID when they sign in

Contact: Joyce Maybin Nesmith | 843-697-4040 | joycenesmith@beyondourwalls.com | www.beyondourwalls.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters

5055 Lackawanna Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29405
Approximately 10 miles from campus, 17 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Volunteer Request: School Base Mentoring: It may sound obvious, but sometimes the best place to help a child realize their potential is at school. Become a mentor at Memminger Elementary School by committing at least one day a week for an hour to see your Little for the school term.

Community Base Mentoring: Getting together is a great time for both Bigs and Littles. It doesn't require a special occasion or expensive activities; just a few times every month sharing simple things you already enjoy with a young person. The schedule can be flexible to meet the needs of mentors and young people in different kinds of situations. Some Bigs meet with their Littles on the weekend or in the evening. Others get together with their Littles after school. There's almost no one so busy that they can't find a way to fit in a few hours a month. Especially when they learn what a difference mentoring makes.

There are simple steps to becoming a Big Brother/Big Sister:

- interview
- background check
- volunteer orientation

Contact: Ashley Grimbal | 843-266-5235 | agrimball@cydc.org | <http://becomeabig.org/>

Charleston County School District

75 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401
Approximately ½ mile from campus, 3 minute bike ride, 9 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: The mission of the Charleston County School District, a dynamic system of educational choices, is to increase achievement overall and close the achievement gap between groups in order to prepare all students to compete in a global economy and make a positive contribution to our community and nation.

Volunteer Request: Looking for tutors 1-2 days per week for Book Buddies Program (which is a strategic literacy initiative), mentors 1 days per week for Lunch Buddies Program, classroom volunteers to assist students with literacy and math skills, and service projects volunteers for Tricounty Youth Service Day (April 26-28, 2013)

*Volunteers must pass a background check and may be required to complete a training process

Contact: Clara Heinsohn|843-937-6506|clara_heinsohn@charleston.k12.sc.us|www.ccsdschools.com\

Charleston Reading Partners

4925 Lacross Rd., Suite 205, North Charleston, SC 29406

*Different sites in Charleston and North Charleston: Specifically Memminger School

Organization Mission/Goals: Through volunteer, one on one tutoring we hope to bring every child we work with up to reading at grade level by the end of the year.

Volunteer Request: Seeking volunteer tutors in reading 1 hr per week for at least one semester. Easy to follow curriculum will be provided as well as training and staff member support.

*Background check required. Seeking 11 hour shifts between 8 am and 2 pm.

Contact: Kate Brown |843-860-3915|kate.brown@readingpartners.org| www.readingpartners.com/charleston

Children's Museum of the Lowcountry

25 Ann Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately ½ mile from campus, 2 minute drive, 2 minute bike ride, 8 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: To spark the love of learning in all children across the Lowcountry.

Volunteer Request: Art Room Coordinator volunteers to participate in crafts, paint and draw with guests of the Museum; assist floor staff with art-based programs; assist operations team with murals and crafts for monthly theme; Exhibit Educator interact with families in our exhibits to promote learning in a fun, interactive manner; Office Assistant to complete general administrative tasks; Special Event Assistants to help staff with outreach events around the tri-county area, and staff booths at festivals while making crafts with the attendees.

*Background check and application required.

Contact: Josh Wagner|843-853-8962 x224|josh@explorecml.org| www.explorecml.org

Community Center of St. Matthew's

403 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately .1 miles, 1 minute drive, 2 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: The Community Center of St. Matthew's serves those in need by encouraging unity, respect, and self-reliance through job and life skills training, technology instruction, and English language acquisition.

Volunteer Request: ESL tutor: Teach a day or evening ESL class to adult non-native English speakers from across the world. Create own lesson plan using student text and ESL curriculum. Gain experience in teaching. Work with

up to five students.

Day classes are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am - 11:30am

Evening classes are Monday and Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

*No knowledge of a foreign language is needed. Training will be provided.

Contact: Hayden Shook|843-579-0420 ext. 131| haydenshook@bellsouth.net| <http://www.connectinghands.org/>

Communities In Schools

1090 East Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Approximately 8 miles, 17 minute drive, 38 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers serve as positive role models through mentoring and tutoring. Volunteers can also assist classroom teachers, help with special events, and much more depending on the interests of the volunteer. Opportunities are available in 25 Charleston schools including, elementary, middle and high schools and are offered primarily during the school day.

*Background checks are required for volunteers working directly with the students. There will also be training provided to the volunteers.

Contact: Paige Hatley|843-740-6793| phatley@cischarleston.org| www.cischarleston.org

Gethsemani Center

2449 Beacon Street, North Charleston, SC 29205

Approximately 5 miles from campus, 11 minute drive, 23 minute bike ride)

Organization Mission/Goals: The mission is to positively impact children, families and senior citizens by providing quality programs that enhance education, health and well-being

Volunteer Request: After-school program assistants to help with homework and improving basic skills in Math and Reading, Tues and Thurs throughout the school year 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

*Volunteers required to undergo a background check. Gethsemani Center Director will assist in volunteer orientation and assistance throughout the program.

Contact: Daphne Wright|daphnewright@comcast.net| www.djoledancecompany.org

Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina

7951 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29418

Approximately 16 miles from campus, 27 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: Our mission is to build girls of Courage, Confidence, Character

Volunteer Request: Volunteers opportunities include working in office, recruitment, and working hands on with the girl scout troops in Charleston.

*Background check required. Training provided.

Contact: Nicole Nick|843-552-9910 ext 231|nicolenick@girlscoutseasc.org| www.girlscoutseasc.org

Google CS First

Charleston SC 29401
Various schools in Charleston

Organization Mission/Goals: CS First is a Google program focused on increasing student access and exposure to Computer Science (CS) Education through after school and summer programs.

The goal is to build the CS Education capacity of K-12 schools. These after school programs are developed by Google CS Teaching Fellows who provide volunteers with all the materials needed to lead a CS First club. Volunteers participate in conjunction with local schools.

