

Volunteer Opportunities in Wright County



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Adult Basic Education (4/12)

214 1st Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Adult Basic Education Coordinator

PHONE: (763)682-8688

WEBSITE: www.bhmschools.org

Volunteers are needed and trained to teach adults to read or to teach English as a second language to immigrants and refugees. You will be asked to commit one or two hours a week on a one-to-one basis to tutoring. Hours are flexible. No previous teaching experience required, just a willingness to help others. (A, SC)

Adult Day Centers (4/12)

Buffalo Day Center 613 Montrose Boulevard, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Mary Rodeski, Director

PHONE: (763)684-0803

EMAIL: mrodeski@elimcare.org

WEBSITE: www.elimcare.org

The Centers are non-profit organizations designed for adults, primarily the elderly, who due to health needs require supervised care. Volunteers are needed to share their time and talents, assisting with activities, board games, cards, crafts, ceramics, woodworking, baking, reading and participating with outings. Time: flexible. (Y, A, SC)

ALS Association, MN Chapter (4/12)

The ALS Association, Minnesota Chapter, 333 N. Washington Avenue, Suite 105, Minneapolis, MN 55401

CONTACT: Stephanie Manthei

PHONE: (612) 672-0484 or 1-888-672-0484

EMAIL: Stephanie@alsmn.org

WEBSITE: www.alsmn.org

Volunteer for a person with ALS. ALS commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease causes a paralyzing condition that makes doing common daily tasks difficult or impossible. Help a person with ALS by volunteering to serve in their home with one of these tasks: cleaning, errands, gardening, household chores, light maintenance, meals, pet care, scrapbooking, visiting, yard work or shoveling. The day, time, frequency and location for this position are flexible and can work around a volunteers needs.

American Cancer Society of Wright County (4/12)

2520 Pilot Knob Road, Suite 150 Mendota Heights, MN 55120

PHONE: 1-800-ACS-2345 or 1-800-227-2345

WEBSITE: www.cancer.org

Volunteers can help the American Cancer Society work toward our mission of eliminating cancer. We rely on volunteers in your community. You truly make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families. Opportunities are available, both short-term and ongoing throughout the year, in areas of advocacy (patient rights), breast cancer early detection, colorectal cancer education, employee wellness, patient services, prostate cancer education, tobacco control, volunteer involvement, income development (Relay for Life, Daffodil Days, Golf Pass, Golf Tournaments, Specialty Parties, World's Largest Garage Sale, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, etc.) and more (Y, A, SC)

Animal Humane Society (4/12)

Shelter mailing address: 4375 Highway 55 SE, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 432-4833

WEBSITE: <http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/help/volunteer>

The Humane Society of Wright County is a federally tax-exempt organization under IRC Section (c) (3). Since its inception, the Society has worked to foster responsible and beneficial relationships between all living creatures through care, education, advocacy, and intervention. The Society has many different volunteer opportunities including: Publicity, Foster Care, Public Speaking, Adoption Days, Fund-raising, Money Jar Collection, Grant Writing, Teaching, Laundry, Research, Shelter Work, Cruelty Investigation, Pet Encounter Therapy, Event Planning, Photography, Administrative Work, and many more opportunities available. (A, SC)

Annandale Schools – District 876 (4/12)

Bendix Elementary, 655 East Park Street

PHONE: (320) 274-8218

Middle School, 125 North Cherry Avenue N

PHONE: (320) 274-8226

High School, 855 Hemlock Street E

PHONE: (320) 274-8208

WEB: www.annandale.k12.mn.us

Annandale Schools need “Helping Hands” for a variety of projects for the school. Please call Gena Rosnow, Volunteer Coordinator at Bendix Elementary, (320) 274-8218 or email: grosnow@annandale.k12.mn.us

Annandale Youth First, Inc. – Volunteers are needed for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, supervision of youth activities, community input and special events. Contact Mary Barkley-Brown, email: mbarkleybrown@annandale.k12.mn.us or Pam Wurm, email: pwurm@annandale.k12.mn.us or call them at (320) 274-0636. (Y, A, SC)

Arc Central MN (4/12)

Arc Central MN Regional Office, 6112 322nd Street, St. Cloud, MN 56303

PHONE: (320) 240-9550 or 1-800-775-3196

FAX: (320) 240-9315

EMAIL: arccentral5@aol.com

WEBSITE: www.thearcofminnesota.org

How would you like to become involved? We will customize your volunteer work to your schedule, your interest, and your unique situation. There are many opportunities for individuals or organizations to be involved with Arc by sharing your time and talents. Some of our needs include, membership processing, fundraising, office mailings, local committees and serving as a member of the Arc Central MN Board of Directors. (A, SC)

Buffalo Community Center (4/12)

206 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Eric Nagel, Director

PHONE: (763) 682-6036

EMAIL: eric.nagel@ci.buffalo.mn.us

WEBSITE: www.ci.buffalo.mn.us (Go to "Adult and Senior Programs")

Buffalo Community Center has many volunteer opportunities available. We serve the area senior population 5 days a week and need help with such things as classes, receptionists, kitchen help and crafting centerpieces. Call Eric at (763) 682-6036 and get involved with your community. (Y, A, SC)

Buffalo Community Theater (4/12)

P.O. Box 23, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 898-8227

EMAIL: info@buffalocommunitytheatre.org

WEBSITE: www.buffalocommunitytheater.org

Buffalo Community Theater (BCT) has a variety of opportunities for those who wish to share their diverse talents with the community. We are searching for talented people to help with: pit, lighting, set, painting, costumes, props, ushering, sound and hospitality. Please contact BCT if you are interested. (Y, A, SC)

Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose Schools – District 877 (4/12)

Discovery Elementary, 301 2nd Avenue, NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Laura Barta, Community Partnerships/Communications Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 682-8783

EMAIL: lbarta@buffalo.k12.mn.us

WEBSITE: www.bhmschools.org

This volunteer opportunity includes classroom help such as listening to children read, or reading to the children; working with students individually and with small groups; one-time field days and mini-classes. Share your interests, talents, or skills in the classroom; or volunteer to take projects to do in your home. (Y, A, SC)

Camp Courage (4/12)

8046 83rd Street NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

PHONE: (763) 520-0222

EMAIL: Kurt.wiger@couragecenter.org or Camping@CourageCenter.org

WEBSITE: www.couragecamps.org

Enjoy camping activities and working with people? We need your volunteer support at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minnesota. Volunteers assist campers who have physical disabilities or sensory impairments in fun and exciting summer programs. Campers participate in a group setting with communication classes, sports, crafts, baking, nature programs, swimming, field trips, camping, horseback riding, canoeing, fishing and more. (Y, A, SC)

Camp Friendship/Friendship Ventures (4/12)

10509 108th Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302

PHONE: (952) 852-0101

EMAIL: fv@friendshipventures.org

WEBSITE: www.friendshipventures.org

Camp Friendship, located on beautiful Clearwater Lake, is looking for volunteers of all ages beginning immediately. Individuals and groups are welcome.

