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October 27 and November 17 — Super Senior Day

Fridays, October 27 and November 17: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay seeks volunteers ages 16 and older to assist seniors with crafts or help call bingo. Alternate available tasks include light meal prep, serving lunch, clearing tables, and running the dishwasher. Location: Kroc Center, 1315 Lime Kiln Rd., Green Bay. Visit <https://btrr.im/b4keg> to sign up or **contact** Michaela Koepp with questions at 920-593-2375 or michaela.koepp@usc.salvationarmy.org.

October 27 and November 17 — Kroc Family Fun Nights

Fridays, October 27 and November 17: 5:15-8:00 p.m. (flexible, if needed)

The Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay needs volunteers ages 16 and older to assist with crafts, snacks, welcome table, and clean-up. Day passes are provided by request if a volunteer would like their family/children to be a part of this night. **Contact** Michaela Koepp at 920-593-2375 or michaela.koepp@usc.salvationarmy.org.

November 4 — Coats for Kids

Saturday, November 4: 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., or 2:45-5:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay would like volunteers ages 16 and older to help families find the perfect coats for their children. Duties include shoppers, parking attendants, Hmong and Spanish translators, and set-up and clean-up crews. **Contact** Michaela Koepp at 920-593-2375 or michaela.koepp@usc.salvationarmy.org.

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November 5 and 19, and December 3 and 17 — Packer Game Ticket Scanning

Sundays, November 5 and 19, and December 3 and 17: various shifts

Hand of Hope is looking for volunteer groups for two types of roles:

1. Ticket scanning groups — Groups typically stay together, but occasionally may be separated. Training is provided using a handheld ticket scanning device and any issues will be handled by a supervisor. Shifts: 3.5-4.5 hours in length; arrival time varies; groups normally stay 30-45 minutes after kick-off and will then be released by their supervisor. Minimum age: 16.
2. Late ticket scanning (for one group of 8-10 people) — One person will be placed at each gate with a Brown County officer. Training is provided using a handheld ticket scanning device; any issues will be handled at the ticket office nearest your gate. You will be provided a boxed dinner/lunch. Shifts: 5-6 hours in length; arrival time varies; you'll stay until the end of the third quarter and will then be released by the officer. Minimum age: 18.

For both roles, volunteers must wear tan or black pants, no shorts or capris. Any shirt is fine. You'll be standing the entire shift. Water, red polos/jackets, ponchos, hand warmers, and sunscreen are provided. **Contact** Kristi King at 920-265-9708 or packers@reachingthehandofhope.com.

November 7-10 — Community Gardens Shed-Building

Tuesday, November 7-Friday, November 10: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Steel sheds have been purchased for four of the UW-Extension Brown County's Community Gardens, and volunteers ages 16 and older are needed to help set them up. Construction involves power tools, so basic knowledge of assembly is beneficial. This is a great opportunity for students in tech ed and engineering. **Contact** Rachel Quintas at 920-391-4660 or rachel.quintas@browncountywi.gov.

November 7 and 29 — CASA Volunteer Virtual Info Sessions

Tuesday, November 7: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29: 12:00-12:30 p.m.

All it takes is one person. Can you lend a voice? Volunteers ages 21 and older are invited to join Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Brown County for a virtual information session to learn how. CASA provides a voice for abused and neglected children who are under court protection. Children with a CASA volunteer are more likely to report higher levels of hope, do better in school, and achieve permanency in a safe home more quickly. From CASA volunteer Ronnie: "It's so much more than an hour a week. It's a change in perspective in all areas of life and growing as an individual alongside your youth." **Contact** Eileen Metzler at 920-393-9771 or eileen@casabc.org.

November 9-December 23 — Bell Ringing

Thursday, November 9-Saturday, December 23: Various one-hour shifts between 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (does not include Sundays or Thanksgiving)

Ring bells for The Salvation Army. Multiple locations to choose from throughout Brown County. Visit <https://www.registertoring.com/zip.aspx> to sign up or **contact** Michaela Koepf with questions at 920-593-2375 or michaela.koepf@usc.salvationarmy.org.