Volunteer Request: CS First Volunteer/Guru- Dates, times, and school location TBD. The time commitment is only one month long, and the club meets twice a week during that month -- usually a M/W or Tu/Th -- for a total of 8 sessions. Sessions are after school and begin anywhere from 3:15 to 4:30 and last 75 minutes. You'll introduce a new programming concept using Scratch, work one-on-one with students as they watch screencasts and build interactive programming projects, and help facilitate individual learning. There is no teaching experience or computer science background needed to volunteer and Google CS First will provide all the necessary training ahead of time.

Program is offered throughout the Charleston area so no maximum on the number of volunteers needed.

*Requires a background check and volunteer training.

Contact: Jenny O'Bryan|843-719-3627 | jobryan@google.com | www.cs-first.com

Homework Helpers

68 Calhoun St Charleston SC 29401
Approximately 0.4 miles from campus, 2 minute drive, 8 minute bike ride, 8 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: Assist local elementary and middle school students with their homework in a variety of subjects such as math, reading and writing while establishing a community connection.

Volunteer Request: Volunteer Tutor on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3-5pm. Only need about 2-3 tutors per day. Can volunteer once a week, once a month, etc. however it fits in volunteer's schedule.

*Takes place at the Charleston County Public Library in downtown Charleston on Calhoun St. Volunteers are responsible for getting themselves there for their volunteering shift.

Contact: Charlie Rosemond|rosemond@cfc.edu| <http://blogs.cofc.edu/honorshub/2013/09/17/charleston-county-public-library-homework-helper/>

Junior Achievement of Coastal SC

2430 Mall Drive, Suite 120, North Charleston, SC 29406
Approximately 9 miles from campus, 15 minute drive, 45 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Junior Achievement of Coastal SC empowers students to own their future economic success through experiential volunteer delivered programs.

Volunteer Request: Stewardship & Public Relations Volunteer needed for 10-15 hours per week to craft press releases, work on social media, and recycle JA materials; Classroom volunteers needed to assist in lessons in elementary, middle, and high schools.

*Training provided.

Contact: Pam Bailey| 843-745-7050;843-729-5626|pam.bailey@ja.org|www.JACoastalSC.org

Meeting Street Academy

642 Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately 2 miles, 5 minute drive, 12 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: An elementary school that empowers young people from under-resourced neighborhoods to become confident, productive and principled members of society through excellence in academics.

Volunteer Request: Tutors for weekly study hall for students grade level K-5. Volunteers would need to come in Monday-Thursday, 2 days a week for 45 minute session. Majors accepted include: Education, Business, Accounting, Literature, Creative Writing/ Journalism, Science and Nursing. Snacks will be provided.

**Volunteers must attend an orientation session. Background checks are not required.

Contact: Abby Matthews|336-426-9859|amatthews@meetingstreetschools.org |www.meetingstreetacademy.com

Metanoia CDC

2005 Reynolds Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Approximately 5 ½ miles, 13 minute drive, 28 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Metanoia Community Development Corporation is a movement of people, rooted in faith. Metanoia invests in neighborhood assets to build leaders, establish quality housing, and generate economic development.

Volunteer Request: After-School Tutor for approximately 1 hour, 2 days per week (Program runs from 3:15-5:30); Mentors needed for 1 hour per week (Program runs Monday-Friday 3:00pm-5:30pm) to provide support and assistance to youth.

*Background check required.

Contact: Katrina Kulik|843-529-3014|katrina@pushingforward.org|www.pushingforward.org

Wise Owl after School Tutoring Program

Robert Mills Community Center

129 Logan St., Apt L, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately 1 mile from campus, 4 minute drive, 4 minute bike ride, 11 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: After school tutoring for youth ages 6-18 in the housing community.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers to assist with reading/language arts, mathematics, history and social sciences.

*The program would like to begin tutoring by September 16th for the 2013 school year.

Contact: Irish S James|843-720-3986|ijames@chacity.org |

WINGS for kids

SC Regional Office: 2097 Mount Pleasant Street Charleston, SC 29403

2.2 miles from campus, 6 minute drive, 11 minute bike ride, 23 min bus ride

School locations: Memminger, North Charleston Elementary, Chicora School of Communications, Burns Elementary

Organization Mission/Goals: WINGS for kids is an education program that teaches kids how to behave well, make good decisions, and build healthy relationships. We do this by weaving a comprehensive social and emotional learning curriculum into a fun and fresh after school program. Kids get the life lessons they need to succeed and be happy and they get a safe place to call home after school.

Volunteer Request:

Homework Helper: WINGS is always looking for engaging, patient, and energetic volunteers to assist our kids with homework and help them soar in school. Academic Center is a 50-minute, Monday - Thursday component of our program when kids have the opportunity to complete their homework under the guidance of an adult. Volunteers will be paired up with a college age leader (WINGSLeader) to tutor kids one-on-one or in small groups. This is a great opportunity for people interested in education or who like to work hands on with kids! We ask that you commit to serving at least one hour per week.

WINGSCompanion: For volunteers who would like to be involved with more or all parts of the program day, we have the WINGSCompanion role! WINGSCompanions are matched with a specific child who they mentor and shadow one-on-one for a semester. WINGSCompanions visit the program or check in with their WINGS kid at least once a week and focus on building a strong lasting relationship. They help reinforce the social and emotional learning curriculum and act as a positive role model. We ask that you commit to serving at least one hour per week for a semester.

*All volunteers must fill out a WINGS volunteer application, be over the age of 15, and pass a criminal history check. All volunteers also receive a volunteer training at their assigned school prior to serving on their first day.

Contact: Cheryl Hollis|843-991-6606 | volunteer@wingsforkids.org|www.wingsforkids.org

YWCA Greater Charleston

106 Coming Street, Charleston, SC 29403
Located across from New Science Building

Organization Mission/Goals: YWCA Greater Charleston is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Volunteer Request: Tutor needed to help students with homework; Art Assistant to help students create a stage and costumes that relate to a storybook; Computer Lab Assistant to help students with online work; Playground Assistant to oversee organized play and create activities that incorporate learning.

*Volunteers needed from 3:00 to 5:00pm, Monday – Friday (available at least 3 days per week). Background check required (no cost to student).

Contact: Kathleen [Rodgers|843-722-1644](tel:843-722-1644)|rodgerskywca@bellsouth.net

Community Outreach

Catholic Charities (Coastal Regional Office)

3921 St. John's Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405
Approximately 7 miles from campus, 14 minute drive, 33 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Coastal Catholic Charities links low-income residents of Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties with free or reduced-cost health-related services, regardless of faith or philosophy.