Friendship Ventures has opportunities for involvement in many areas. Volunteering is an excellent way for people of all ages to make new friends, have fun and make memories. Volunteer options include counselors, travel guides, office support, housekeeping support, special events, maintenance and ground support, committee development, seasonal projects, and more. Participation in our nationally recognized Youth Leadership Program is available for young adults age 14 and older.

Our positions are flexible and will provide a positive impact on a child or adult using our services. Volunteering will help you develop a better understanding of people with developmental disabilities and, in turn, support the continuation and expansion of the Friendship Ventures programs. (Y, A, SC)

Central MN Council on Aging (4/12)

1301 West St. Germain Street, Suite 101, St. Cloud, MN 56301-3456

PHONE: (320) 253-9349

EMAIL: brenda.wuebkers@cmcoa.org

WEBSITE: www.cmcoa.org

Volunteers are needed to help with health insurance counseling. Volunteers will have a rewarding and challenging opportunity to work with top level professionals as well as assuring the rights of Medicare beneficiaries to access their benefits from Medicare, private insurance companies and other public and private programs. This is very challenging volunteer work but the rewards have our volunteers coming back year after year. Most volunteers work in their own communities in senior centers or community locations. (A, SC)

Churches (4/12)

Have various volunteer opportunities. Check with your local church.

Cokato Historical Society/Museum (4/12)

175 West 4th Street, P.O. Box 686, Cokato, MN 55321

CONTACT: Michael Worcester, Director of Museum

PHONE: (320) 286-2427

EMAIL: cokatomuseum@embarqmail.com

WEBSITE: www.cokato.mn.us/cmhs/index.html

The Cokato Museum is a local history museum which shows the settling of Cokato and surrounding area. Volunteers are needed and welcome for a variety of projects. Volunteers may specify their interests and talents. (Y, A, SC)

Community Collaborative – Wright County (4/12)

1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313-1736

CONTACT: Jane Stevenson

PHONE: (763) 682-7520

EMAIL: jane.stevenson@co.wright.mn.us

Interested persons of all ages needed to work with local community collaborative councils to be involved with all aspects of the council from looking at needs assessments, identifying local resources, to planning and

implementing community activities. Your council needs your involvement to help create a healthy community where all members are respected and valued.

For more information, contact:

Mary Barkley-Brown, Annandale - (320) 274-8226, ext. 2323 - email: mbarkleybrown@annandale.k12.mn.us

Suzanne O'Dell, Buffalo - (763) 682-8407 - email: sodell@buffalo.k12.mn.us

Jane Ryan, Dassel-Cokato - (320) 286-4100, Ext. 1024 - email: jane.ryan@dc.k12.mn.us

Mary Reeder, Delano - (763) 972-3365 ext. 2118 - email: mreeder@delano.k12.mn.us

Kathy Simonson, Elk River - (763) 241-3400, ext. 5580 - email: kathryn.simonson@elkriver.k12.mn.us

Margaret Marketon, Howard Lake, Waverly, Winsted - (320) 543-3521 - E-Mail: mamcedir@hlww.k12.mn.us

Nicole Wilke, Maple Lake - (320) 963-7538 - email: nwilke@annandale.k12.mn.us

Duane Gates, Monticello - (763) 271-0326 - email: duane.gates@monticello.k12.mn.us

Marsha White, Rockford - (763) 477-6173 - email: mjwhite528@gmail.com

Sandy Greninger, St. Michael, Albertville - (763) 497-7136 - email: sandyg@stma.k12.mn.us

Community Education Programs in Wright County (4/12)

Annandale – (320) 274-3058

Buffalo – (763) 682-8770

Cokato – (320) 286-4120

Delano – (763) 972-6210

Howard Lake – (320) 543-3600

Maple Lake – (320) 963-5991

Monticello – (763) 271-2030

Rockford – (763) 477-4563

St. Michael/Albertville – (763) 497-6550

Community Education can use volunteers in various ways such as advisory/task force members, teachers of a craft or skill, helpers in school lunch rooms, or helpers in class for reading, school-age child care programs, early childhood family education activities, adults with special needs, youth development and youth service.
(A, SC)

Crisis Nursery Services (4/12)

9766 Fallon Avenue NE, Suite 104, Monticello, MN 55362

CONTACT: Consuelo Sibernagel, Program Coordinator, Crisis Nursery serving Wright County

PHONE: Direct Line: (763) 271-1680, Crisis line: (763) 271-1681, Toll Free Line: 1-800-965-1430

FAX: (763) 271-1677

EMAIL: csibernagel@kindredfamilyservices.org

WEBSITE: www.kindredfamilyservices.org

The Crisis Nursery serving Wright County is a program under the partnership of PATH (Professional Association of Treatment Homes) and the Wright County Human Services Agency. We are committed to preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening and empowering children and families to achieve lifelong success. Volunteers are needed to assist staff with outreach, marketing, fundraising, and clerical tasks. Also needed are Overnight Care Providers to provide short term (up to 72 hours) in a licensed child foster care home setting both for children 0-12 years of age in need of temporary, safe and nurturing care.
(A, SC)

Crossroads Animal Shelter (4/12)

2800 10th Street SE, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 684-1234

FAX: (763) 684-0663

EMAIL: info@crossroadshelter.org

WEBSITE: www.crossroadshelter.org

Our Mission Statement: Crossroads Animal Shelter provides a comprehensive and compassionate service to the people of the Wright County area through protection, care, shelter, placement and education for the dignity and well being of all animals.

Hardworking and dedicated volunteers are needed to help with our shelter by donating time or money. Hundreds of homeless and neglected animals from the Wright County area are already being served through continuous in-home foster care and adoption placements. Helping with fundraising events, educational offerings, computer data work, foster care, telephone calling, daily cat cage care, along with a variety of other miscellaneous errands, wish lists (kitty litter, paper towels, liquid soap, bleach, etc.) and tasks are all volunteer opportunities for you to explore. The animals are waiting to hear from you! (Y, A, SC)

Delano Area Senior Center (4/12)

234 2nd Street N., P.O. Box 462, Delano, MN 55328

CONTACT: Gail Sinkel, Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 972-0575

EMAIL: g.sinkel@delano.mn.us

WEBSITE: www.delano.mn.us/sitepages/pid40.php

Volunteers needed for noon meal preparation (setting tables, kitchen help, etc.). Volunteers, with their own cars, needed for driving seniors to doctors appointments (mileage reimbursed). Volunteers needed for special events – holidays, decorating, entertaining. Volunteer receptionists needed. Also, volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors.