November 10-11 — Acts ‘n’ Crafts Fair

Friday, November 10: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 11: various shifts

Acts 1:8 Ministry seeks volunteers ages 15 and older to assist with this event. On November 10, two to four volunteers are needed to help frame the booth areas, set up booths, and set up an entrance area where customers will come in. On November 11:

- Five to six volunteers are needed for last-minute set-up and to help vendors bring their equipment and merchandise in, collect prizes, and set out garbage cans in the gym. Shift: 7:30-10:00 a.m.
- They will need 12-15 volunteers to take money at the entrance and admit people, help with the children’s area, hand out prize tickets, help in the kitchen by serving and handing out food, collect food orders from vendors, and direct traffic outside (warm clothes needed). Shift: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Four to five volunteers are needed to assist with taking down the entrance-area table, cleaning the kitchen and meeting rooms, taking tape off the floor, helping vendors take items to their car, sweeping the floor, taking out garbage, and other duties as needed. Shift: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 S. Oneida St., Green Bay. **Contact** Vickie Nell at 920-494-2289 or vickienell@acts18.org.

November 11 — Girls on the Run Celebration 5K

Saturday, November 11: 6:30-8:30 a.m. (set-up), 7:30-8:45 a.m. (packet pick-up/ registration and pre-race activities), 8:30-10:00 a.m. (course guides), and 8:45-11:00 a.m. (finish line refreshments)

Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin is looking for volunteers ages 12 and older to help with various roles to execute a successful 5K event. Roles include set-up, packet pick-up/ registration, pre-race activities, course guides, and finish line refreshments. This is most kids’ and families’ first 5K, and they need the support. **Contact** Kathy Olson at 920-209-5866 or kathy.olson@girlsontherun.org.

November 14 and 15 — Reading Coaches for Kids Initial Training

Tuesday, November 14: 9:00-11:00 a.m. or Wednesday, November 15: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Reading Coaches for Kids is a volunteer tutoring program designed to increase students' reading abilities and literacy skills by training and placing volunteers who read individually with students in area schools. Volunteers are placed in kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms for one hour a week during the regular school day. Initial training and ongoing support are provided. The Reading Coaches program is especially looking for volunteers ages 55+ to be a part of the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program to provide intergenerational experiences for the children (volunteer minimum age is 18). Training location: Volunteer Center of Brown County, 984 9th St., Green Bay. Once trained, tutoring takes place at various times during the school day, and a minimum commitment of one hour per week during the school year is preferred. Visit volunteergb.org/programs/reading-coaches/ for more information and an application or **contact** Nancy Pfankuch with questions at 920-600-0184 or nancy@volunteergb.org.

November 17-December 10 — The Polar Express

Friday, November 17-Sunday, December 10: 3:00-9:00 p.m. (Fridays), 1:00-5:15 p.m. or 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Saturdays), and 3:00-9:00 p.m. (Sundays)

The National Railroad Museum would like volunteers both inside and outside to help with crowds, games, and serving hot chocolate. Kids ages 10-14 should be accompanied by a parent. **Contact** Cassie Elmer at 920-437-7623 or celmer@nationalrrmuseum.org.

November 24-December 30 (select dates) — WPS Garden of Lights

Various dates and shifts, approximately 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. (some two-hour shifts available)

Green Bay Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers in various roles:

- Parking - assist guests with parking in the lot (minimum age: 18)
- Concessions - take and fill orders, act as cashier, make popcorn (minimum age: 16)
- Admissions - scan tickets and direct guests (minimum age: 16)
- Event ambassadors - greet guests, provide information and directions (minimum age: 18)

Contact Kate Martin at 920-593-5686 or volunteer@gbbg.org.

November 28-29, December 8 and 12-14 — Toys for Tots Sorting

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 28-29; Friday, December 8; Tuesday-Thursday, December 12-14: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay needs volunteers ages 18 and older to sort toy donations for the Toys for Tots program. This activity involves bending, lifting, and moving around. Visit <https://bttr.im/y1mhz> to sign up or **contact** Michaela Koepp with questions at 920-593-2375 or michaela.koepp@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Looking Ahead

December 1-April 15 — Income Tax Return Preparation

Various weekday shifts

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its Northeast Wisconsin team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide offers free tax filing to low-income taxpayers who can't afford a tax preparation service. There is a tremendous need for volunteers in Northeast Wisconsin, as the demand for tax preparation routinely exceeds available volunteers. Every level of experience is welcome, and no prior tax preparation experience is needed. Volunteers receive excellent tax return preparation training and are IRS certified. AARP membership is not required to volunteer. If you would like to help people in our community while learning new skills and working in a supportive, collegial environment, please visit www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer or call 888-227-7769 to volunteer or **contact** Tom Burzinski with questions at tburzins@gmail.com.