Volunteer Request: Grant Researcher to assist Client Advocate with researching available grants; office assistant; volunteers to maintain a database of client records/statistics; Public Relations Support volunteer: newspapers, church bulletins, social media sites, etc.

*Volunteers are required to complete a basic Diocese of Charleston volunteer Confidentiality Statement.

Contact: Helen O'Leary, LISW|843-308-9361|holeary@catholic-doc.org|supportcatholiccharities.org

Family Services, Inc

4925 Lacross Road, Suite 205, North Charleston, South Carolina 29406
Approximately 9 miles from campus, 14 minute drive, 44 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Family Services, Inc. exists to empower, at a cost comparable to industry standards, individuals and families to become or remain functionally independent.

Volunteer Request: Administrative Assistant: Administrative duties include assisting accounting and human resources with mailing, filing, scanning and other miscellaneous duties.

*Up to 10 hours a week

Contact: Jenna Johnson|843-735-7854|jjohnson@fsisc.org|fsisc.org

Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina, Inc.

2150 Eagle Drive
Building 100
North Charleston, South Carolina 29406
12 miles from campus, 16 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals:

Helping people achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work!

Volunteer Request:

Clerical Assistant: This volunteer would be located in our main office. They would help with word processing, filing, record keeping, scanning, etc.

Retail Assistant: This volunteer would help maintain cleanliness of store, hanging textiles, restocking, general maintenances, etc. More opportunities available.

*Potential volunteers must make an appointment with the volunteer coordinator. The potential volunteer will fill out an application at Goodwill's main office. It usually takes 15-20 minutes. A background check will also be run on the potential volunteer. The potential volunteer will receive a call 1-3 business days after the application is filled out. At this time, the volunteer coordinator will confirm a start date and schedule with the volunteer.

Contact: Joanna Weaver| 843-377-0821|vista@palmettogood.org| www.palmettogoodwill.org

Lowcountry Food Bank

2846 Azalea Drive, North Charleston, SC 29504
Approximately 6 miles from campus, 11 minute drive, 25 minute bike ride)

Organization Mission/Goals: To feed the poor and hungry of the ten coastal counties of South Carolina by soliciting and distributing healthy food and groceries to nonprofit agencies serving the poor, and to educate the public about the problems of and solutions to domestic hunger.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed to sort donated food, prepare and clean kitchen to ensure that food can continue to be distributed to Kid's Café program; volunteers for general administrative duties ; volunteers for any special events in the community by being an ambassador for the Food Bank.

*Orientation required.

Contact: Mary Kate McLernon | 843-747-8146 x120 | mk.mclernon@yahoo.com | www.lowcountryfoodbank.org

Our Lady of Mercy

1684 Brownswood Road, Johns Island, SC.29455

Location varies based on position.

Organization Mission/Goals: Our Mission is to provide services and support to residents of downtown, Johns, James, and Wadmalaw Islands living in poverty. Our Goals is to instill self-esteem and help our clients reach self-sufficiency. We accomplish our goals by providing services in three categories: education, direct outreach, and health care.

Volunteer Request:

Position 1: Drivers

We are in need of people who are willing to transport goods to our Downtown site the Neighborhood House located at 77 America Street. Drivers will be using an Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach vehicle to pick-up donations from BI-LO and Low Country Food Bank.

Hours: 8 am-9am (LFB), 11am-12pm (BL). Tuesday and/or Thursday *Requirements: valid driver's license, time commitment, 5 volunteers max*

Position 2: Garden club

We are starting a garden club at the neighborhood house. If you have a green thumb, come out to help pass your knowledge along. Date/hours TBD contact our coordinator for more details, max people is 5*

*All volunteers must have a background check and orientation (may be through email)

Contact: Zach Huey | (843)559-4109 | zachary.huey@olmoutreach.org | olmoutreach.org

Trident United Way 2-1-1 Hotline

6296 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston

Approximately 11.2 miles from campus, 17 minute drive, 53 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: 2-1-1 Hotline's mission is to increase the ease and effectiveness by which people give and get help. We are a 24/7 blended hotline offering resource and referral, crisis intervention and listening.

Volunteer Request: 2-1-1 Hotline trains new volunteers three times a year to serve as phone counselors that answer the phones for the 24/7 hotline to provide assistance with resources, referrals, be a listening line and suicide prevention lifeline. Shifts are available to fit your schedule 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The minimum requirement after training is one shift per week, each shift is 4 hours long. It is a great opportunity to learn or enhance valuable communication skills while giving back to the community. Great for students focused on psychology, sociology or social work.

We do our best to provide extensive training to support our counselors in the beginning and on an ongoing basis. The skills you will learn are applicable to life as well as your experience on the phones. We will do our best to make an informed decision about whether any volunteer's life experiences could interfere with their ability to be a successful counselor for 2-1-1 Hotline.

Contact: Dee Partridge | 843-566-7184 | dpartridge@tuw.org | www.tuw.org

Disability Services

Charleston Miracle League

780 West Oak Forest Drive, Charleston, SC 29407

Approximately 5 miles from campus, 10 minute drive, 22 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: The Charleston Miracle League was founded almost 10 years ago with the goal of enriching the lives of disabled children and adults in Charleston. We now have almost 200 players that come out in the spring and fall to increase their physical skills, build self-confidence, and most importantly HAVE FUN!

-Volunteer Request: Volunteering can include simply being a "fan in the stands" or being matched with a player to help them round the bases or field the ball (called being a "buddy") or helping with concessions or registration; coaches are also needed.

Contact: Katie Ringgold|843-864-1301|miracleleagueED@gmail.com|Charlestonmiracleleague.org

Healing Farms

703 Yew Street, Charleston, SC 29407

Approximately 5 ½ miles from campus, 12 minute drive, 27 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Helping young people with disabilities to discover their place and purpose in our community.

