

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Why? How? Where? Me?

WHY? Serving in your community provides many benefits to all people. As a youth, volunteering provides you with many opportunities—whether it is **exploring careers, finding a job, growing personally, or helping others—all while building ties to your hometown community.**



HOW? Ok—so I want to serve, how do I get started?

Browse through this brochure, think about your strengths and interests, and choose a site that best fits these characteristics.

Should I call first? Yes, you must call the organization to schedule a meeting about possibly volunteering.

What else do I need to know? Most importantly, you should know the organization, where they are located, a phone number, and tasks given to volunteers at this organization.

NOTE: Some volunteer sites require an orientation and/or special training.



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”

~Margaret Mead

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Volunteer Sites in Clark County
Volunteer Center: 322-4262
Website: <http://www.uwccmc.org>



WHERE? The communities in the surrounding areas have several service sites that utilize volunteers daily. Many of the interest areas include:



Animals

Clerical

Children/Tutoring

Churches (Please contact your local church.)

Government/Voting

Hospitals/Health Care

Maintenance/General Labor

Neighborhood Associations

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Recreation/Scouting

Schools (Please contact your local school.)

Short Term/Group Projects

Thrift Stores

Many of the specific sites are located on the flip side of this brochure. This listing of volunteer opportunities may be accessed online at: <http://www.uwccmc.org>

ME? Yes, you can serve in your community, regardless of your abilities, skills, or knowledge.

WHO else serves?

Many people volunteer— even famous people like: **Shaquille O’Neal, Mariah Carey, Steven Spielberg, Mia Hamm, Oprah Winfrey, Lance Armstrong, Bill Gates, and Dave Matthews Band.**

These people have founded organizations to raise funds for people dealing with many different issues. For more details check out:

http://fdncenter.org/yip/youth_celebrity.html

~“What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another.”

~Harold Kushner

Volunteer Sites in Clark County



All sites utilize teens and adults

Δ=Willing to consider court-ordered community service

American Red Cross ^Δ	399-3872	Elderly United ^Δ	323-4948	Parent Infant Center ^Δ (age: 14+)	322-4939
Belle Manor Nursing Home (age: 14+)	845-3561	Girls Scouts of Buckeye Trails Council ^Δ (age: 14+)	275-7601	Pregnancy Resource Center (Christian, pro-life organization)	525-3780
Camp Fire ^Δ (age: 16+)	236-6115	Habitat for Humanity (age=17+ or 18+=to use power tools)	325-2514	Ridgewood Nursing & Rehabilitation (age: 16+)	399-8131
Christmas Clearing Bureau	322-4262	Interfaith Hospitality Network ^Δ	325-8154	Rocking Horse Center (age: 16+)	324-1111 x110
City of Springfield—Culture Fest (age: high school)	324-7696	Junior Achievement (grades 9-12 and adults)	323-4725	Salvation Army ^Δ (age: 15+)	322-3434
Clark Cty. Board of Elections (11th or 12th grades +)	328-2491	Kinder Care Learning Center (age: 16+)	399-3795	Sharonview Nursing Home (age: 14+)	937-568-4342
Clark Cty. Humane Society ^Δ (age: 13+)	399-2917 x17	Mercy Medical Center ^Δ (age: 14+)	390-5236	Springfield Foundation ^Δ (11th or 12th grades +)	324-8773
Clark State Performing Arts Center ^Δ (age: 14+)	328-6082	Mercy St. John's Center (age: 14+)	399-9910	Springfield Museum of Art ^Δ	324-3729
Clark Cty. Waste Management District ^Δ	328-4590	MRDD (age:14+)	328-5200	Springfield Peace Center ^Δ (8th grade +)	327-3977
Community Family Service Center ^Δ (age: high school)	322-1662	National Trail Parks & Recreation District ^Δ	328-7275	Springfield YMCA ^Δ	323-3781
Community Hospital ^Δ (age: 14+)	328-9424	Oakwood Village ^Δ	342-8426	Tecumseh YMCA ^Δ (age: 15+)	845-3513
Council of Neighborhood Association	328-3480	Odd Fellows Home ^Δ (IOOF) (age: 16+)	399-8311	The Volunteer Center	322-4262
Del Pueblo Inc., Tutoring & Mentoring Program (age: high school +)	845-8670	Oesterlen Services for Youth	937-398-0220	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers C.J. Brown Dam & Reservoir ^Δ	325-2411
		Ohio Masonic Home ^Δ (age: 14+)	937-525-3026		
		OSU Extention Office ^Δ	328-4607		

What is Service Learning?

Service learning is a way for volunteers to learn outside of the classroom—by connecting service to course curriculum.

Benefits include enhanced comprehension and retention of course material and the understanding of social justice—along with many additional benefits.

Service learning may be utilized at any age of learning—ranging from elementary to college courses. Service learning is also utilized in careers.

Explore service learning's many options at: <http://www.servicelearning.org>