Donations needed to help offset the operating costs of using a 13 passenger van to transport area seniors to the Delano Senior Center, shopping, doctor appointments, etc. (A, SC)

Faith In Action Of Wright County (4/12)

P. O. Box 613, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 234-3586

EMAIL: programdirector.swath@gmail.com or communityrelations.swath@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.faithinactionwc.com

Faith in Action is a coalition of congregations, community organizations, and social agencies dedicated to helping people maintain their independence by providing assistance with their everyday activities.

Volunteers are needed for: transportation, grocery shopping assistance, respite, light household chores and yard work, friendly visiting, and telephone reassurance. (A, SC)

Foster Grandparent Program (4/12)

590 Park Street, Suite 406, St. Paul, MN 55103

CONTACT: Ron Urbanski

PHONE: (651) 310-9445

FAX: (651) 310-9449

EMAIL: ron.urbanski@lssmn.org

WEBSITE: www.mnseniorcorps.org

Are you 60 years of age or older? Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to help future generations and build stronger communities? We have special opportunities in schools and other settings for you to help young people grow and gain confidence. By volunteering, you will receive: Non-taxable stipend, transportation and meal allowances, annual physical, accident and personal liability insurance and time off and recognition. As a volunteer, you can make a difference in the lives of your neighbors and feel better about yourself physically and mentally. (SC)

Food Shelves – Clothing Centers in Wright County (4/12)

All area food shelves can use volunteers to help distribute food or help to keep shelves full by making donations.

*ANNANDALE

- Local churches coordinate the program. The food shelf is located in the Midtown Plaza, intersection of Cherry Avenue and Highway 55, (across from Am-Pride) Annandale, MN 55302
- Mailing address is P.O. Box 94, Annandale, MN 55302
- Hours are Monday 4:00 – 6:00 P.M., Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 P.M., and Friday 8:30 – 11:00 A.M.
- Phone: (320) 274-FOOD (3663). **Emergency calls only:** (320) 274-7155, Jean and Ed Skomoroh, Coordinators.
- Served up to 6 times per year or as necessary.
- Available to **Annandale, Maple Lake, South Haven, and Silver Creek (in Annandale School District)** residents in need of emergency food.
- **We Care We Share** –This is a free store in Annandale open to anyone in need (320) 274-8881. They have mainly clothes, some household items, and may be able to get other items for people in need. Clients need no ID; just come in and take what you need. It is located on the corner of Highway 55 and Cherry Avenue in Annandale, next to the food shelf. Hours are Tuesday 3:00 to 5:00 P.M, Wednesday 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., and Friday 8:30 to 1:00 P.M. **Free will offering** is asked.

BUFFALO

- Located in 301 12th Avenue South, Buffalo, MN (3 blocks east of Super America)
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 222, Buffalo, MN 55313, WEBSITE: www.buffalofoodshelf.com
- Hours are Tuesday 5:30 to 8:00 P.M., Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. and Friday 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
- Call (763) 684-1699 (leave a message and someone will return your call)
- Serving those that reside in the 55313 zip code area in need of food. Address verification required, dated in the last 30 days.

CLEARWATER

- Clearwater Lions'/Lioness' Community Building, East Highway 75 – come to fill out an application.
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 324, Clearwater, MN 55320
- Hours are Monday 5:30 to 7:00 P.M, Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 AM and 6:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M., and Wednesday 3:00 to 5:00P.M.
- Available to Clearwater and Clear Lake area residents in need of food. Com in and fill out application. Bring picture ID and proof of residence.

*COKATO – Dassel area

- Located at 395 Broadway South, Cokato, MN 55321. The Cokato Area Food Shelf is available for residents in the Dassel/Cokato area. To sign up they need to call Elim Mission Church at (320) 286-2662, Monday through Thursday. Pick up is Friday morning at 9:30. The church office is open 9:00

A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday, but they must call by Thursday noon to sign up for that Friday's pick up. It's for emergency use only and proof of residence and children's birth certificates may be required. Use is limited to monthly, with six uses total. After which they are required to meet with one of the area pastors before receiving help.

- Save and Share Thrift Shop - Hours are Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 P.M., Friday 10:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M., and Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. These shop hours are for BOTH donation drop-off and shopping. Located at 511 Cokato Street West (behind the Grounds). There is a donation asked for items, yet at a reduced price. If you have donation of larger quantity items call (320) 286-5895 to make an appointment.

***DELANO**

- The Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf hours are: Thursday 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and one evening per month the 3rd Thursday 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
- The food shelf is located at 140 Elm Avenue (the former Community Education Building).
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 122, Delano, MN 55328.
- Volunteers from churches will staff the shelf.
- Call Sandy at (763) 972-3723 or Jeanie at (763) 972-3360.
- People will be serviced once a month.
- Available for all Delano area residents in need of emergency food.

ELK RIVER

- Through CAER – a helping hand agency. 19279 Watson Street, Elk River, MN 55330.
- Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and Thursday 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. On all days, MUST arrive 1 hour before closing IF food is needed.
- Call (763) 441-1020. FAX (763) 441-1377. WEBSITE: www.caerfoodshelf.org
- Available to Wright County Residents if they have an Elk River/Otsego address and are in need of emergency food. Address verification required, dated in the last 30 days.

***HANOVER**

- The Hanover area food shelf is open to anyone in the Hanover area. The food shelf operates from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11024 Church Street Northeast, Hanover, MN 55341.
- Hours are 1st and 3rd Mondays 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., Tuesday 12:00 to 2:00 P.M., Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., and Friday 12:00 to 2:00 P.M.
- Call (763) 498-8311 or FAX (763) 498-7558. WEBSITE: www.stpaulsinhanover.org/food.htm
- Available to residents in Albertville, part of Corcoran, Hanover, Loretto, and St. Michael areas only and in need of emergency food.