Healing Farms recognizes and celebrates the dignity and value of every human being by giving every person, regardless of perceived ability, an opportunity to participate and contribute. We are preparing the way for people with disabilities to re-enter society on their own terms by leveraging their talents and capabilities so that they may live productive and sustainable lives, breaking the hopeless cycle of welfare. Our concepts and methods will spark a movement that will promote inter-dependence, reduce taxpayer burden and bring people with disabilities out of isolation and back into community.

Volunteer Request:

Under the direction of HF facilitators,

- assist and encourage buddies with basic domestic duties as needed (e.g., cooking, cleaning, meal planning, shopping).

- assist and encourage buddies during planned activities (e.g. arts & crafts, exercise, gardening, music)

- assist and encourage buddies with vocational exploration

- assist and encourage buddies with educational activities

Develop and maintain a positive and effective relationship with buddies, families and staff. Encourage personal choice, independence and responsibility in working with the buddies. Maintain a safe environment for the buddies; prevent harm to buddies, self, and others. Report any safety concerns to HF staff in a timely manner. Maintain confidentiality and report any suspected abuse or neglect to HF staff immediately. Manage any incontinence with both dignity and respect. Report any changes/issues concerning the buddies to the HF Staff. Document interactions in the communication log at the end of the shift.

* Background check, General Orientation, Position Specific orientation. Days/Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10-12:30 and 2-4:30 need 2 volunteers in am and 4 volunteers in afternoon each day.

Contact: Christine H. Messick|843-830-3230|christinehemessick@gmail.com|www.healingfarms.com

Rein and Shine

4857 Windwood Farm Drive, Awendaw, SC 29429

Approximately 20 miles from campus, 32 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: To create and sustain an equine facilitated facility where people with disabilities of all kinds can learn, grow and heal.

Volunteer Request: Side Walker needed (Mon.-Sat.;Hours vary.) to help during lessons as physical and moral support for the student while on the horse; Horse Handler (Needed Mon.-Sat.;Hours vary) to groom and tack the horse and lead horse during the lesson; Feed Shift Volunteers (Ongoing need; 1 1/2-2 hours shifts) to bring horses

in and out, prepare feed, feed, cleaning stalls etc.; Barn Maintenance (Ongoing need) to clean stalls, repair fences, clean pastures etc. THERE ARE MOER OPTIONS AVAILABLE

*Completion of volunteer paperwork, background check, training, and certain background/experience required.

Contact: Catherine Tallman|843-849-0964|ctallman@reinandshine.org|www.reinandshine.org

Environmental

Adopt-A-Highway

259 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Organization Mission/Goals: This program serves as an educational tool against littering, establishes stewardship of public lands by concerned citizens and reduces the amount of litter along the roadsides.

Volunteer Request: Looking for group of volunteers to adopt a two-mile section of road to clean; four cleanups a year.

*Safety training required for participants. Adopting groups must sign an agreement form and commit for a two-year period.

Contact: Angela Crouch| 864-722-5940|acrouch@clermson.edu|www.communityprideinc.org

James Island Pride

1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC 29412

Approximately 6 miles from campus, 11 minute drive, 30 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: James Island Pride is a citizens' committee sponsored by the Town of James Island, but our reach extends to all residents of the island, regardless of political boundaries. Through education, beautification and preservation of our island's environment, we aim to develop and encourage a sense of pride of place and of people among all James Islanders.

Volunteer Request: Event Planner / Publicist. Coordinate and promote a Silent Art Auction, scheduled for February on James Island. Our purpose is to increase awareness of local artists and to support arts education in our island schools. Proceeds from the auction will go to local art teachers. We are contacting the artists; we need someone to coordinate and publicize the event. We should be able to provide help but need someone to lead and direct us in planning. Schedule hours at your convenience. This position will appeal to someone who enjoys art and is enthusiastic about building support within a diverse community.

*Volunteers should be proficient in computer work. Orientation will consist of a conversation with the officers of the committee to determine if a working relationship could be developed that would benefit both the committee and the student.

Contact: Mary Beth Berry|843-425-6473|berrymb@cofc.edu

SCORE (South Carolina Oyster Restoration Enhancement) Program

217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412

Approximately 7 miles from campus, 13 minute drive, 35 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: The South Carolina Oyster Restoration and Enhancement Program (SCORE) is a community-based habitat restoration and monitoring program of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

The purpose of the SCORE program is to restore and enhance oyster habitat by planting recycled oyster shells in the intertidal environment to form new, self-sustaining oyster reefs all with the help of volunteers. This community-based habitat restoration project is an important endeavor because oysters play a significant ecologic and economic role in South Carolina where oyster populations are declining. It is important for the community to understand how oysters improve water quality, control erosion, and provide habitat for other commercially-important shellfish and fish species by learning about their biology and the human activities that can influence their well-being.

Volunteer Request: Water monitor needed to monitor basic water quality parameters near out constructed reefs so we can see how our oysters are helping to improve local waterways.

Please refer to our calendar for volunteer opportunities. Email to RSVP for an event.

https://www.dnr.sc.gov/Calendar/ViewCal.html?calendar_id=381&approved=1&dropdown=1

*Wear closed-toed shoes and clothes you do not mind getting a little dirty. We will provide the water, gloves, sunscreen and bug spray. We will have cups for water but encourage volunteers to be eco-friendly and bring a refillable bottle.

Contact: Stephen Czwartacki|843-953-9842|score@dnr.sc.gov|Score.dnr.sc.gov

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity

2545 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455

Approximately 14 ½ miles from campus, 24 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: Sea Island Habitat for Humanity exists to provide adequate, safe, and affordable housing for low-income working families from James Island to Edisto Island, SC.

Volunteer Request: Construction Site Volunteer needed (Shifts: Tuesday-Saturday 8:30-12pm, 1-4pm, or all day); ReStore Volunteer needed to assist staff with customer service on the floor, administrative help (answering phones, scheduling pick-ups), or help organize and inventory the warehouse, load and unload trucks; Office Assistant with computer skills also needed.

Contact: Josephine Rex|843-768-0998|volunteer@seaislandhabitat.org|www.seaislandhabitat.org

Food Access & Farming

Lowcountry Street Grocery

1630-2 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29405

Organization Mission/Goals: Lowcountry Street Grocery is a mission-driven mobile farmers' market designed to make healthy, local food affordable and accessible for all Charleston residents. Our goal is to improve healthy food access in Charleston's food deserts while concurrently supporting local farms and businesses. Our mobile farmers' market will travel across the Lowcountry area, bringing farm-fresh fruits and vegetables as well as free nutrition education programs directly to our patron's neighborhoods!