December 11 — Interim Housing Attendant

Tuesday, December 11: 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Newcap LLC seeks a volunteer or a small group of volunteers ages 18 or older to cover their interim housing (shelter) while their staff attends an all-staff meeting. The volunteer needs to talk to clients, perhaps do a project, and generally make sure that everything is safe.

Contact Diana Bushman at 920-373-0050 or dianabushman@newcap.org.

Ongoing Opportunities

STEM Educational Kit Refurbishment for Classrooms

Flexible weekday shifts, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Are you passionate about education and eager to contribute to the growth of young minds in our community? The Einstein Project invites enthusiastic individuals ages 16 and older to join their team of dedicated volunteers. By participating in their STEM kit refurbishment initiative, you can directly impact the education of students in classrooms across our community. Your tasks may include cleaning, repairing, and organizing materials, ensuring that each kit is in excellent condition for students to learn from. Your attention to detail and dedication will directly contribute to the success of STEM education in our local schools. **Contact** Elizabeth Mayenschein at 920-884-8800 or elizabeth@einsteinproject.org.

Painting Volunteers

Flexible shifts in November between 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Volunteers ages 18 and older are needed to paint a bathroom at New Day Women's Center. Choose the day and time that works best for you. **Contact** Angela Cheslock at 920-857-0628 or acheslock@newdaywc.org.

Shelter Volunteers

Various daily shifts

As the weather turns cold, St. John's Ministries will provide emergency shelter in their men's and women's shelters to hundreds of community members experiencing homelessness. They need your help in these volunteer roles at both locations:

- Breakfast server (5:30-7:30 a.m.): Use their supplies to serve a hot meal.
- Hospitality (4:45-7:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:30 p.m.): Spend time socializing with their guests and performing light tasks such as making coffee.
- Laundry (7:00-10:00 p.m.): Launder guests' personal items as well as bedding and towels.

Each of these volunteer activities allows St. John's to further their mission to honor the dignity, restore hope and create lasting change for those experiencing homelessness or housing instability in the Green Bay community. **Contact** Brooke Graham at 920-301-0909 or bgraham@stjohnsgreenbay.org.

Thrift Store Assistants

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 3:00-6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

De Pere Christian Outreach would like volunteers ages 14 and older to help in areas such as donation intake; cashiers/bagging; store decor; sorting, cleaning, and pricing clothing; seasonal items; shoes; toys; and books. **Contact** Amy Murphy at 920-655-5758 or amurphydpc@outlook.com.

Outreach Volunteers

Various days and times

Want to help fight fraud in the Medicare system and protect beneficiaries from being victims of scams? If you are age 50 or older, you're invited to join the Senior Medicare Patrol volunteer team. Their team educates Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers on how to prevent healthcare fraud and provides tips on how they can protect themselves. They do this through outreach. SMP volunteers staff booths at health fairs/senior expos/resource events or give small group presentations. You can make a significant difference in your community by stepping forward and taking a stand against fraud. **Contact** Molly Kelly at 608-335-8453 or molly.kelly@gwaar.org.

After School Tutoring

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Shelter in the Storm is looking for volunteers ages 18 and older with backgrounds in various subjects to tutor high-schoolers and possibly kids in junior high. **Contact** Tim Grom at 847-840-1734 or tgrom@shelterinthestorms.org.

Check-In Assistants

Daily shifts from November-April, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered about a guest's experience when entering a homeless shelter? It may be their first time or their hundredth time. Their belongings and persons are searched. They may be feeling unsettled, worried or nervous. However, the goal at St. John's Ministries Men's Shelter is to create an environment where guests know they are welcome and valued. As a check-in assistant, volunteers ages 18 and older can be a part of welcoming guests into shelter each evening with a smile and conversation. You can honor guests' dignity and build trust and rapport every single time you volunteer. After guests have been searched by security staff, volunteers will build rapport with guests as they facilitate check-in activities such as bunk and chore assignments (via a tablet or laptop). This is a great opportunity to have a friendly touchpoint with guests, learn their names, and have brief conversations. St. John's wants guests to feel 'at home' in a supportive community. **Contact** Brooke Graham at 920-301-0909 or bgraham@stjohnsgreenbay.org.

