

Volunteer Opportunities

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Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County

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The Volunteer Opportunities list is designed to enhance volunteerism in Cayuga County. Contact Barbara Bowen at the Human Services Coalition to add or delete volunteer opportunities. You may also browse the website, www.human-services.org or consult *Living in Cayuga County – A Community Directory* for volunteer opportunities.

(A “Y” indicates a Youth Opportunity - see list of organizations offering youth volunteer opportunities on page 8.)

Alzheimer’s Association – memory walk volunteer, support group facilitator, speakers’ bureau, committee members for finance, programs, services and development. Contact Catherine James or other staff at 315-472-4201. E-mail: alzcnyc@alzcnyc.org; Website: www.alzcnyc.org.

American Cancer Society – patient drivers, advocacy, education for prevention, patient services, fundraising. Contact Nancy Rifanburg in the Cayuga County unit at 315-437-7025. Website: www.cancer.org.

American Red Cross – Instructor of First Aid/CPR/AED; blood donor caller; Disaster Action Team (DAT) member; Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) team member; office volunteer. Contact Susan Marteney at 315-252-9596. E-mail: chapter@ccredcross.org; Website: www.unitedwayofcayugacounty.org/redcross/. “Y”

Arthritis Foundation – office support, bulk mailings, support group leaders and health fairs. Phone 315-637-3568. E-mail: info.uny@arthritis.org; Website: www.arthritis.org.

Auburn Drug & Alcohol Treatment Court – opportunities available for those with an interest in working with people with drug/alcohol problems. Contact Carol Colvin 315-253-3001. E-mail: ccolvin@courts.state.ny.us.

Auburn Hospitality Center (Auburn Correctional Facility) – fundraising, public relations, reading or playing with children. Phone: 315-253-0121.

Auburn Human Rights Commission – youth members wanted. Contact Merritt Fletcher 315-252-2929. Website: www.ci.auburn.ny.us. “Y”

Auburn Memorial Hospital – rehabilitation services transporter, clinic receptionist; nutritional services cashier, one-day surgery volunteer, youth volunteers. Contact Judy Santillo at 255-7350. Website: www.auburnhospital.org. “Y”

Auburn Nursing Home - variety of volunteer opportunities for adults and students (must be 16 years or older). Contact Deb DiMatteo at 315-253-7351. “Y”

Auburn Public Theater – many positions available in all aspects of theatrical production. Contact Angela Daddabbo at 315-253-6669. E-mail: angela@auburnpublictheater.com; Website: www.auburnpublictheater.com.

Aurora of CNY – mass mailings, assist with special projects, fundraising events, speaker's bureau, assistance with craft and support groups, reader for book clubs and staffing at the NYS Fair. Contact 315-422-7263. Voice 315-422-9746/TDD. E-mail: auroracny@auroraofcny.org; Website: www.auroraofcny.org.

Booker T. Washington Community Center – after school programs volunteer, tutor, dance chaperone. Contact Monique at 315-253-3207. E-mail: moniqueww@btwcc.org; Website: www.btwcc.org. “Y”

Boy Scouts of America – summer camp staff, cub pack leaders, scout troop leaders, Venture Crew leaders, Explorer Post leaders. Phone 315-252-9579. Website: www.scouting.org.

C.A.\$.H. (Creating Hope, Assets, Savings and Hope) – volunteers needed during tax season to greet and screen clients and to prepare and review tax returns. Training is provided prior to the tax season. Volunteer assistance is needed in the United Way office to provide administrative support for the C.A.\$.H. program. Contact Kathy Krasniak at 315-253-9741. E-mail: kkrasniak@unitedwayofcayugacounty.org; Website: www.unitedwayofcayugacounty.org.

CNY Developmental Services Office – volunteer opportunities to support and advocate for the developmentally disabled. Contact Robbie Stuart 315-253-6283. Website www.omr.state.ny.us

CNY Eye and Tissue Bank – office assistant volunteer, event volunteer, community information volunteer. Contact Darlene Smith at 315-476-0199. E-mail: cashby@unyts.org; Website: www.cnyetb.org.

Camp Columbus – volunteers to assist counselors with arts and crafts, music, drama, dance, sports, swimming and meals. Contact Mark Covich at 315-621-0154. Website: www.sencayarc.org.

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes – volunteer opportunities depend on time of year/projects, especially around the HEAP season. Contact Laurie Trojnor at 315-253-2222. E-mail: ccflaub@dor.org; Website: www.catholiccharitiesfl.org.