Volunteer Request #1: Farm Helpers will assist us in our fields at Rebellion Farm in Ravenel, S.C. (thirty minutes from Campus). Volunteer tasks include planting, harvesting, watering and up-keep. School Garden volunteers can

assist in the maintenance of our Schoolyard Garden at Memminger Elementary School. Once a week for ~ 4 hours.
Maximum # of volunteers: 10-15

Volunteer Request #2: Mobile Market Support & Research Volunteers will assist as we prepare to launch our Mobile Market. Volunteer tasks include working our booths at special events and other farmers' market, making phone calls and collecting contacts in our database, formatting nutrition education programs, and conducting research on bus stop locations and future vendors. Hours and dates are flexible. Max # of volunteers: 10

Contact: Kate Dewitt| 843-597-3064|kdewitt@lowcountrystreetgrocery.com| www.lowcountrystreetgrocery.com

Health

American Cancer Society

5900 Core Road Suite 504, North Charleston, SC 29406
Approximately 11 miles from campus, 18 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Volunteer Request: Seeking volunteers to assist in Relay for Life Committee, including tasks involving marketing, recruitment, entertainment and activities, and fundraising.

Contact: Haley Chaplin|843-744-1922|Haley.Chaplin@cancer.org|www.relayforlife.org/collegesofcharlestonsc

The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1071 Morrison Drive, Suite A, Charleston, SC 29403
Approximately 2 miles from campus, 7 minute drive, 12 minute bike ride, 40 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: To Serve and Support people with visual needs with 100 percent free vision services. Our goal is to empower individuals with blindness or severe vision loss to live safe, dignified and self-sufficient lives.

Volunteer Request: Volunteer Coordinator needed to coordinate volunteer activities across the spectrum of services the Association provides from free eye clinics to iPad classes; Clinical Assistant needed to assist the Optometrist and Optician with patient interviews, data entry and clinical coordination; Refocus on Children Assistants needed to assist with the coordination for screening 4 and 5 year olds in the Charleston School District Title 1 schools; Forward Program Assistants needed to assist with programs that teach the blind skills like iPad, computers, music, art, fitness, yoga and self-defense.

*SLED check required.

Contact: Tripp Ritchie|843-723-6915|tritchie@aftbsc.org|www.AFTBSC.org

Evergreen Residential Care Inc.

1612 Evergreen Street, Charleston, SC 29407
1818 Norwood Street, Charleston, SC 29405

Both locations: approximately 5 miles from campus, 11 minute drive, 25 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: To provide a healthy, stable, quality and spacious environment for individuals who need assisted living.

*Background check, medical clearance, and PPD required

Contact: Clara Lesesne|843-744-1249|Evergreen_1818@hotmail.com|www.Evergreenassistedliving.20M.com

MUSC Coastal Connections

96 Johnathon Lucas Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately .8 mile from campus, 3 minute drive, 4 minute bike ride, 15 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: Coastal Connections is an MUSC-initiated program that utilizes student interns to assist patients with accessing resources in their local communities in order to promote overall patient health and well being. The program was started in response to the growing challenges faced by many MUSC patients and families as a result of economic hardships in recent years. In order for patients and their families to maintain optimal health, they must have access to the basics - adequate nutrition, clean and safe housing, access to education and job training, and appropriate childcare. Coastal Connections interns work closely with patients and families to identify their needs, connect them with resources, and ensure appropriate follow up. The result is a prescription for long-term health maintenance in addition to short-term treatment.

Volunteer Request: Coastal Connections need student volunteers to connect our patients and their families with non-medical resources. Our volunteers assist patients with accessing food stamps, WIC, their local food bank, utility assistance, locating a primary care physician, etc. The volunteers will operate out of a "help desk" within the Adult Emergency Department at MUSC Medical Center and accept non-medical referrals from physicians, nurses, and the patients themselves. This is similar to a physician giving a patient a "prescription" for food, for example, and the volunteer is essentially "filling" the prescription by making the patient an appointment with a primary care facility, local food bank, an appointment to apply for food stamps, etc. Two volunteers at a time will serve at the help desk to assist patients.

Volunteers will complete the traditional MUSC volunteer and Coastal Connections Program orientation (For fall 2014 semester).

Please apply online at: <https://ociois.quickbase.com/db/bievmvjz6?a=ShowPage&pageid=2>

Contact: Kristin Healy| 843-792-1253 | healykr@musc.edu
<http://www.muschealth.com/volunteer/healthlinks.htm>

Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center

Voluntary Service, 1st floor near main elevators, 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Approximately 1 mile from campus, 2 minute drive, 4 minute bike ride, 15 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: "To care for those who have borne the battle." We are a 92 bed tertiary, secondary, and primary care facility that delivers the best care anywhere to over 56,000 Veterans from coastal counties from the North Carolina border to Hinesville, GA. Our student volunteer program has received awards from both VA and the South Carolina Campus Compact. Our staff works individually with students to create high-impact opportunities to learn and serve based on each student's unique aspirations, and the chance to honor our Nation's Heroes is the best part.

Volunteer Request: Existing volunteer assignment opportunities are posted on our website but students seeking tailored opportunities are strongly encouraged to talk with us and explore assignments. We generally require a minimum commitment of one 4 hour shift per week; application, background check and health screening required at no charge. Free parking but note that parking is very limited until late 2014. Eligible for free meals after 30 days.

Contact: Fred [Lesinski|843-789-7488|Edmund.Lesinski@va.gov](mailto:Lesinski@va.gov) www.charleston.va.gov/giving

Roper Hospital

Volunteer Services: 1st floor, 316 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Approximately 1 mile from campus, 2 minute drive, 4 minute bike ride, 15 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: “Healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence.” Roper is a 400 bed facility located in downtown Charleston, SC. The facility is staffed with over 200 active volunteers and is usually at capacity for both service programs and student programs.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed to escort patients and family members to area of appointment from the registration area, work at ICU information desks, and to do office work in the legal department.

