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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY

Compiled by the FCC Service & Giving team, this list provides contact information for local agencies vetted and recommended for financial support by S&G. The final page provides a list of various *other* volunteer activities to which individual FCC members devote their time and talents but which do not receive our official financial support. We hope you will find here some volunteer opportunities that fit your own interests and talents, as we strive to humbly express God's love in our world by our service.

***FCC Service & Giving Team meets monthly
10 a.m., 2nd Thursday. Join us!***

Members as of October, 2022: Bill Shaffer (chair), Mark Acker, Pat Argue, Susan Bonk, Sheila Clendenning, Lil Dashner, Jim Hollingsworth, Sharon Johnson, Nancy Kaczor, Stephanie Lowder, Catherine Lynch, Karla Miller, Bruce Mills, Bob McLendon, Phil Taylor, Alice & Mike Tenold, Elle Travis, Dana Vannoy, Ken Whitney

Contact any of us If you have questions about agencies we support on behalf of our congregation.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Blue Ridge Humane Society (blueridgehumane.org) is an animal welfare organization and limited admission shelter whose mission is to reduce the overpopulation of companion animals to improve their quality of life through adoption, collaboration, and community education. Application available online.

Agency contact: 828-692- 2639 volunteer@blueridgehumane.org
100-B Chadwick Square Court, Hendersonville NC 28739

Charlie’s Angels Animal Rescue (CharliesAngelsAnimalRescue.com) is dedicated to saving the lives of stray, abandoned, and neglected animals in western North Carolina. Every year thousands of animals in county shelters face uncertain futures. Their mission is to rescue these adoptable animals and find forever homes for them. Application available online. Agency contact: 828-885-DOGS (3647) volunteers@CharliesAngelsAnimalRescue.com
5526 Hendersonville Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Interfaith Assistance Ministry (iamhendersoncounty.org) is a faith-based, non-profit organization providing emergency relief in an atmosphere of compassion and respect to Henderson County residents who are in financial crisis by offering “a hand up, not a handout” in the form of food, clothing, funds, guidance, and referrals. Volunteer application available online, including for the new thrift store.

Agency contact: 828-697-7029 x2209, volunteer@iam-hc.org
310 Freeman St. Hendersonville NC 28792

Pisgah Legal Services (pisgahlegal.org) seeks to pursue justice by providing legal assistance and advocacy to help low-income people in Western North Carolina meet their basic needs. Volunteers must submit to a background check and commit to a minimum of three months and a minimum of four hours a week. Application available online.

Agency Contact: Beth Herrman, Volunteer Program Coordinator 828-210-3787
440 S. Church St. Hendersonville NC 28792

Safelight (safelightfamily.org) offers free, confidential help for adults and children affected by domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, advocacy, counseling, case management, support groups, job training, and much more. See detailed volunteer descriptions online.

Agency contact: Kira Isaksen, Volunteer and Marketing Coordinator 828-693-3840
317 N Washington St Hendersonville, NC 28739

Thrive (thrive4health.org) provides support and opportunities to adults with mental health and housing needs by offering community, hope, and recovery. Volunteer descriptions and application available online.

Agency contact: Kristen Martin, 828-697-1581, kmartin@thrive4health.org
218 West Allen, Suite B, Hendersonville, NC 28739

Veterans Healing Farm (veteranshealingfarm.org) serves our nation's veterans by growing and donating high-quality fruits, vegetables, and flower bouquets to veterans and their caregivers free of charge. Additionally, supports veterans by offering workshops on innovative gardening techniques and fosters a thriving micro-community of veterans and civilians who build deep friendships and cultivate emotional, physical, and spiritual health. Volunteer application available online.

Agency contact: 828-595-6111 VeteransHealingFarm@gmail.com
38 Yale Rd Hendersonville, NC 28739

EDUCATION

Blue Ridge Literacy Council (litcouncil.org) transforms lives by cultivating literacy skills that promote economic and social success. Volunteer orientation 2nd Monday monthly.

Agency contact: Katrina McGuire 828-233-5592, ed@litcouncil.org
59 E. Clairmont Dr. Hendersonville 28792

Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County (bgchendersonco.org) has the mission “to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.”

Agency contact: Ericka Jaeger, ericka@bgchendersonco.org 828-693-9444
1304 Ashe Street Hendersonville, NC 28792

Camplify (camplifync.org) builds community leaders through camp-based youth development. Volunteer application available online. (Background check required)

Agency contact: Lauren Bayne, 828-697-2000, Lauren@camplifync.org
204 Kanuga Rd Hendersonville 28739

Caregivers of Mother Earth (caregiversofmotherearth.org) connects children and nature. See “Get Involved” opportunities at website.