Cayuga Community College – instructors for Cayuga's Institute for Learning and Living, a program serving developmentally disabled adults. Contact Bruce Blodgett at 315-255-1743. Website: www.cayuga-cc.edu

Cayuga Counseling Services Inc. – S.A.V.A.R. advocate, Youth Court and opportunities in other programs. Contact Ray Bizzari at 315-253-9795. E-mail: ccsinc@bci.net; Website: www.cayuganet.org/cayugacounseling. “Y”

Cayuga County Emergency Management Office – auxiliary police. Contact Brian Dahl at 315-255-1161. E-mail: ccoes@co.cayuga.ny.us; Website: www.co.cayuga.ny.us/ccemo.

Cayuga County Habitat for Humanity – construction, painting, office support and committee opportunities available. Contact Jennifer Banas at 315-255-1427. E-mail: info@cayugahabitat.org; Website: www.habitat.org.

Cayuga County Office for the Aging – Alzheimer’s Community Service Program Volunteer Respite provider, home delivered meals delivery, office assistance. Contact Nancy Siefka at 315-253-1226. E-mail: ccofa@co.cayuga.ny.us; Website: www.co.cayuga.ny.us/aging.

Cayuga County Office of Tourism – visitor information assistant. Contact Jesse Kline at 255-1658. E-mail: info@tourcayuga.com; Website: www.tourcayuga.com.

Cayuga County W.I.C. Program – someone to read stories in the waiting room. Contact Mary Beth Hogan at 315-253-1406. Website: www.co.cayuga.ny.us/hhs/doh/wic/index.htm.

Cayuga Health Association – Meals on Wheels drivers, deliverers, cooks, office help. Contact Tessi Spearing at 315-253-5356. E-mail: info@cayugahealth.org; Website: www.cayugahealth.org.

Cayuga Museum – docents, museum guides, research assistant, children’s program assistant. Contact Eileen McHugh at 315-253-8051. Website: www.cayuganet.org/cayugamuseum.

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency Inc. – food pantry stocker. Phone 315-252-0038, x240. E-mail: cscaal@telcove.net; Website: www.cscaa.com.

Center for Dispute Settlement – volunteer mediators needed. Contact Patricia Levin at 252-4260. E-mail: plevin@cadsadr.org; Website: www.cadsadr.org.

Champions for Life Sports Center – front desk, birthday party host, soccer coaching. Contact Mike Henty at 315-252-9305. E-mail: sports@championsforlife.org; Website: www.championsforlife.org.

Chapel House Homeless Shelter – 4-hour shifts every day. Contact Sandi Mettler at 315-255-2060 or Sue at 253-0505. E-Mail: chapelhouseinc@verizon.net; Website: www.chapelhouse.webs.com.

Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic – variety of volunteer opportunities available. Phone: 315-462-9561. Website: www.cshosp.com/index.php.

Community Services Board (CSB) of Cayuga County – attend meetings of the CSB and its three subcommittees on mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities and alcoholism and substance abuse. Contact Linda Albrecht at 315-253-2746.

Community Wide Dialogue – dialogue participant, dialogue leader, marketing administrative support. Email: lullyette@gmail.com

CONTACT (Telephone Counseling Services) – telephone workers undergo 50 hours of training before staffing the help-line a minimum of 8 hours per month. Contact Mary Mol at 315-251-1400, x104. Website: www.contactsyracuse.org.

Cornell Cooperative Extension – opportunities for adults who enjoy youth and willing to volunteer time to help them grow, serve as instructors, judges or 4-H club leaders. Contact Dorothy Dresser at 315-255-1183. E-mail: Cayuga@cornell.edu; Website: www.cce.cornell.edu/cayuga.html.

E. John Gavras Center – classroom volunteers including reading partners. Contact Cathy Barrigar at 315-255-2746. Website: www.gavrascenter.com.

EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) – clerical duties, workshop organizer, data entry, parent workshop facilitation. Contact Dawn Van Orman at 315-253-8583. E-mail: vanormand@epicforchildren.org; Website: www.epicforchildren.org.

Epilepsy Foundation – provide services and information regarding epilepsy, help with grant-writing and other fund-raising projects. Contact Debra Lewis 315-477-9777. E-mail: d_lewis@epilepsy-uny.org; Website: www.epilepsy-uny.org.

Fair Housing Council of CNY – Civil Rights Investigator. Contact Amy Emerson 315-471-0420. Website: www.cnyfairhousing.org.

Feral Cat Friends – volunteers conduct trap/neuter/vaccinate/release (TNVR) clinics at local veterinary hospitals several times a year for stray and feral cats (no pets). Call 315-252-2406.

First Love Ministries – help prepare and serve meals in the soup kitchen as well as clean up. Phone 315-252-1984.

Finger Lakes Center for Living – Volunteer opportunities available. Contact Judy Santillo at 315-255-7350. E-mail: jsantillo@auburnhospital.org; Website: www.auburnhospital.com/locations/longtermcare.html.

