

Potential Volunteer Projects with Floyd County Organizations

The Floyd County 211 Information and Referral Line suggests contacting area organizations to discover needs people have which adults and or students may be able to help. There are volunteer and or donation opportunities. These are some of the many worthwhile organizations to consider helping. Of course, there are many more groups and activities as well.

Contact the organization listed below directly when interested in a project. This Potential Project List is provided by Jim Bradshaw, Floyd County 211 Director, bradshawj@floydcountyga.org or 706-235-2308. If you do sponsor a project, I would appreciate you letting me know how you helped one of these groups.

- 1) **Rome Action Ministries** (a Food Pantry). Served over 15,000 people this year and more than 400,000 lbs of food. Distributed through South Broad United Methodist Church, 546 South Broad Street, M-F, 10:30am – 12:00 noon and Garden Lakes Baptist Church, 2200 Redmond Circle, Mon, Wed, and Thu, 5:00-6:30 pm. **Projects:** Bags of Blessings...a project where they provide grocery bags with a printed list of items needed which people can donate canned goods. Kathy Aiken-Freeman, Rome Action Ministries Director. Office: 291-7731. Helping to unload and sort the monthly delivery from the Atlanta Food Bank contact Bill Davies, dhomles@gmail.com.
- 2) **William Davies Homeless Shelters for Men and Women.** Each location has about 12-14 persons per night. **Projects:** They need toiletries...people can buy and put toothbrush, paste, deodorant, etc in a large sandwich bag. Or another idea is to supply a supper for them one night at one or both places. They need meals 7 days per week. Donations welcome to “sponsor a bed”. There is one new telephone number for both Shelters: 706-622-5622.
- 3) **Third Street Ministry.** Ministry to the homeless. Weekly ministry of food, clothes, Bible Study counseling. **Projects:** donations of personal items, clothes, and Bible Study materials. Beau Gordon, 706-225-9121, founder. www.thirdstreetministries.org.
- 4) **Salvation Army.** In 2008, served 18,320 meals, clothing give a ways 31,131, housing of 20 beds per night for homeless, and thousands of dollars of financial assistance. **Projects:** Donation of food, clothes, and household items as well as fund raising. Located at 317 Second Avenue. Captain Tim and Captain Eileen Farrell. 706-291-4745.
- 5) **Good Neighbors Ministries.** Helps people with paying utility bills and medicines, etc. Helps approximately 40 people per day, Mon – Fri, 9:00-11:30 am. Volunteers and donations. **Projects:** Volunteer in-take workers to interview people seeking help. Other projects: clean up days, fundraising, etc. Located at 209 East Second Avenue. Stephanie Ortman, President. Office: 706-291-0556.

- 6) **Literacy Center and ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes at the Rome-Floyd County Library.** Volunteers work one-on-one tutoring with adult students teaching them to read. Also offered on a semester basis and hosted through the Georgia Northwestern Technical College in cooperation with the Rome-Floyd County Library's Language and Literacy Center, are ESL Classes. **To volunteer** contact Barbara Raybon at 706-236-4617 or braybon@romelibrary.com. Volunteers are always needed and students are highly motivated. It is a very beneficial service and a rewarding experience.
- 7) **Community Kitchen.** Several churches sponsor a lunch meal for anyone who needs it. This is often referred to as the soup kitchen. Some of the sponsors are: St. Peter's Episcopal, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist, and First Presbyterian Church, and others. Serves approximately 150 -180 people per day. **Projects:** Food Donation and raising funds for meals. Call: Lisa Stunkel 706-356-5705.
- 8) **Meals and More** is sponsored by several churches. A take-out meal in a sack is distributed from First Christian Church, 500 East First Street, on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. Office: 706-291-7465. **Projects:** Volunteers to serve food and donations needed.
- 9) **Aids Resource Council.** AIDS Resource Council provides education about the prevention and spread of AIDS. It also provides free HIV testing. The AIDS Resource council works to improve the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS by responding to existing and emerging needs, and provides emergency assistance funds for housing, utilities (Not phone service), and transportation. **Projects:** Raise funds for cost of HIV/AIDS test. Personal packets with toiletries. etc. 706-290-9098. www.aidsresoucecouncil.org.
- 10) **Open Door Home for Boys/Girls.** A shelter and ministry providing for the needs of the dependent, neglected, and/or abused children of Northwest Georgia and helping them to live a healthier, happier and more productive life. **Projects:** Although you can not visit the Home due to security and confidentiality issues, you could sponsor a pizza party, or movie night with popcorn, or ice cream sundae social for the students; donate school supplies, good conditioned and popular clothes and sporting equipment/ shoes, etc. Office: 706-232-6662. www.opendoorome.org.
- 11) **100 Black Men of Rome.** Activities and mentoring through many projects in the community for African Americans men which help all ages and through many community events. Please see: www.100blackmen.org.
- 12) **Martin Luther King, Jr Commission.** P.O. Box 1532, Rome, GA 31062. 706-235-7415. Rome has the one of the longest observances and most events of the MLK Jr. observance in the State of Georgia. There are many activities and events during the weekend for people to participate and volunteer. Contact information: 706-235-7415. agac344047@aol.com