*Volunteers must commit to at least one 4 hour shift per week; volunteer orientation, background check and health screening along with paperwork are required; Uniforms, parking and meals are provided.

Contact: Lynne Collier|843-724-2080|lynne.collier@rsfh.com | www.rsfh.com

Hospice

Amedisys Hospice

1027 Physicians Dr. Suite 240, Charleston, SC 29414

Approximately 7 miles from Campus, 15 minute drive, 41 minute bike ride

*Service takes place at patients’ homes throughout Charleston; possibility to arrange transportation

Organization Mission/Goals: Provides comfort and care to patients who are facing life-limiting illnesses and no longer wish to seek curative treatment. We offer a support system of medical, social, psychological, and spiritual services to help our patients and their families’ achieve the best quality of life possible.

Volunteer Request: Seeking volunteers to visit and support patients, assist in bereavement support programs, and perform administrative tasks

*New hospice volunteers participate in free orientation training, background check and a two-step TB screening

Contact: Stephanie Reinhardt |843-554-7161|stephanie.reinhardt@amedisys.com|<http://www.amedisys.com>

Beacon Hospice

501 Wando Park Blvd Ste. 100, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Approximately 9 ½ miles from campus, 17 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: Beacon Hospice believes that the quality of a person’s life is not determined by the quantity of time that remains but rather the quality of time. We encourage our patients and families to participate in this journey in ways which will enrich all aspects of living and to seek preparation for death that is satisfactory to the individual.

Volunteer Request: Seeking direct care volunteer to assist and support patients; special project volunteers to work on events; volunteers to assist in administrative tasks

*Prior to volunteering, students must complete a volunteer application, complete volunteer training program, statement of health by physician if required, 2-step PPD test, and initial & random drug test (all provided by

Beacon Hospice). Direct patient volunteers will be required to complete CPR training prior to being assigned to patients.

Contact: Darrell Bare|843-972-0500|dbare@beaconhospicesc.com|www.beaconhospicesc.com

Embrace Hospice

3640 Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, SC 29418
Approximately 16 miles from campus, 25 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: Spiritually Driven, Quality Focused Care. When you “Embrace” hospice with us, you are not alone.

Volunteer Request: Patient Care volunteers needed to offer companionship to patients and their families. Do a variety of activities with the patient, giving the caregiver a break. Office volunteers to help with filing, copying, mailings, answering the phone and community events

*Background check and TB test are required yearly. Volunteer orientation is required before volunteering.

Contact: Sara prosser|843-749-0399|sprosser@embracehealthcare.org|www.embrace-hospice.com

Odyssey Hospice

5965 Core Road, Ste. 603 N. Charleston, SC 29406
Approximately 11 miles from campus, 17 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: To provide compassionate care to those we serve during the end of life’s journey through our commitment to clinical excellence and uncompromising service.

Volunteer Request: On-call Journey volunteers needed to provide a calming presence to those who may be alone and dying. Journey volunteers also allow family members and friends to be assured that their loved one is not alone during this transitional period; residential volunteers needed to visit and assist patients and families in their place of residency; Volunteers for Veteran Visiting Veterans Program needed: the goal of our program is to match specialized volunteers with our patients based on similar interests, personality traits, and goals of care.

*Background check, health related check and recent exam required. Volunteers must also attend an orientation session.

Contact: Dana Toth|843-554-4048|dtoth@odsyhealth.com| www.odsyhealth.com

Respite Care

Office: 405 King St, Charleston, SC 29403; Sites vary
Approximately 4 miles from campus, 10 minute drive, 20 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Respite Care Charleston (RCC) provides social day programs, support groups for early stage Alzheimer’s disease, and caregiver support groups for individuals and families affected by memory disorders. Participants in our respite programs enjoy memory stimulating socialization, music therapy and gentle exercise; family caregivers benefit from a much-needed break. Respite care is a short break from caregiving, and helps support and strengthen families, allowing the continuation of care in the home.

Since 1996, we’ve been committed to helping families in Charleston County who face the challenges of dealing with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. Our services are structured to help individuals and families from the beginning, during early diagnosis and throughout the continuum of care. If you or a family member has recently been diagnosed and you’re wondering what’s next, we’re here to help.

Volunteer Request: Enjoy good company, good food, and fabulous local artists and musicians while providing one-on-one companionship and assistance to individuals with dementia, giving caregivers a much needed break and allowing them to focus on their needs. Activities may include: painting, exercise, gardening, eating lunch together, 1:1 conversation.

Volunteers are needed for the duration of a respite program held weekdays at 4 different locations from 10am - 1.50pm. You may choose to come once a week, once a month, or more. Whatever best suits your schedule!

Johns Island - Tuesday and Thursday
 Mt. Pleasant - Monday and Wednesday
 North Charleston - Thursday
 West Ashley - Tuesday and Friday

*Volunteer Inquiry Form, onsite training, and orientation materials provided.

Contact: (843)647-7405 |Info@respitecarecharleston.org| Respitecarecharleston.org

Serenity Palliative and Hospice Care

12 Farmfield Avenue, Ste B. Charleston, South Carolina 29407
 Approximately 4 miles from campus, 10 minute drive, 20 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: To provide the highest quality of volunteer services for patients and their families through effective use of volunteer expertise, skills and talents

Volunteer Request: Direct Care Volunteers needed to help with running errands, light meal preparation, listening, and being a friendly visitor/companion; Clerical Volunteers needed to assist with answering the phones, making copies, and filing; Special Resources Volunteers needed to help with light yard-work and may help with baking birthday cakes

*Volunteers must successfully complete background test and drug test.

Contact: Carolina Witter|843-556-3119|cpwitter@aol.com

SouthernCare Hospice

9294 Medical Plaza Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406
 Approximately 17 miles from campus, 22 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: The mission of SouthernCare is to assure that residents of the communities have access to a program of care that enhances the quality of life for the terminally ill patients and their families.