***MONTICELLO**

- THROUGH CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES – the emergency food shelf is located at 215 Cedar (Old Fire Hall) in Monticello. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1220, Monticello, MN.
- This is done by appointment. You must call (763) 295-4031.
- Open: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.; Wednesday 6:00P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
- Food shelf available to Monticello and Silver Creek that are in the Monticello school area residents only and if in need of emergency food.
- Clothing – building 213 Cedar Street (next door to food shelf), call (763) 295-4031. Hours are Monday and Friday 9:30 A.M to 11:30 A.M., Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 to 3:00 P.M., Wednesday 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- Food shelf clients receive voucher for free clothing at clothing center. Others may shop for \$3.00 a bag or .50 per item. Clothing for emergency or disaster relief will be provided free of charge.

***ROCKFORD**

- Through Riverworks – Riverworks Food Shelf is located at 8230 Cedar Street in Rockford.
- Phone: 763-477-6098, website: www.riverworksonline.org
- Open: Monday 5:30 to 8:00 P.M., Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00 A.M., Thursday, 5:30 to 8:00 P.M., and 3rd Wednesday is Senior Day, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
- 3rd Wednesday is Senior Day, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
- Serving the Rockford/Greenfield area.
- Donations are accepted on Monday and Thursday after 4:30 P.M.

***WAVERLY**

- Through Wright County Community Action Agency.
- Located in Community Action Building, 5th Street and Elm Avenue, Waverly, MN 55390
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 787, Maple Lake, MN 55358
- Contact person is Shirley Lagatt at (763) 658-4414.
- On emergency basis. 3 days supply, 3 meals a day.
- Eligible 3-4 times a year depending on circumstances.
- Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- Available to Howard Lake, Montrose, and Waverly area. Other towns may be served depending on individual situation.
- Clothing – building 5th Street and Elm Avenue, Waverly, MN 55390. Call (763) 658-4414. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
(Food amounts given away depend on what is available at the FOOD SHELVES, and how often per year depends on the situation.)

*Have clothing or other items and open to ANYONE.

LOVE INC – Heartland

Area churches working to help people in need) for residents in Delano, Howard Lake, Rockford, Waverly, and Watertown. These churches will be helping with clothing, back to school supplies, resume skills, bedding, and furniture. The people MUST be in need and depending on need will call the various churches in the area participating for the needed items.

*Clothing Ministry is now open on Wednesday evenings through May from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Call 763-972-6547.

Web site: www.loveinheartland.org

Thrift shops - Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe - 310 Brighton Ave. S, Buffalo, MN (Near Target).

Other Food Programs in the County ~

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) is a free food program for Seniors 60 years or older, residents of Minnesota, Low income seniors who meet federal income guidelines. The program provides foods such as fruits, vegetables, juice, milk, cheese, egg mix, meat, dry beans, peanut butter, cereal, rice, instant potatoes, and pasta. These items will be distributed at Maple Manor located at 333 2nd St. W. Maple Lake, MN 55358 on the 3rd Friday of the month at 8:30 - 10 a.m. You MUST be PRE-REGISTERED for Program. To register or for more information, please call Second Harvest at 800-365-0270 or 651-484-8241.

Fare For All is a non-profit self-help program "where you can help your community and save 40% on food, too!" You pay \$19 and do 2 hours of community work. For more information call Barb at 763-682-4864. By Mail: Fare for All, 2472 20th Street SE, Buffalo, MN 55313. Other Fare for All sites in Wright County include: Annandale -320-236-5604.

Second Harvest Heartland is a food bank and hunger relief organization. Seeking outgoing and compassionate individuals to volunteer to help us fulfill our mission of ending hunger through community partnerships. This position is with our Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach in local Wright County Food Shelves. This volunteer would work clients to help screen if they are eligible for SNAP – commonly known as food stamps – and apply for benefits with the assistance of a SNAP Outreach Specialist. Minnesotans miss over 100 million meals each year, SNAP can help fill in 30 million meals AND you can help. Want more details? Contact Carrie Lindquist, SNAP Outreach Specialist at Second Harvest Heartland, email: clindquist@2harvest.org, 612-247-1446.

Functional Industries Inc. (4/12)

Buffalo Corporate Office 1803 Highway 25 North, P.O. Box 336 Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-4336

WEBSITE: www.functionalindustries.org

EMAIL: info@functionalindustries.org

Functional Industries Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1973 in Wright County to provide training and employment to persons who are disabled. It is the philosophy of FII to provide services in a supportive environment for developmentally disabled, mentally and physically challenged individuals that focus on activities which enable persons served to develop to their fullest potential and earn income.

Volunteers are needed to develop ways and means of improving job performance, developing projects for times of work shortages, technical/manufacturing advice, teaching classes, fundraising, and numerous other activities. (Y, A, SC)

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys (4/12)

5601 Brooklyn Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55429

PHONE: 1-800-845-0787

FAX: (763) 535-7524

EMAIL: wendy.walton@girlscoutsrv.org

WEBSITE: www.girlscoutsrv.org

Adult volunteers (18 years or older) are needed to help lead Girl Scout troops in Albertville, Annandale, Buffalo, Delano, Hanover, Howard Lake, Maple Lake, Montrose, Rockford, St. Michael, and Waverly. Through informal education that helps them develop, girls from ages 5 through 17 learn, have fun, gain confidence, and contribute to the community.

Volunteer positions are also available for recruiting, training, and supporting leaders and other volunteers. The time commitment for leading a Girl Scout troop is very flexible. Public Relations, organizing files and records, coaching sports teams, planning and implementing events, programs including the cookie sale are additional opportunities available to women and men “to help girls grow strong”.

Free training is provided and ongoing help is available through written materials and support from other volunteers and Girl Scout staff. (A, SC)

Habitat for Humanity – Wright County (4/12)

c/o Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, 777 Lincoln Avenue NE, St. Cloud, MN 56303

PHONE: (320) 656-8890

WEBSITE: www.cmhfh.org

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds simple, affordable homes in partnership with families. The partnership consists of volunteers who make up the chapter and the sweat equity owner. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, family selection and support, site selection, church relations, professional carpenters and contractors, and building volunteers. Habitat group meets the first Thursday of the month at Buffalo Library.

*This chapter of Habitat for Humanity is part of the Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity St. Cloud, which serves the counties of Benton, Stearns, Sherburne and Wright.