- 13) Harbor House** (A place for counseling for children of neglect or abuse). Provides a safe/non-threatening environment in a homelike setting for interviews of and services for children who may have been abused; includes a waiting area and playroom, interview room, and conference room. **Projects:** donations of any type small stuffed animal (similar to a beanie baby), workday outside in yard, small packs of crackers and juice boxes. Office: 235-5437. www.mwqa-cac.org.
- 14) Floyd County C.A.S.A. Program (Court Appointed Special Advocate).** Mission: to provide training and supervision to volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children who are under the jurisdiction of the Floyd County Juvenile Court. The program is organized under the auspices of the NW GA Child Advocacy Center Harbor House. **Volunteer Opportunities:** For more information contact Sue Lagermann at 706-235-2272 or floydgacasa@earthlink.net.
- 15) Habitat for Humanity.** Habitat locally was founded in 1984 and has built over 28 houses. Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat has built more than 175,000 houses around the world, providing safe, decent, affordable shelter for more than 900,000 people. **Projects:** Volunteer to work on a yard or house. Donate items to the Home Mart (which is in the Central Plaza Shopping Center on Second Avenue). Bruce Day, Executive Director. 706-378-3068. www.habitatrome.com.
- 16) Free Clinic of Rome.** Providing free medical care to those without insurance. **Projects:** Distribute flyers publicizing ministry, fund raising, collecting magazines for waiting room. **Volunteer Opportunities** for office work and doctors, nurses, and dentists needed. Barbara Earle, Executive Director. 706-234-1331 or bearle@bellsouth.net.
- 17) Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital.** Patients/residents/clients with mental health, addiction. **Projects:** They can use toiletries and personal items, and to send greeting cards for them, and items for gifts at Christmas. 706-295-6011, Lara Walton, Activity Therapy Supervisor.
- 18) Hospitality House.** Helps women and their families in crisis to utilize services to help her and her family regarding domestic violence. **Projects:** Donations of toys, clothes, school supplies, toiletry and personal items. 706-235-4673. www.hospitality-house.org.
- 19) Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia. Volunteer opportunities for women and men include:** 24-hour crisis hotline response, Hospital accompaniment, In-person advocacy, Court accompaniment, Community awareness, Fundraising. For more information contact Caroline Gattis at: office: 706-292-9024 or cgattis@sacnwga.org.

- 20) Community in Schools.** Provides training for volunteers to become mentors at City and County Schools. **Volunteer opportunities:** Mentoring. Contact Nancy Griffin at 706-802-5740 or griffincis@bellsouth.net.
- 21) Migrant Children through the Rome City Schools.** Mrs. Sylvia Castillo, Migrant Education Advocate, 706-232-5513, ext 2221, scastillo@rcs.rome.ga.us. **Projects:** School supplies, books and materials in English and Spanish, clothes.
- 22) disAbility Link.** Providing services to the physically disabled. Disability Link is a nonprofit organization led by people with disabilities. Services include: Advocacy, Independent Living Skills training, Peer Support, Information and Referral, Ramps/Home Modifications. **Projects:** donations welcome of all type of household goods and medical equipment, and to the Assistive Technology Resource Center. **Projects:** Small remodeling projects, home modification, and wheel chair ramps. Contact Christina Holtzclaw, 706-314-0008.
- 23) SOW, Inc. (Serving Others Worldwide).** Homeless Day Shelter and Family Homeless Shelter, 404 South Broad Street. **Projects:** Volunteers can work in many different capacities. Needed items: food, bottled water, Gatorade, deodorant, etc. Also, there are opportunities to help in their new family homeless shelter. Contact: Michael Jones, 706-209-8269 or mike@sowcorporation.com or see sow, inc on Facebook.
- 24) Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Retirement Centers.** Please see the Yellow Pages for numerous listings. Ask for their Activities Director. **Projects:** lead sing-a-longs, visits, make greeting cards, adopt a grandparent, etc.
- 25) City of Rome School system and Floyd County School system.** Contact any school for **Donation opportunities.** Ask to speak to the school counselor: for example many students do not have needed school supplies or a winter coat, or specific items such as shoes, or new items such as underwear and clothing items or Christmas gifts and toys for underprivileged students. Please see: www.rcs.rome.ga.us and www.floydboe.net (individual school web sites are listed).
- 26) Thanksgiving Love Feast.** Well over 2 decades old and serving free meals on Thanksgiving Day to over 2, 500 people, founder Rev. Terrell Shields invites everyone from the community to volunteer, donate, and or attend the event. Donations of food, financial donations, winter clothes, and volunteers are always needed and welcome. Food and donations can be dropped off on Wednesday the day before Thanksgiving. Please contact Rev. Shields for more information on volunteer opportunities: 707-234-2091. Mailing address: Thanksgiving Love Feast, P.O. Box 161, Rome, GA 30161.