Volunteer Request: The volunteer program at SouthernCare focuses on administrative support & marketing support to our Team Secretary and other members of our staff (Social Workers, Chaplain, Case Managers, Volunteer Coordinator, Admission Coordinators, and members of our Community Relations Team). Attention to detail, accuracy, and compliance to HIPAA regulations are strongly emphasized. Students will have a better understanding of the concept of hospice and the marketing aspect of our business. Understanding the marketing strategies & community relations applied by the volunteer services and how the volunteer program benefits patients/families and our organization are emphasized. Volunteers will gain hands-on experience in working with our team members to provide administrative/clerical support including answering phones and making phone calls to patients' families; copying and faxing documents; assembling admissions packets, volunteer training packets, and marketing packets and projects; filing; assisting with monthly statistical reports; representing SouthernCare at health and career fairs to educate the community about hospice services and marketing for new volunteer recruits; representing SouthernCare at various assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and senior center by facilitating life enrichment activities with the seniors as part of community relations.

Screening for volunteer candidates includes a nationwide & statewide background check and an interview with the

Volunteer Coordinator. Two hour training is provided. PPD shot and CPR training are also provided at no charge to the volunteers.

Two hours per month is the minimum required for volunteering. Hours are flexible. Volunteers may choose the areas in the Tri-County area in which to volunteer at. Volunteer opportunities are available during the week days and evenings, as well as on weekends.

Contact: Rachel Pineda|843-569-0870|Rachel.Pineda@southerncaresinc.com|www.southerncaresinc.com

United Hospice

1 Poston Rd—Suite 238, Charleston, SC 29407

Approximately 6 ½ miles from campus, 10 minute drive, 30 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: Holistic approach to treatment: caring for the physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being of every patient. Our care team will provide assistance in pain management, bereavement support, medical equipment, supplies, and medication related to the life-limiting illness, as well as consultation with the pharmacist and dietitians.

Volunteer Request: Administrative Volunteer needed for office work; Patient/Family Volunteer needed to provide companionship and comfort to our patients and families facing terminal illness in the tri-county area.

*Volunteers must complete the following: interview, application, background check, sanction check, drug screen, 2-step PPD, and 12 hours of training. 12 hours of continued education is required annually once on board.

Contact: Christine Benn|843-573-8623|abenn@uhs-pruitt.com|urready.com/United-Hospice.aspx

Literacy/Adult Education

PATCH Training School

2931D Spruill Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Approximately 5 ½ miles from campus, 11 minute drive, 25 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: PATCH Training School operates to provide education to the disadvantaged population, disabled, and low income. School's goal is to provide studies in the medical field in a less intimidating environment to prepare students for the workforce.

Volunteer Request: Teacher's Aid's needed to assist instructors in classroom setting and clinicals; office volunteer needed to assist in administration and public relations

*Background check, PPD, and medical clearance required.

Contact: Clara Lesesne|843-744-1249|evergreen_1818@hotmail.com|www.Evergreenassistedliving.20m.com

Trident Literacy Association

5416-B Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

Approximately 10 ½ miles from campus, 15 minute drive, 46 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: To increase literacy in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties by offering instruction, using a self-paced, individualized curriculum, in reading, writing, mathematics, English as a Second Language, GED-preparation and basic computer use.

Volunteer Request: Administrative Assistant (will work from downtown location at 472-E Meeting Street); Basic Computer Instructor to teach basic computer skills to low-literacy adults; Social Media Expert needed, help get ready for a social media-based fundraising initiative; Tutor/Education Assistant for Barbara Bush Family Literacy Program (will work from location on Reynolds Avenue in North Charleston from 9 to 1, Monday thru Thursday)

*Orientation provided. Background check required for anyone working with children in the Literacy Program

Contact: Eileen Chepenik|843-747-2223|echepenik@tridentlit.org|www.tridentlit.org

Legal

Charleston Police Department

180 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston, SC 29403

Approximately 1 ½ miles from campus, 5 minute drive, 8 minute bike ride, 33 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: The Mission of the Charleston Police Department Volunteer Program is to support the department by providing non-enforcement services that allow sworn officers to focus on their primary mission of Crime Prevention and Enforcement of state and city laws.

Volunteer Request: Community Services Officer (Traffic Division) to work directly with the public, provide service to stranded motorists, change tires, assist police officers at traffic collision scenes with traffic control, respond to calls for persons locked out of vehicles (keys left inside); Community Services Officer (Administrative Services): general administrative duties

*These are long-term positions. Volunteers are required to undergo a criminal background check. Students should visit the website and download an application, fill it out and send it in by mail, fax or bring it to the police department in person if they are interested in either of these program areas. Traffic Division volunteers must complete a training.

Contact: Sharon Robinson|843-720-2401(Sharon);843-991-3030(Stan)|robinsons@charleston-sc.gov(Sharon); halsteads@charleston-sc.gov(stan)|www.charlestonpdvolunteers.com

Impact of Crime Class

3841 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Approximately 8 miles from campus, 14 minute drive, 38 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: The Impact of Crime class is an educational program designed to teach offenders about the human consequences of crime. Offenders are taught how crime affects the victim and the victim's family, friends, and community, and how it also affects them and their own families, friends, and communities.

Volunteer Request: *Victim Speaker:* A key element of the classes is the direct involvement of victims and victim service providers. They tell their personal stories of being victimized or of helping victims to reconstruct their lives after a traumatic crime. Victim speakers are invited into the Impact of Crime class, first as an observer, and then – if comfortable – as a speaker. The speaker is welcome to share as little or as much about the victimization as he/she feels comfortable.

*Background check required.

Contact: Amy Barch|843-847-1089|asbarch@gmail.com|www.ovcttac.gov/victimimpact

Re-entry

The Alston Wilkes Society

117 S Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483

Approximately 25 miles from campus, 33 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: The Alston Wilkes Society helps clients make a successful transition back into society through assistance (housing, clothing, education, employment, counseling, transportation, etc.) and re-entry programs (anger management, parenting classes, life skills training, etc.)

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed to obtain business sponsorships and donations for the fundraisers; volunteers needed to serve on the Community Relations Council: The Council meets every other month to plan the Fundraiser in the fall. The meeting is held in Summerville at The Trident United Way.

Contact: April Morales|843-821-5000|amorales@alstonwilkessociety.org|www.alstonwilkessociety.org

Recreation

Park Circle Films

Olde Village Community Bldg. 4820 Jenkins Ave. North Charleston, SC 29405

Mail: PO Box 71514, North Charleston, SC 29415

Approximately 8 miles from campus, 15 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: Park Circle Films, located in North Charleston's Park Circle neighborhood, is an almost entirely volunteer-run non-profit organization that strives to "enrich the community through film" by offering access to first run independent films and documentaries. Advocating for the Arts in Charleston County.