Head Start (Wright County Community Action) (4/12)

Wright County Community Action, P.O. Box 787, 130 West Division Street, Maple Lake, MN 55358

CONTACT: Cindy Boman, Head Start Manager

PHONE: (320) 963-6500

FAX: (320) 963-5745

EMAIL: headstart@wccaweb.com

WEBSITE: www.wccaweb.com or www.headstartprograms.org

A federally and state funded program for 3 to 5 year old children from income eligible families. Up to 10% of enrollment placements may be for children whose families are over the federal income guidelines. Children and families with special needs are encouraged to apply. Need volunteers to assist in the center as an aide or by sharing a special talent with class. Also needed are people willing to accompany children on bus route. There are eleven center locations in Wright and Western Hennepin County. (A, SC)

Historical Organizations (4/12)

Please see:

Cokato Historical Society

Minnesota Pioneer Park

Rockford Area Historical Society

Wright County Historical Society

Holiday Opportunities (4/12)

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are opportunities for you to volunteer. Please see the Area Food Shelf list; Salvation Army; Toys for Tots at P.O. Box 1226, Monticello, MN 55362; and local civic groups in your town.

Hospice (4/12)

Monticello (North Hospice)

3500 France Avenue North, Suite 101, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

CONTACT: Lori Honold, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 520-5649

EMAIL: volunteer@northmemorial.com

WEBSITE: www.Northmemorial.com

Volunteers 18 years of age or older must meet the requirements of a 24 hour training course which includes grief support and bereavement and instruction in physical, emotional and spiritual support of patients and their families dealing with terminal illness. Volunteers throughout the service are (30 mile radius from

Monticello) are important to the program. Classes held at North Memorial Hospital. Volunteers also develop and manage fund raising projects, community outreach, public relations events, and the Newsletter. Training sessions held bi-annually in spring and fall.

Buffalo

Allina Home and Community Services 1055 Westgate Drive, Suite 100, St. Paul, MN 55114

CONTACT: Ann Lutgen, Volunteer Coordinator

PHONE: (612) 262-7058 or (612) 262-7108

EMAIL: ann.lutgen@allina.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.allina.com/ahs/cmtbenefit.nsf/page/Ways2Give>

Guardian Angels Elim Hospice 300 Catlin Street, Suite 115, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Sandy Baret

PHONE: (763) 682-2726

EMAIL: sbaert@gaehc.org

WEBSITE: www.elimcare.org/facilities/guardian-angles-hospice-buffalo/

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice Volunteers are needed to help critically ill patients in your area. You can make a difference in the lives of others by giving a few hours a week and providing companionship and visiting, respite and errands. Volunteers with specific skills such as hair cutting and pet therapy are also needed. Eighteen hours of free training is provided for this rewarding opportunity. To receive an information packet, please call Allina Hospice and Palliative Care at (651) 262-7108. (A, SC)

Hospitals (4/12)

Buffalo Hospital 303 Catlin Street, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Mona Ramsdell, Volunteer Services Supervisor

PHONE: (763) 684-7107

EMAIL: mona.ramsdell@allina.com

WEBSITE: www.buffalohospital.org

Volunteers perform a number of important services from staffing the hospital gift shop to helping patients, families, and community members. Areas of service include clerical, craft groups, general tours, gift shop, greeter/emergency department, mail/flower/meal delivery, volunteer grandmas or volunteer companions, taking a tape/book cart to patient's rooms and special events. (A, SC)

New River Medical Center 1013 Hart Boulevard Box 480, Monticello, MN 55362

CONTACT: Jeanett Jochum, Volunteer Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 271-1399

WEBSITE: <http://www.newrivermedical.com/content/>

New River Medical Center is moving forward with its mission to provide patient-centered care and superior customer service by engaging the caring energy of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities available are: Mobility Assistants, Hospitality Desk, Gift Shop Sales, Van Driver, Shopping Assistants, Bingo Assistants, Musicians, Card Game Instructors, Photographers, Popcorn Sales, Nail Care Assistant, Pastoral Care and Office duties. (A, SC)

Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted School District (4/12)

Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted School District, PO Box 708, Howard Lake, MN 55349

PHONE: (320) 543-3600

FAX: (320) 543-3590

WEBSITE: www.hlwww.k12.mn.us

Numerous Volunteer opportunities are available in classrooms or at home. Classroom includes working with individuals or small groups. Share your interests, hobbies or talents. Home opportunities include bulletin board preparation, making flashcards, etc. (Y, A, SC)

MADD – Wright County Chapter 110 (4/12)

MADD – Wright County – PO Box 362, Buffalo, MN 55313

MADD - State of Minnesota – 155 South Wabasha Street, Suite 104, St. Paul, MN 55107

CONTACT: State Office

PHONE: (651) 523-0802

EMAIL: wright.mn@madd.org

WEBSITE: www.maddmn.org

EMAIL: mn.state@madd.org

MADD offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for you to get involved in, such as: learn more about how to influence legislation and law enforcement at national, state and local levels; lend a shoulder – become trained to provide emotional support to victims of drunken driving crashes and to guide victims through the criminal justice system; help a victim be heard. Send victims “We Care” cards; work with local restaurants and drinking establishments to use “Designate a Driver” programs; utilize your office skills by stuffing envelopes, making phone calls and working at booths such as County and State Fairs and at schools; take the lead by lending your leadership skills as a community action team coordinator or a chapter, state or national officer. (Y, A, SC)

Maple Lake Community Care (4/12)

Maple Lake Schools, Box 820, Maple Lake, MN 55358

CONTACT: Celeste Dahlstrom, Program Supervisor/Coordinator

PHONE: (320) 963-6600

FAX: 320-963-3170

Community Care is a network of volunteers providing assistance to their children and neighbors in Maple Lake. Within the community, we connect volunteers to needs such as Maple Manor commodity deliveries, playgrounds needs and parking lot traffic control. In our schools we arrange for weekly costumed storybook readers, office assistance, library helpers, classroom speakers and many other volunteer activities. Irish mentors (teens helping youth) are a group of juniors and seniors that volunteer their time to work on projects involving elementary students, high school students and community members. Volunteers are always needed for special events, such as: Halloween carnival, Book Fair, Santa's Secret Shop, Grandparent Day, Fun Nights, high school dances, career day and concessions. Community Care seeks to draw our community closer together through the helping hands we extend to one another. This program has been designed to help residents of Maple Lake without regard to age or income. (Y, A, SC)

Meals on Wheels (4/12)

Annandale

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Annandale

Box K-30, Cedar Street East, Annandale, MN 55302

CONTACT: Renee Logeais & Roxanne Huff

Phone: (320) 274-3891

Five days per week. Weekend frozen meals available

Will deliver in Annandale City

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Buffalo

Through Lake Ridge Care Center, 310 Lake Boulevard, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-1434 Ext. 39

FAX: (763) 682-6419

Seven days per week

Will deliver within city limits

Cost: \$3.75

Frozen meals can be obtained at the Buffalo Dining Site

PHONE: (763) 682-6036

Cost: \$3.75 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site, 206 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-6036

Five days per week. Weekend frozen meals available

Will deliver in Buffalo city

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Through Buffalo Community Center 206 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-6036 Ext. 39

Dining provided at Community Center

Cost: \$3.50 suggested contribution and \$7.00 if not a senior

Will deliver within city limits

Cost: \$3.25 - \$6.50 suggested contribution (if 60 or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

All diners must register

Clearwater

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site, 12115 Rye Street, Apt 101, Becker, MN 55308

PHONE: (763) 261-4466

Depending on where you live determines hot/frozen meals and days of the week availability. Our goal is to get hot meals to as many people as possible.