Finger Lakes SPCA of Central New York – dog walker, animal socializer, pet therapy, clerical assistance, cleaning, animal caregiver. Contact Carol Russell at 315-253-5841. E-mail: flspca_cny@yahoo.com; Website: www.flspca.org. “Y”.

Freedom Recreation Services – Sibshop Coordinator, Freedom Camp Counselor, Freedom riders (horse riding). Contact Mary Ellen Perry at 315-253-5465. E-mail: frs@centralny.twcbc.com; Website: www.cayuganet.org/frs. “Y”

Girl Scouts – Seven Lakes Council – troop/group leader, teen advisor, program consultant, recruitment assistant, communications coordinator. Contact Lisa Kaminski at 315-539-5085. E-mail: lkaminski@girlscoutssevenlakes.org; Website: www.girlscoutssevenlakes.org.

Gordon Eadie Activity Center – assist with crafts, games and walking participants with memory loss on Tuesdays. Contact Doreen Warren at 315-255-2286.

Harriet Tubman Home, Inc. – docents, secretarial, office work, yard work, landscaping. Contact Christine or Paul Carter at 315-252-2081. E-mail: hthome@localnet.com.

Harriet Tubman Residential Center – mature individuals who would be comfortable tutoring basic math and reading skills to educationally disadvantaged youth. Contact Margaret Rice-Harvey at 315-255-3481.

Healthy Men & Women Partnership – coalition/advisory board member, outreach worker, clerical assistant. Contact Kim Abate at 315-253-1455. Website: www.co.cayuga.ny.us

Hospice of the Finger Lakes – patient care, bereavement, office support, fundraising for special events, respite for families. Contact Debra Bryant at 315-255-2733. Website: www.hospiceofthefingerlakes.org

Howd's Rehabilitation and Extended Care Facility at Moravia – volunteers welcome. Contact Gerri Bernard at 315-497-0440.

Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County – task group members, special projects assistance, needs assessment support, internships. Contact Barbara Bowen at 315-253-9743. E-mail: hsc@human-services.org; Website: www.human-services.org. “Y”

Leadership Cayuga – advisory council, program planning, extra “pair of hands”, alumni coordinator. Contact Ginny Kent at 315-252-7292. E-mail: leadership@cayugacountychamber.com.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – office assistance, event assistance. Contact Carrie Scholtz at 315-471-1050. Website: www.lls.org/cny.

Literacy Volunteers of Cayuga County – tutors, office staff. Contact Elisa Hunt at 315-253-5241. E-mail: lvacayco@dreamscape.com; Website: www.unitedwayofcayugacounty.org/lva.

March of Dimes – communication committee members, special events workers, and clerical help. Contact Rhonda O'Connor at 315-463-0700. E-mail: roconnor@marchofdimes.com; Website: www.marchofdimes.com/newyork/.

Matthew House – volunteer opportunities for caring, compassionate people to be resident caregivers and house caregivers. Contact Wendy Young at 315-252-2052. E-mail: info@matthewhouse.org; Website: www.matthewhouse.net. “Y”

Mercy Health and Rehab Center – pastor care visitors, activities assistants, gift show, sewing (mending). Contact Judy Greco at 315-253-0351. E-mail: jgreco@choiceonemail.com; Website: www.mercyrehab.net.

Merry-Go-Round Playhouse – ushers for summer musical theatre. Contact Hilary Ford at 315-255-1305. E-mail: info@merry-go-round.com; Website: www.merry-go-round.com.

Montessori School of the Finger Lakes – welcome and sign-in desk, classroom helpers, presenters for special programs, internships. Contact Gilda Brower at 315-252-2225. Website: www.fingerlakesmontessori.com.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) – workshop presenters, board members. Contact Terri Wasilenko at 315-255-7443.

National Kidney Foundation of CNY – volunteers help to provide patient services in their community, members for the Cayuga County Kidney Coalition, staff KEEP screenings in this county. Contact Marion Makhuli at 315-476-0311. E-mail: info@cnykidney.org;

Website: www.cnykidney.org.

Neighborhood House – painter/handyperson, fall and spring yard work. Contact Sue Jones at 315-252-5741. E-mail: neighse@choiceonemail.com.

Ombudsman Program for Elderly – help ensure quality treatment and quality of life for long term care residents. Volunteers receive, investigate and resolve complaints and provide services to help residents protect their health, safety, welfare and rights. Training is provided. Contact Options for Independence at 315-255-3447.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) – variety of volunteer opportunities available. Contact Mary Ann Kolo at 315-255-1733. E-mail: mkolo@ci.auburn.ny.us.

SAVAR of Cayuga Counseling Services – hotline advocate. Contact Candy Pridgeon at 315-253-9795. For Speakers Bureau information contact Rosa Grube at 253-9795. Website: www.cayuganet.org/savar/.

