

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Celebrating 50 years of strengthening Larimer County

Please note: Opportunities marked with an asterisk ** are appropriate for youth volunteers

United Way would like to encourage everyone to get into the spirit of volunteering! For volunteer opportunities please contact the United Way Volunteer Center by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.uwaylc.org and clicking on **GIVE HELP**.

April is National Volunteer Month!

April is National Volunteer Month and the United Way 2-1-1 Volunteer Center of Larimer County has issued a challenge to our community to volunteer 75,000 hours during the month. If the goal is achieved, volunteers will have contributed \$1.4 million to our community!

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 as an annual celebration of volunteerism. The Volunteer Center of Larimer County has extended this promotion of volunteerism to extend throughout the entire month of April in order to include many local events and to encourage long-term volunteerism.

There are numerous volunteer activities and events available in April for the community to get involved, including National and Global Youth Service Week (April 21-27), CSUnity (April 12), Earth Day (April 22), Board Bank training (April 14), and Business Cares, a program that helps companies get their employees involved in the community. In addition, there are numerous daily volunteer activities throughout the month.

Every volunteer that contributes to the 75,000 hour goal and reports their volunteer hours with the Volunteer Center will receive a free drip-coffee, tea or brownie from Mugs Coffee Lounge.

For more information on how to get involved in National Volunteer Month, call 2-1-1 (or 407-7066) or go to www.uwaylc.org and click on "GIVE HELP" to view the entire database of volunteer opportunities. The United Way Volunteer Center is ready to offer ideas and assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and groups looking to volunteer.

EVENTS that need Volunteers

Visit our online calendar for all upcoming volunteer events by [clicking here!](#)

***CSU Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-OT and Pre-Pharmacy Clubs** will host the 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children with Special Needs on March 29 at the CSU Oval. Shifts are from 10-

11:30am and 12-1:30pm. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Stoddard at 491-2476 or Linda.stoddard@colostate.edu

***City of Fort Collins Parks** needs a group of 10 or more volunteers on March 29 to remove ornamental grasses at Fossil Creek Park. Under 16, supervised. 16+ unsupervised. Contact Sarah Meyer at 221-6660 or smeyer@fcgov.com

***The Family Center/La Familia** needs volunteers to help in April to prepare for set-up and to set up the El Nidito playground. Shifts can be anytime between 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Ages 13+. Contact Stephane Robinson at 211-1615 or robinsonstephane@yahoo.com

***Silverleaf, Brookstone and Rock Crest Apartments** in Loveland need volunteers in April and early May to help with deadheading flowers and clearing out flower beds. Volunteer opportunities are available on weekdays and weekends. Individuals and small groups welcome. Youth 12 and under supervised. 12 + unsupervised. Contact Kathleen Macrill at 449-2688 or k.macrill@yahoo.com

***The Family Center/La Familia** needs volunteers to help in April to paint murals on the daycare center walls. Shifts can be anytime between 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Ages 13+. Contact Stephane Robinson at 211-1615 or robinsonstephane@yahoo.com

***Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)** needs volunteers to help *Make the Museum Sparkle* on April 3. Positions include: Bucket Brigade, Window Washers, Shine Detail and more. At least 10-15 volunteers are needed. Ages 16+. Contact Morgan Pfaelzer at 482-2787 or morganp@fcmoca.org

Habitat for Humanity and CSU will host Act! Speak! Build! Week from March 31-April 4. The event will be held at the CSU Plaza on April 3 and activities will include games, giveaways, displays, etc. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.habitat.org/youthprograms/actspeakbuild To inquire about joining the planning committee, contact 488-2704 or info@fortcollinshabitat.org

Youth Orchestra of the Rockies needs volunteers to help at the Cheese, Chocolate and Chamber Music Gala on April 4 at 7pm. Contact Laurie Pessetto at 222-4017 or pessetto@comcast.net

Windsor Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers for its Show Me the Green event on April 5. Volunteers will assist in laying sod at Boardwalk Park. Burgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Contact 674-2422 for more information

***Colorado Science and Engineering Fair** is the state level science fair competition for students in grades 6-12 and will be held on April 10, 11 & 12. 100 volunteers are needed for various general positions and 120 volunteers as judges. Visit www.csef.colostate.edu/Volunteers.htm or www.csef.colostate.edu/Judges.htm for more information and to volunteer

United Way of Larimer County Volunteer Center will host the next Board Bank training on April 14 from 5-7pm at the Harmony Branch of the Fort Collins Public Library. The training is \$20 and will include an overview of the expectations and general policies of serving on a Board of Directors, allows the volunteer to learn more about possible nonprofits to be paired with, and provides the volunteer with a book on the basic responsibilities of a board member. Contact Julie Phillips at 407-7054 or jphillips@uwaylc.org for more information.