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Cokato

Through Cokato Manor Inc. Nursing Home, 182 Sunset Avenue, Cokato, MN 55321

PHONE; (320) 286-2158

FAX: (320) 286-2031

Seven days per week

Will deliver within city limits only

Cost: \$6.25

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site, 440 2nd Street North, Cokato, MN 55321

PHONE: (320) 286-2758

Five days per week. Weekend frozen meals available

Will deliver in Cokato city

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Delano

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site, 234 2nd Street North, PO Box 462, Delano, MN 55328

CONTACT: Gail Sinkel

PHONE: (763) 972-0574

FAX: (763) 972-6174

Five days per week, weekend frozen meals available - 2 day notification to register

Will deliver in rural area – 3 mile radius of Delano (longer distances are short term delivery only)

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Hanover

Contact: Joyce Flury at the Crow River Area Senior Center

PHONE: (763) 493-2711

Tuesday – Friday at 12:00 noon by resident volunteers, in town only

Cost: \$3.50

Howard Lake

Through Howard Lake Good Samaritan Center, 413 13th Avenue, PO Box CC, Howard Lake, MN 55349

PHONE: (320) 963-5771

FAX: (320) 543-2305

Six days per week (Monday – Saturday)

Will deliver six miles out of town

Cost: \$5.00

Maple Lake

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Maple Manor, 555 2nd Street West, Maple Lake, MN 55358

CONTACT: LuAnne, Coordinator

PHONE: (320) 963-5771

Five days per week, Monday – Friday, weekend frozen meals available

In town only 10:30 – 1:00

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Monticello

Through New River Medical Center, 1013 Hart Boulevard, Monticello, MN 55362

PHONE: (763) 271-2336

FAX: (763) 271-2345

Five days per week, Monday – Friday

Will deliver three miles from hospital

Cost: \$6.50

Frozen meals can be obtained from the Monticello Dining Site

PHONE: (763) 295-2000

Cost \$3.00 (if 60 years or older) \$5.75 if not a senior

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site, 505 Walnut Street, Suite 3, Monticello, MN 55362

Phone: (763) 295-2000

Five days per week, weekend frozen meals available
Will deliver in Monticello city
Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Montrose

Through Red's Café, 221 Nelson Boulevard, PO Box 335, Montrose, MN 55363
PHONE: (763) 675-3511
Five days per week (Monday – Friday)
Primarily Montrose city limits and Waverly city limits
Cost: \$5.00

Otsego

Through Elk River Senior Dining
PHONE: (763) 441-6288
Will deliver if close to Elk River, weekend meals available-frozen
Cost: \$3.25 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Rockford

Through Delano Area Senior Dining Site, 234 2nd Street North, PO Box 462, Delano, MN 55328
CONTACT: Gail Sinkel
PHONE: (763) 972-0574
Five days per week, weekend frozen meals available, 2 days notice to register
Will deliver in rural area – 3 mile radius (longer distances, short term delivery only)
Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25 - \$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

St. Michael/Albertville

Contact: Joyce Flury at the Crow River Area Senior Center
PHONE: (763) 493-2711
Four days per week (T, W, Th, F)
In town only
Cost: \$3.50

Waverly

Through Red's Café, 221 Nelson Boulevard, PO Box 335, Montrose, MN 55363
PHONE: (763) 675-3511
Five days per week (Monday – Friday)
Primarily Montrose city limits and Waverly city limits
Cost: \$5.00

Minnesota Pioneer Park (4/12)

725 Pioneer Park Trail (East of Annandale on Highway 55), Annandale, MN 55302
PHONE: (320) 274-8489
HOURS: Spring and Summer Monday – Friday, 10:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M, Saturday & Sunday 11:00 – 4:00 P.M.
EMAIL: pioneer@lakedalelink.net
WEBSITE: www.pioneerpark.org

MN Pioneer Park is a non-profit organization. It is an educational, interpretive historic museum. It is dedicated to preservation of Minnesota heritage and the natural environment. Volunteers are needed for

office work, to guide school children, visiting on field trips, and on special event days. Young people such as 4-H, Scout troops, etc. can help out at our special events. We can also use volunteers for general clean up. For those interested, costumes are provided by the Park. For more details, call the Park Tuesday through Friday. (Y, A, SC)

Monticello Senior Center (4/12)

505 Walnut Street, Suite 3, Monticello, MN 55362

PHONE: (763) 295-2000

WEBSITE: www.ci.monticello.mn.us (click on "City Services and Seniors")

Volunteers are needed to answer phones and be volunteer receptionists; to escort trips; to help with various fund raising events such as pie and ice cream social; to help with special events such as seasonal parties; to help with monthly dinner; to take blood pressures of center participants; to lead activities at the center; to provide entertainment. Volunteers are needed to assist with the dining program, setting up, serving meals and receptionist. (Y, A, SC)

Nursing Homes in Wright County (4/12)

Annandale Care Center, Centennial Villa Assisted Living & Memory Care

500 Park Street East, Annandale, MN 55302

PHONE: (320) 274-7218

WEBSITE: www.ahcsmn.org

Volunteers are continually needed to help in many different job opportunities, so please call and we will find a volunteer job which you will enjoy and which will enhance the quality of life for our residents. (Y-12 years of age or older, A, SC)

Lakeridge Care Center

310 Lake Boulevard, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-1434, Ext. 15

WEBSITE: www.elimcare.org

We would like volunteers to help with special programs. We continue to need coffee shop volunteers and people to visit residents, special music and craft skills. Young volunteer groups welcome with adult supervision.