Agency contact: Elle Travis, 828-388-3367, elle@caregiversofmotherearth.org

Children and Family Resource Center (childrenandfamily.org) focuses on early childhood. The Center is a one-stop resource that connects parents with many local agencies and programs that will teach and empower them. Volunteer descriptions and application available online.

Agency contact: Dawn Piscopo, 828-698-0674 ext. 100
851 Case St. Hendersonville 28792

St. Gerard House (stgerardhouse.org) assists the families of individuals diagnosed with autism. It provides support, trainings, meetings, and consultations to the families, care-takers, teachers, therapists, and others integral to the life of an individual with autism.” Volunteer application available online.

Agency contact: Caroline Long, 828-693-4223
620 Oakland Street, Hendersonville, NC 28791

ENVIRONMENT

Conserving Carolina (conservingcarolina.org) aims to protect, restore, and inspire appreciation of the natural world. Volunteer application available online.

Volunteer Director: Gabe Isaac, Phone: 828-697-5777ext. 211, gabe@conservingcarolina.org
847 Case St, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Mountain True (mountaintrue.org) champions resilient forests, clean waters, and healthy communities in the Southern Blue Ridge.

Volunteer activities vary seasonally; updated regularly on website.

Susan Bean, x.218 susan@mountaintrue.org (828) 692 0385

Southern Regional office: 121 Third Ave. W. Ste. #1, Hendersonville 28792

FOOD INSECURITY & HOMELESSNESS

Bounty of Bethlehem (thebountyofbethlehem.org) provides a free, delicious home-made meal for the community from the community, usually serving about 2000 local residents on Christmas day. Contact: Joanne Mummert 828-702-1467

Council on Aging/Meals On Wheels (coahc.org) provides and coordinates services to engage, connect and support adults in our community as we age. Volunteer descriptions and application available online.

Agency contact: Nicola Singer nsinger@coahc.org <nsinger@coahc.org>;
105 King Creek Blvd. Hendersonville NC 28792

Feed the Kids (feedthekidscoalition.org) combines twelve faith-based and civic organizations, divided into teams of 3, in Henderson County committed to cooking and serving a hot meal to 250 to 300 children at the Boys & Girls Club every Friday afternoon. Each team serves a meal every six weeks.

Contact: feedthekidscoalition.org

Habitat For Humanity (www.habitat-hvl.org) is pledged to the letter and spirit of the U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation.

Volunteer descriptions and application available online.

Agency Contact: 828-694-0340, ext 103, or Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@habitat-hvl.org

Administrative office: 1111 Keith St, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Henderson County Hunger WALK (HendersonCountyHungerCoalition.org) partially relieves hunger in the county by raising awareness of and funds for hunger-related agencies through annual (September) Hunger Walk. FCC point person and team leaders needed.

See FCC Volunteer Extraordinaire Ken Whitney for all the info!!

Contact: HendersonCountyHungerCoalition.org

Hendersonville Rescue Mission (hendersonvillerescuemission.com) serves delicious hot, balanced meals to the public, and provides shelter, guidance, education, support and hope to those looking to better their lives. Volunteer descriptions and application available online.

Agency contact: 828-697-1354 639 Maple Street Hendersonville, NC 28793

Manna Food Bank (mannafoodbank.org) involves, educates, and unites people in the work of ending hunger in Western North Carolina. Volunteer descriptions and application available online. (4,000+ volunteers in 2019!)

Agency contact: Alyssa Shuman ashuman@mannafoodbank.org 828-299-2445
627 Swannanoa River Rd Asheville NC 28805

Only Hope (onlyhopewnc.org) serves homeless youth with emergency and temporary shelter at The Dream Home off Upward Rd.

Agency contact: Michael Absher, 828-693-5499 or 828-513-5022, onlyhopewnc@gmail.com

HEALTHCARE

Four Seasons Compassion for Life Foundation (fourseasonsfdn.teleioscn.org) is our region's most trusted independent, non-profit community organization providing physical, emotional, spiritual support and other helpful services to patients with serious illness and their loved ones. Volunteer opportunities descriptions and application available online. Various locations including downtown thrift store.