Horse Leaders and Sidewalkers

Weekday shifts, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Exceptional Equestrians would like volunteers ages 14 and older for two roles.

- Horse leaders control the equine during therapy and adaptive riding sessions and, with direction from the therapist or instructor, are responsible for maintaining a safe and effective session. Horse leaders must have previous horse experience through riding lessons, owning or leasing a horse, or other comparable experiences. Duties include leading the equine during sessions, grooming, tacking, and untacking, bringing in or turning out horses, basic barn chores, and other duties as needed.
- Sidewalkers walk alongside the horse and rider and assist in keeping that rider safe during their session. Following direction from therapist, sidewalkers may be asked to engage with their riders and assist in therapeutic activities unique to each rider. Sidewalkers also assist in sanitizing equipment, including helmets, belts, toys, and therapy equipment.

Contact Anna Splan at 920-347-3174 or asplan@exceptionalequestrians.org.

Senior Program Helpers

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Volunteers ages 18 and older are invited to be a part of serving The Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay's senior program. Help with weekly activities, including games. Serve as a companion during visits to senior citizens participating in the events. Help serve lunch, assist with clean-up, and help with bingo, if needed. **Contact** Michaela Koepp at 920-593-2375 or michaela.koepp@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Grandparent Volunteers for Infant-Age 4 Classrooms

Minimum of five hours per week, flexible school-day hours

Encompass Early Education and Care needs volunteers ages 55 and older who would like to make a difference in a child's life while also earning a tax-free hourly stipend. Volunteering takes place in an assigned classroom at one of seven five-star-rated Encompass centers in Brown County. This program joins together two generations, enhancing the quality of life for seniors by giving them a sense of purpose, while also giving children a consistent grandparent figure who encourages them in social play and classroom activities. Volunteers need to meet limited income guidelines as required by AmeriCorps Seniors (the program's funding source). **Contact** Deb Johnson at 920-785-9710 or djohnson@encompasswi.org.

Resale Shoppe Volunteers

Mondays-Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:00-4:00 p.m., and 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Unity Resale Shoppe, a part of Unity Hospice, would like volunteers to help with various duties, including accepting, cleaning, and sorting donations; pricing and staging merchandise on the sales floor; and working the cash register. Volunteers younger than 16 must have parental consent. **Contact** Paakou Vang at 920-339-5501 or pvang@unityhospice.org.

Pals Program

Various shifts, one to three times per month

Pals Program is a mentoring program of Brown County Health & Human Services. Various volunteer opportunities for those ages 18 and older are available:

- Program coordinators are responsible for training volunteers and matching them with a Pal based on compatibility. Volunteers then spend time in a recreational or learning activity with their Pal.
- Volunteer mentors help the child adjust to the separation or loss of a parent, enhance self-esteem and confidence, and learn new skills.
- Volunteer coordinators provide support to matches as long as the volunteer and child are involved with the program.

Contact Judy Tilque at 920-621-4160 or judith.tilque@browncountywi.gov.

Outdoor Gardeners

Tuesdays-Thursdays into November (weather permitting), 8:00-10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., or 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Green Bay Botanical Garden is looking for assistance with the following duties: planting bulbs and perennials, cleaning up flower beds, weeding, mulching, staking plants, pruning, deadheading, sweeping, and raking leaves. Kids ages 12-15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Contact** Kate Martin at 920-593-5686 or kmartin@gbbg.org.

Girl Scout Troop Leaders

Various meetings and field trips, 1-3 days per month (average 3-5 hours per month)

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes seeks volunteers ages 18 and older to help build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Help girls discover their passions, become amazing leaders, and make new friends by becoming a volunteer troop leader in the Green Bay area. Training and resources are provided. **Contact** Michaela Hofer at 920-955-3422 or mhofer@gsnwgl.org.

Board of Directors Members

Quarterly meetings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in November, February, May, and August

Hand-n-Hand is in need of motivated and creative individuals ages 18 and older for their board of directors. Join them in their innovative efforts of creating an effective and supportive resource for families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing. Get involved with this unique organization, the only one of its kind in Northeast Wisconsin. **Contact** Jenny Geiken at 920-737-0477 or jlgeiken@hnhnew.org.