Parkview Care Center

200 Park Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-1131

WEBSITE: www.elimcare.org

The Care Center is continually in need of volunteers to help in the neighborhoods, assist residents to and from meals, visit residents and do manicures, assist with group activities, deliver mail and numerous other rewarding tasks. (A, SC)

Cokato Manor

182 Sunset Avenue, Cokato, MN 55321

PHONE: (320) 286-2158

WEBSITE: www.cokato-senior-care.org

Need volunteers to help with special activities or projects and to visit the residents. (Y-4th grade and up, A, SC)

Golden Living Center Delano

433 County Road 30, Delano, MN 55328

PHONE: (763) 972-2987

WEBSITE: www.goldenlivingcenters.com

Volunteers are needed to assist with Bingo, special activities, mending, decorating, crafts, one-to-one visiting, going with residents on outings, dining room hostesses and musicians during meals and a variety of other services. (A, SC)

Howard Lake Good Samaritan Center

413 13th Avenue, Box CC, Howard Lake, MN 55349

CONTACT: Valerie Westman, Activities Director & Volunteer Coordinator

PHONE (320) 543-4403

EMAIL: ywestma1@good-sam.com

WEBSITE: www.good-sam.com

Volunteers are needed to visit residents, assist with escorting, hospitality, reading, card and letter writing, water pitchers, special events, outings, games, musical entertainment, typing, clerical assistance, and general maintenance. Also need drivers to transport volunteers who serve the center. (Y, A, SC)

Monticello-Big Lake Community Nursing Home

1104 River Street, Monticello, MN 55362

CONTACT: Jeanette Jochum, HR Specialist

PHONE: (763) 271-1399

WEBSITE: <http://www.newrivermedical.com/content/>

Volunteers are needed to assist in reading, letter writing, Bingo, manicures, hair care, outing volunteers, make popcorn, room-to-room visitors, game and card players, musical entertainment, shopping, special activities and a variety of other services. (Y, A, SC)

Opening Doors/Community Education Programs for Adults with Disabilities (4/12)

301 NE 2nd Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Andrea Lund, Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 682-8793 or (763) 682-8770

This Volunteer opportunity involves assisting individuals with physical and/or developmental challenges to participate in Community Education classes and events. The program serves the Becker, Big Lake, Buffalo, Howard Lake-Waverly and Monticello School Districts. Volunteers are needed to: transport and/or accompany adults with disabilities to Community Education Programs, serve in an advisory capacity, share a special interest, talent or hobby, or help with educational, recreational and social activities. There is a great need for "on-call" volunteers, willing to help with special events or one time classes. This is an excellent way to enrich your own life while enriching the lives of others. (A, SC)

Red Cross (4/12)

American Red Cross – Central MN Chapter (Formerly Wright County Chapter)

1301 West St. Germain, St. Cloud, MN 56301

PHONE: (320) 251-7641 or 1-800-560-7641

WEBSITE: www.cenmnredcross.org

The American Red Cross Central MN Chapter, located in St. Cloud with a branch office in Monticello, MN. We have several volunteer opportunities such as: Serving as a Disaster Action Team Member, assisting with

fundraising activities, miscellaneous office assistance, local blood drives, Health and Safety instructors, and Armed Forces Emergency Service Volunteers. (Y, A, SC)

Rivers of Hope (4/12)

PO Box 511, Monticello, MN 55362

PHONE: (763) 295-3433 (24/7 Hour Crisis Line) or 1-800-439-2642

EMAIL: info@riversofhope.org

WEBSITE: www.riversofhope.org

Rivers of Hope is a community domestic abuse advocacy organization serving Wright and Sherburne Counties. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to assist with child care, transportation, advocacy, office work, fund raising, safe homes, translator services (Spanish), computer projects, special events and support group facilitation. Training will be provided. (Y, A, SC)

Rockford Area Historical Society (4/12)

8131 Bridge Street, Box 186, Rockford, MN 55373

CONTACT: Rebecca Mavencamp, Museum Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 477-5383

EMAIL: storkhouse@cityofrockford.org

WEBSITE: www.rockfordmnhistory.org

The Rockford Area Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose focus is the care and interpretation of local Rockford history through the Ames-Florida-Stork House, a house/museum built in 1860. Volunteers are needed for gardening, light housework, inputting computer data, minor house maintenance, research, office work, event planning and guiding tours. Training is provided when needed. (Y, A, SC)

Salvation Army (4/12)

c/o Wright County Human Services Agency, 1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Angie Marti

PHONE: (763) 682-8941 or 1-800-362-3667, Ext. 8941

In Wright County we have a Service Extension which provides emergency assist to local families for their basic needs: food, clothing, vouchers for gas, etc. Local monies are needed to keep our local Service Extension operating. Volunteer members are needed. Meetings are held bi-monthly over noon hour to discuss projects and needs. Volunteers are needed between Thanksgiving and Christmas to assist as bell ringers for the annual red kettle campaign. Ringers are needed in Buffalo and Monticello. We provide meals, shelter and emergency assistance to Wright county residents and travelers going through Wright County. (A, SC)

Senior Companion Program (5/10)

Wright County Human Services Agency, 1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Kristin Brovold

PHONE: (763) 682-7504 or 1-800-362-3667, Ext. 7504

EMAIL: Kristin.brovold@co.wright.mn.us

The Senior Companion Program is a stipend volunteer program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, where men and women, age 60 and over who meet income guidelines, help adults with special needs on a

regular one-to-one basis averaging 15-20 hours a week. Companions offer their friendship and support by being there to listen, assisting with groceries, offering encouragement and visiting with people who might otherwise be isolated, helping with government forms, being a friend and caring. Volunteers receive a stipend of \$2.65 an hour, transportation allowance, meal allowance, annual physical, accident insurance, sick pay, vacation pay and the personal benefit of helping others. (SC)

Senior Connections – Maple Lake (4/12)

602 4th Street West, Maple Lake, MN 55358

CONTACT: Ginger O’Loughlin

PHONE: (320) 963-5302

EMAIL: gingero@lakedalelink.net

Activities include seniors and youth reading together, story telling, interviews, demonstrations, and social gatherings. No one is too old or too young to have a valuable purpose. Call and become involved with others, both young and old, while enriching and enjoying another generation. (Y, A, SC)

Senior Dining (4/12)

Serve well balanced nutritious meals to senior citizens. Another important aspect of this meal is the socialization for the people. We have six sites in the County that can use volunteers to assist in the kitchen with dishes or wiping up, cutting cake, and serving. Volunteer help is also needed with special events. Services will range from site to site. Must call between 10:30 and 1:30 P.M. (A, SC)

Annandale	Deb Bohach	City Hall	320-274-3891	10:30 – 1:30
Buffalo	Eric Nagel	206 Central Avenue	763-682-6036	9:00 - 4:00
Cokato	Diana Stalberger	Box 274, Cokato	320-286-2758	9:30 – 1:00
Delano	Gail Sinkel	Delano Senior Center	763-972-0574	9:00 – 2:30
Maple Lake	Luanne Grant	555 West 2 nd Street	320-963-5771	8:00 – 1:00
Monticello	Pam Loidolt	Monticello Senior Center	763-295-2000	9:00 – 1:00

Sunrise - Buffalo (4/12)

201 1st Street NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Barb Nichols, Activities Director

PHONE: (763) 682-5489

EMAIL: buffalo.avc@sunriseseniorliving.com

WEBSITE: www.sunriseseniorliving.com

Sunrise Assisted Living of Buffalo overlooks the lake in beautiful downtown Buffalo. We pride ourselves in being home to an active group of seniors for more than 25 years. We bring people of all ages together by offering a wide variety of activities. Our residents would love to hear your stories of travel and cultural experiences or learn about your hobbies or interests. Become part of our volunteer team by contacting us at 763-682-5489 or visit us on the web a <http://sunrise.touchtown.us> where you can see our monthly calendar, photos, and get a volunteer application.