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) – advise small business owners and start-ups. Contact Bob Steigerwald or Nelsa Selover at 315-252-7291. E-mail: auburnscore@verizon.net.

Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center – gallery receptionist. Contact Stephanie Schuster at 315-255-1553. E-mail: sschuster@schweinfurthartcenter.org; Website: www.myartcenter.org.

Seneca/Cayuga ARC – assist children and adults in program and community settings. Contact Susan Witchey at 315-539-5067. E-mail: mail@sencayarc.org; Website: www.sencayarc.org.

SS. Peter and John Episcopal Church – set up tables and chairs, carry supplies from storeroom, assist in the soup kitchen. Phone 315-252-5721.

SS. Peter & Paul School – special programs, crafts, chaperone opportunities. Contact Sr. Kathleen or Mrs. Regets at 315-252-5567 or 252-5721. E-mail: sspsschaub@hotmail.com; Website: www.sspeterpaul.info.

St. Joseph School – fundraising, subcommittee participation, parental involvement, other support. Contact Kathleen Coye at 315-253-8327.

Success by 6 – readers to young children, book drive organizers, monthly meeting participants. Contact Nancy Tehan at 315-255-2746.

Sunshine Friends, Inc. – pet therapy programs brings pets to visit Central NY facilities every month. Phone 315-457-7622. Website: www.sunshinefriends.org.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly – individuals to prepare and review tax returns are needed with training provided in January. Phone at 315-255-1565 during tax season.

The Pregnancy Care Center of Greater Cayuga County – offer peer counseling after training, Material Aid Store organizers, and fundraising event assistance. Contact Nancy Marland at 315-255-2778. E-mail: pccauburn@hotmail.com; Website: www.imightbepregnant.com.

The Salvation Army – food pantry volunteer, soup kitchen volunteer, disaster services team member. Contact Dennis or Traci Cregan at 315-253-0319.
E-mail: dennis.cregan@use.salvationarmy.org . “Y”

Transportation Project for Cayuga County – SCAT van drivers and escorts. Contact Donna at 315-253-0996.

Tyburn Academy – secretarial duties, assist with student field trips and activities, coaching sports, website maintenance. Contact Jean Hogan at 315-252-2937. E-mail: info@tyburnacademy.com; Website: www.tyburnacademy.com.

United Way of Cayuga County – United Way Campaign volunteer. Contact Gail Homick at 315-253-9741. E-mail: uway@unitedwayofcayugacounty.org; Website: www.unitedwayofcayugacounty.org.

Unity House – greeter, phone operator, clerical work and drivers. Contact Ms. Becker at 315-253-6227, x332. Website: www.unityhouse.com.

Van Dyke Addiction Treatment Center – drivers for group meetings, internships for students in AOD curriculums, counseling assistants. Contact Nancy Coppede at 607-869-5609 x 327.
E-mail: nancycoppede@oasas.state.ny.us.

Victim/Witness Service – provide support to victims of crime. Contact Carrie Kresler at 315-253-1494. E-mail: cayugada@cayuga-county.us.

Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural Museum – crafts people to share skills, tour guides, greeters, painting, landscaping, cleaning. Contact Tim Quill at 315-252-7644.

Westminster Manor – companionship, assist with outings, seasonal decorating, substitute bridge players, transportation and general clerical help. Contact Judith Hollister at 315-252-0507. E-mail: westminstermanor@centralny.twcbc.com.

YMCA Y-Pals – youth and adult volunteers to work with children as mentors. Contact Susan at 315-253-5304. E-mail: staff@auburnymca.net; Website: www.auburnymca.org . “Y”

Youth Court of Cayuga County – volunteer members must attend a Cayuga County school and be at least in 7th grade or age 14. Members are trained through meetings and workshops and should have an interest in criminal justice and the court process. Contact Sandy Richardson at 315-253-9795, x145. Website: www.cayuganet.org/cayugacounseling/ “Y”

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

List of organizations offering youth volunteer opportunities – find the organization in alphabetical listing above for description of the opportunity.

American Red Cross

Auburn Human Rights Commission

Auburn Memorial Hospital

Auburn Nursing Home

Booker T. Washington Community Center

Cayuga Counseling Services Inc.

Finger Lakes SPCA of Central New York

Freedom Recreation Services

Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County

Matthew House

The Salvation Army

YMCA Y-Pals

Youth Court of Cayuga County

Teenagers who wish to volunteer may request “25 Ways for Teenagers to Help Others by Volunteering” for helpful tips and ideas about volunteering. Call the Human Services Coalition office at 315-253-9743 or e-mail hsc@human-services.org to request the handout.