

# RSVP

## Lead With Experience

### Volunteer Opportunities

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#### Pressing Volunteer Needs:

**Atria Merry Wood** – Atria Merrywood is a senior living facility in the South Charlotte area. Volunteers can assist with activities including exercise classes, book reading, trivia, Wii classes, discussion classes, and piano accompaniment.

#### Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools –

-**Briarwood Elementary School** - Needs volunteer reading buddies, tutors, and men to assist with the Briarwood Young Men's group.

-**Olde Providence Elementary School** – Seeks one-on-one tutors during school hours in math or reading. Other opportunities exist for the Science Club, Physical Education, Chess, grounds keeping, and administrative

-**First Ward Elementary School** – Requests volunteers to help out at front office and with administrative tasks.

**Charlotte Douglas International Airport** – The airport is looking for energetic and outgoing volunteers to meet, greet and assist passengers during their travel experience at CLT.

Website:

<http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Airport/Passenger+Services/Volunteer+Program.htm>

**Community Link** – Community Link needs volunteers to assist with their Travelers Aid Program. Through Traveler's Aid they assist stranded travelers by providing them with a greyhound bus ticket to reconnect them to their family members in other cities. Volunteers are needed to help man the Travelers Aid office and assist people as them come in.

Website:

<http://www.communitylink-nc.org/documents/VolunteerApplication.pdf>

**Refugee Resettlement** – RSVP Charlotte helps recruit volunteers for both the Refugee Resettlement Office through Catholic Social Services and HIAS.

-**HIAS** seeks volunteer to help out with administrative tasks and “adopting” a refugee family.

Website:

<http://us.hias.org/en/pages/how-can-i-help>

-**Catholic Social Services** utilizes volunteers as grocery shoppers, apartment setup volunteers, and as American mentors.

Website:

<http://www.cssnc.org/refugee.html>

**Thompson Child and Family Focus** – Provides diverse services in treatment, education, and care to abused and neglected children. Thompson Child & Family Focus needs people to repair bicycles. They often have flat tires, broken chains, loose handlebars, etc. Volunteer would need to provide their own tools, preferably metric. Thompson will provide new tires, patches, chains, etc. Volunteer should visit campus twice a month for a couple of hours.

Website:

[http://www.thompsoncff.org/getinvolved\\_volunteeropportunities.htm](http://www.thompsoncff.org/getinvolved_volunteeropportunities.htm)

**James K. Polk Historic Site** – Seeks volunteers to be tour guides of the site and also to help with special events.

Website:

<http://www.nchistoricsites.org/polk/facilities.htm>

**Lupus Foundation** – Specifically needs volunteers to help with administrative tasks such as answering phones and data entry.

Website:

[http://www.lupus.org/webmodules/webarticlesnet/templates/piedmont\\_volunteer.aspx?articleid=1129&zoneid=264](http://www.lupus.org/webmodules/webarticlesnet/templates/piedmont_volunteer.aspx?articleid=1129&zoneid=264)

## **In RSVP Impact Areas:**

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Council on Aging** – Volunteers enter data into the Senior Disaster Registry. Volunteers also promote the Senior Disaster Registry.

**Department of Social Services Senior Nutrition Program** – Volunteers are used at the 18 DSS Senior Nutrition Sites to help with various tasks including program assistance, kitchen assistance, and special events.

Website:

<http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/DSS/Services+for+Seniors+and+the+Disabled/Nutrition/SCNPVolunteerProgram.htm>

**Guardian Ad Litem** – Guardian Ad Litem volunteers act as the voice for an abused or neglected child in court. After going through GAL volunteer training volunteers are sworn in as Guardian Ad Litem volunteers and assigned a case representing a child.

Website:

<http://www.nccourts.org/Citizens/GAL/Default.asp>

**Telephone Reassurance Volunteers** – This program is operated through the Shamrock Senior Center. Monday through Friday volunteers and program staff call homebound seniors. Volunteers are assigned a specific list of people they call on specific days. These calls can be made from the volunteer’s home.

**SHIIP (Seniors Health Insurance Information Program)** – SHIIP volunteers help fellow senior citizens in their community with questions regarding Medicare, Medicare supplements, Medicare claims processing, Medicare Advantage, Medicare prescription drug plans and long-term care insurance.

Website:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/SHIIP/shiip\\_become\\_volunteer.asp](http://www.ncdoi.com/SHIIP/shiip_become_volunteer.asp)

**Medical Transportation Program** – The Medical Transportation Program is a program operated by the three Shepherd’s Centers in Charlotte. They each seek drivers near their area to help transport seniors to and from their doctor’s appointments.

**-Shepherd’s Center of Charlotte –**

Website:

<http://www.shepherdscharlotte.org/Volunteer.shtml>

**-Shepherd’s Center South –**

Website:

<http://www.shepherdscentersouth.org/volunteer.html>

**-Shepherd’s Center East**

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