(Y, A, SC)

Tax Aide Volunteer (4/12)

501 Montrose Boulevard South, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Robert Post
PHONE: (763) 682-2376

WEBSITE: www.aarp.org/foundation

The AARP Tax-Aide program is seeking volunteers. As the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, serving taxpayers with middle-to-low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older, we are constantly recruiting individuals with a background in marketing and public relations as well as those with computer skills to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. Our volunteer force includes individuals of all ages, races, ethnic groups, income levels and educational backgrounds. Some volunteers needed are: counselors, instructors, local coordinators, marketing coordinators, district coordinators and technology specialists. (A, SC)

Transportation – Wright County Human Services (4/12)

Wright County Human Services Agency, 1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Kathy DeMars

PHONE: (763) 682-7487 or 1-800-362-3667 Ext. 7487

EMAIL: Kathy.demars@co.wright.mn.us

WEBSITE: www.co.wright.mn.us – under “social services”

Drivers are needed to provide transportation to senior citizens and clients of Wright County Human Services Agency who have no other means of transportation to medical appointments and pharmacies. This position requires an individual who is able to be flexible and adjust to emergency situations. He or she should be resourceful and tolerant. Volunteers should have the ability to listen, be responsive to people and must have respect for confidentiality. The time commitment of such assignments will vary with each volunteer driver. Mileage is reimbursed and out-of-pocket expenses (parking and meals outside the county). Training sessions are offered for volunteer's personal development/growth. (A, SC)

U of M – Minnesota Extension Service – Wright County (4/12)

Government Center, Room C107, 10 2nd Street NW, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-7394

FAX: (763) 682-7913

EMAIL: wright@extension.umn.edu

Wright County Community Action (4/12)

130 West Division Street, PO Box 787, Maple Lake, MN 55358

PHONE: (320) 963-6500

FAX: (320) 963-5745

EMAIL: wcca@wccaweb.com

Volunteers are somebody! Somebody who cares, somebody who devotes time without pay, somebody who praises all, large or small and somebody who has a common bond with others to make things better. If you would like to volunteer, please contact WCCA at the above number.

Wright County Historical Society (4/12)

2001 Highway 25 North, PO Box 304, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 682-7323

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CONTACT: Erin Endress

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WEBSITE: www.wriighthistory.org

The Wright County Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibition of materials related to, including but not limited to, the social, cultural, environmental, economic and political history of Wright County. The society's museum exhibits items ranging from a 32 piece one-man-band; stone tools once used by North American Indians; to a 1926 Ford Model T automobile. The museum's reference library and archives houses an extensive photograph, map, genealogical family ties, microfilm and book collection. Volunteers are needed to help at special events, greet visitors, clip and file newspaper articles, fundraising for local needs, data entry, filing and many other duties. (Y, A, SC)

Wright County Human Services (4/12)

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Joel Torkelson, Health Educator (763) 682-7909; EMAIL: joel.torkelson@co.wright.mn.us

Jill Hylla, Health Educator (763) 682-7354; EMAIL: jill.hylla@co.wright.mn.us

Public Service Agency. Wright County Human Services Agency exists to ensure the rights of individuals to a social environment which fulfills basic human needs. Wright County Human Service Agency volunteer opportunities include: Transportation Program: rides for senior citizens and agency clients to medical and necessary business appointments (see Transportation Program entry). Senior Companion Program: a one-on-one relationship to help against loneliness (see Senior Companion Program entry). Resource/Special Projects: assist with income tax and state property tax refunds, office assistance, and miscellaneous needs. Home Care Volunteers are needed for respite care, chore services, 60+ and Healthy Clinics, etc. Serve on agency task force or local Community Based Service Committees. (A, SC)

Wright County Sheriff's Reserve (4/12)

CONTACT: Brian Johnson

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WEBSITE: www.co.wright.mn.us/department/sheriff/

The Wright County Sheriff's Reserve is a volunteer organization for Wright County residents, 21 years and older, who assist Sheriff's deputies at various community events (parades and the County Fair), water patrol, snowmobile safety patrol, crime scene protection, and evidence searches. Volunteers are occasionally needed to fill openings in the authorized staffing level for Sheriff's Reserve officers. (A)

Wright County Teen Court Program – Court Services (4/12)

10 2nd Street, NW, Buffalo, MN 55313

CONTACT: Karen Determan, Wright County Court Services

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EMAIL: Karen.determan@co.wright.mn.us

WEBSITE: www.co.wright.mn.us/department/courtservices/

Wright County Teen Court Program allows for teens between the ages of 15 and 18 to be jury members in juvenile court cases. After volunteers attend a training session, they are put into a jury pool. Jurors are drawn at random for the Teen Court sessions which occur one to two times per month. Not all jurors are drawn for each session, so there is not a huge time commitment needed. Training and the court sessions are

held after school hours. This program is a great opportunity for teens to learn about the juvenile court system while being involved in the system in a positive way. It is especially useful to those that may have some interest in the legal field as a potential career, but many volunteers just enjoy being involved in the process. Most schools and churches allow participation in Teen Court to count for required community service hours. Offenders are screened prior to participating, and their legal charges are what the court considers relatively minor offenses. (Y)

**THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE BOOKLETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
THROUGH
WRIGHT COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES:**

- *Services Available to Seniors in Wright County*
 - *Support Groups in Wright County*

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OR FOR CURRENT UPDATES ON THIS BOOKLET:**

Go to: www.co.wright.mn.us

(Booklets are located under “Health, Financial and Social Services”,
Then go to list on right side, “Most Requested Forms”.)

Or contact: Jennifer Carlson
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