Providing Essential and Educational Content for the Public: Attending a screening at Park Circle Films is not just about entertainment value. It often means that the patron takes away new knowledge and is exposed to different points of view. Many of our screenings, particularly public interest documentaries, are free to attend, providing an important civic service to our patrons.

PCF volunteers come from many different backgrounds and all have unique stories. We offer them an opportunity to connect with their community in a powerful way. Volunteer opportunities vary greatly in commitment and scope, giving everyone from college students to seniors a chance to take part. Volunteering for Park Circle Films also affords participants valuable networking opportunities in the arts community.

Volunteer Request: Ticketing (2 volunteers per screening) and Concessions (2 volunteers per screening)

- At least one Saturday evening per month requested, but not required. Can volunteer as often as once per week for this position.
- Volunteers arrive at 6:15pm to help set up for each Saturday night screening and run a simple tablet program so that patrons may pay for their tickets. After all patrons have paid for their seats, the volunteer is free to enjoy the show.
- Volunteers arrive at 6:15pm to help set up for each Saturday night screening and run a simple tablet program so that patrons may purchase refreshments. Concessions volunteers also make popcorn and have some extremely light cleaning duties after screenings. After all transactions are complete, the volunteer is free to enjoy the show.

Finance Assistant (1-2 needed)

- Approximately 1 hour per week commitment requested.

- PCF needs help with bookkeeping, financial planning, reports, etc. The specifics of this position will be discussed with our board's Vice President.
- *Great for an accounting or finance student.*

*Volunteer orientations are normally held once per month, but for students that are interested in Ticketing or Concessions, it is often not necessary to attend unless they feel uncomfortable using our tablet system.

Contact: Sarah Long|843-242-7181| slong@parkcirclefilms.org | parkcirclefilms.org

Spoletto Festival USA

14 George Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Approximately ½ mile from campus, 2 minute drive, 3 minute bike ride, 8 minute walk

Organization Mission/Goals: The Festival mission is to present programs of the highest artistic caliber while maintaining a dedication to young artists, a commitment to all forms of the performing arts, a passion for contemporary innovation, and an enthusiasm for providing unusual performance opportunities for established artists. This focus has brought the Festival international acclaim year after year.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers needed for secretarial work at front desk from September – December (as needed basis), January – March (regular schedule), April – June (regular schedule), and July – August (as needed basis)

*Volunteers will be given an office tutorial. Arts Management Degrees preferred but not required.

Contact: David Graham|843-722-2764|davidg@spoletousa.org|spoletousa.org

St. Andrew's Parks and Playground

1095 Playground Road, Charleston, SC 29407

Approximately 4 ½ miles from campus, 9 minute drive, 23 minute bike ride

Organization Mission/Goals: To enrich lives through parks, recreation and wellness.

Volunteer Request: Coaches needed for youth basketball program ages 4 - 10.

*Requires approximately 2 hours per week and some fundamentals of basketball. Background check required.

Contact: Ann Black|843-763-4360|adminassist@standrewsparks.com|standrewsparks.com

Charleston Port and Seafarers Society

Seafarers Center, Wando Welch Terminal, 400 Long Point Road, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

Approximately 10 miles from campus, 17 min drive

Organization Mission/Goals: The Charleston Port and Seafarers' society exists for the purpose of welcoming and serving the needs of those men and women who make their livelihood in the port or at sea, without regard for nationality, race, ethnicity, politics or religion.

Volunteer Request: 1 person - 1 or 2 x / month assist Administrator with updating Facebook & website in order to improve image and response from the general public.

* Administrator will arrange to meet them at the gate to bring them into the terminal. Unless the volunteer possess a valid TWIC card and S.C. Port Authority window decal the volunteer will have to leave their vehicle at gate of Wando Terminal and be escorted to the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society trailer.

Contact: Jerry Baldwin|843-442-1363|chapssmail@gmail.com| charlestonseafarers.org

Violence

My Sister's House, Inc.

Location Confidential

Organization Mission/Goals: My Sister's House, Inc., is a nonprofit organization founded in 1980 that provides services, programs and resources to empower domestic violence victims and their children to live free from abuse. The organization operates an emergency temporary shelter at an undisclosed location for up to 36 women and children who flee abusive situations in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties in South Carolina.

Volunteer Request: Telephone Counselor needed to operate 24-hour crisis line; Children's Aide to plan and implement recreational and educational activities for the young people who come to the shelter with their mothers; Shelter Aide needed to assist the Shelter Coordinator in various activities, such as making minor repairs, sorting donations, and taking inventory; Spanish-speaking Volunteers to help counselors provide information, advocacy services and counseling to Spanish-speaking domestic violence victims.

*All volunteers must clear a criminal background check, sex offender registry check & child abuse registry check. The cost is \$16. All volunteers attend an info session & 3 hour basic volunteer training. If a volunteer wishes to specialize (i.e., crisis line, children's program) there are more advanced trainings. Minimum volunteer commitment of 50 hours of service annually.

Contact: Damitra Hilton|843.744.3242|damitra@mysistershouse.com|www.mysistershouse.org

People Against Rape

2154 North Center Street, STE 302-C, North Charleston, SC 29406

Approximately 14 miles from campus, 20 minute drive

Organization Mission/Goals: In serving the community, PAR strives to provide high quality advocacy & support services to women, children, & men who are survivors of sexual violence & to empower them along their healing process; to provide education, prevention & awareness to the public about issues of sexual violence.

Volunteer Request: On-call Volunteer Victim Advocates: after completing training, volunteers assist victims of sexual assault directly. This can be done through hospital accompaniment while victims are receiving their sexual assault exam and by answering hotline calls as well; Also seeking event volunteers as needed

*All volunteers must first have an interview with the Volunteer Coordinator and pass a criminal background check. Volunteer Victim Advocates must also complete a 25 hour training to become certified.

Contact: Ruby Godley|843-745-0144|rgodley@peopleagainstrape.org|www.peopleagainstrape.org