The Free Clinics of Henderson County (thefreeclinics.org) enhances the Henderson County healthcare system to ensure the accessibility of quality healthcare for uninsured, low-income clients. The Clinic provides healthcare, prevention, education, medications access, and case-management services, including specialty referrals. Online applications for both clinical and lay volunteers available online.

Agency contact: Sarah Friedell, Community Outreach Coordinator 828-697-8422
841 Case St. Hendersonville 28792

Medical Loan Closet (medicallloancloset.org) provides durable medical equipment at minimal cost to residents of Henderson County and surrounding counties who are facing recovery from illness, surgery, accident or other medical crisis. Open Tuesday & Friday afternoons. Call 828-692-9005 to learn about volunteer opportunities.
1225 7th Ave. E, Hendersonville NC

Project Dignity (projectdignitywnc.com) provides feminine hygiene products to women and girls who are homeless, low-income, or victims of domestic abuse. See “Community Involvement” suggestions online.

Agency contact: P.O. Box 6104 Hendersonville NC dignitywnc@gmail.com

INCLUSIVITY

Hendersonville Pride (hendersonvillepride.org) aims to promote unity, visibility, self-esteem and positive image of the LGBTQIA+ community. Use “contact us” link at website to learn of volunteer opportunities.

Hola Carolina (holacarolina.org) is a grassroots organization shaping the future of the Latino community, while still preserving its culture and honoring its heritage

Melchor Gomez, Community Outreach Coordinator info@holacarolina.org
Cultural Center: 801 Fourth Ave. East Hendersonville, NC 28792

MLK Day of Service is an annual ONE-DAY event (usually held at St. James Episcopal) honoring Martin Luther King co-sponsored by several area churches. To join the planning committee contact: Laurie Parkerson <leparkerson@gmail.com>

PFLAG (pflag.org/chapter/pflag-flat-rockhendersonville) is the extended family of the LGBTQ community, made up of individuals, family members and allies.

Agency contact: 828-697-0690, pflaghendersonville@gmail.com

True Ridge (trueridge.org) works to connect members of the Latinx community with the resources and opportunities to help them grow personally, professionally and spiritually.

Use “Take Action” link on website or contact Executive Director Lori García-McCammon
828-205-1170 x200 lori.trueridge@gmail.com



We are proud and grateful to list a sampling of our members' and friends' volunteer commitments *beyond* our internal FCC groups and the vetted agencies in this directory. (FCC contacts in *italics*)

THANKS TO ALL!

AARP Tax Aides - *Debbie Cope, Roger Woolsey* -- 828-692-8912 **Bob Smith**
ArtScape Hendersonville – *Connie Knight* artscapehvl.org
Bee City USA Hendersonville – *Elle Travis, Sheila Clendenning* beecityusa.org
Blue Ridge Humane Society – *Linda Arata* blueridgehumane.org
Books for Good – *Sharon Johnson, Ann Twiggs* booksforgoodinc.com
Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site (goats!) -- *Kay Davis* nps.org
Dream Scholarship (for area undocumented college students) – *Ed & Pat Argue, Sammye Whitney* dreamscholarshipnc.com
Guardian ad Litem (Henderson County) NC Judicial Branch, District #29B - *Nancy Kaczor* VolunteerForGAL.org
Habitat for Humanity - *Robert Kaufman* transylvaniahabitat.org
Haywood Knolls Association – *Lynn Conchado*
Henderson County Democratic Party - *Lynn Conchado, Ann Twiggs* myhcdp.com
Henderson County Sheriff's Office VIP Squad – *Roger Woolsey* **Volunteers in Partnership** (828-697-4596 *Dale Coerver* hcsovip@hendersoncountync.gov)
Hendersonville Environmental & Sustainability Board – *Ann Twiggs*
Historic Johnson Farm - *Lynn Conchado* hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/johnson-farm
League of Women Voters Henderson County - *Liz Hill, Marcella Lesher* lwvhc.org
Mills River Library - *Lynn Conchado* hendersoncountync.gov/library
Progressive Alliance of H'son Co. - *Sheila Clendenning, Catherine Lynch, Marcella Lesher* progressiveallianceofhendersoncounty.com
Saluda Historic Depot – *Bruce Jayne* saludahistoricdepot.com
Sharing House - *Robert & Krista Kaufman* sharinghouse.org 828-884-2866
SLIP (Saluda Living in Place) - *Bruce Jayne* slipnc.org
Trout Unlimited – *Bill Shaffer* pisahtu.org
UCC Southern Conf. Board of Directors- Exec. Comm. – *Barbara Rathbun* soc-ucc.org

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