United Way of Larimer County 2-1-1 Resource Coordination needs a volunteer on April 14 & 15 from 9am-12pm to contact different agencies by phone and to invite them to be part of the 2-1-1 information and referral database. Requires basic phone skills, use of fax machine or e-mail. Must be willing to have fun and learn about our community! Contact Gloria Kat at 407-7049 or gkat@uwaylc.org

The Food Bank for Larimer County and Neighbor to Neighbor will host their annual fundraiser, The Taste on April 17 at the Hilton Fort Collins. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions, including general set-up, greeters, ticket sales, bouncers and more. For more information on the event, please visit <http://www.tastebenefit.org/> or contact Charlene Olms at the Food Bank at 530-3113 or colms@foodbanklarimer.org or Tracy Schwartz at Neighbor to Neighbor at 484-7498 or tschwartz@n2n.org

Adaptive Recreation Opportunities needs 10-30 volunteers from 9:30am-1pm to help at the Giant Friends Club Special Kick Off Event: The Magic of Inspiration Playground on April 18 at the Spring Canyon Community Park. Positions include: Set-Up, Registration, Parking Attendant, MC and more. Contact Renee Lee at 224-6027 or ree@fcgov.com or Melissa Owens at 224-6330 or aro@fcgov.com

Hearts and Horses in Loveland will hold its volunteer training for horseleaders and sidewalkers on April 19. Contact Carrie at 663-4200 or handhvolunteers@frii.com

***The Environmental Learning Center** will host its own Make a Difference Day on April 19 and will focus on bringing volunteers and community members together to help the ELC tackle environmental stewardship projects. Volunteers are needed to restore and clean the Poudre River, work in the organic garden and to maintain and restore trails throughout the ELC. Contact Adam Schnirel at aschnirel@hotmail.com for more information

***City of Fort Collins Recreation Department** needs 10-20 volunteers on April 19 from 10:30am-2:30pm for the Kites in the Park event at Greenbriar Park. Volunteers will help at the kite making booth, safety patrol, set-up and clean-up. Ages 16+ unsupervised. Contact Kristie Blackmon at 416-2443 or kblackmon@fcgov.com

***Big Thompson Watershed Forum** needs volunteers to help clean up waterways in the Loveland area on April 19. Staging area will be at the Loveland Civic Center. Volunteers will clean the Loveland-Greeley irrigation canal as it parallels the bike trail through downtown Loveland and to the east. Ages 6-12, supervised. 13 + unsupervised with pre-signed Risk & Release form. For more information and to register, visit www.btwatershed.org or call 613-6160

The Food Bank of Larimer County needs volunteers for Humanitarian Canning on April 23 from 7:30am-3:30pm. The Food Bank will locate fresh produce and take it to the Bishop's Storehouse, a commercial sized cannery located in Denver. Volunteers will spend the day canning as much as they can and will do everything from prepping the produce to labeling the cans! Contact Charlene Olms at 970-530-3113 or colms@foodbanklarimer.org

The Child Advocacy Center is hosting its Run For A Child's Sake on April 26 from 8-10:30am. Run For a Child's Sake is a 5K Run/Walk and will need 8 volunteers to be course marshals. The course starts at Runners Roost 308 W. Drake Rd Fort Collins. Contact Ana Sluss at 407-9739

***March of Dimes** will host the annual fundraiser, March for Babies, on April 26. The walk is hosted in attempts to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. To learn more about volunteering for the event, visit www.marchforbabies.org

United Day Care Center needs 3-5 volunteers on April 26 to help with the Infant Remodel Move. Volunteers will help move classroom furniture into storage at the Pine Street location in Fort Collins for a planned remodel. Shifts are from 9am-12pm. Contact Jennifer Van Cleave at 493-2628, 568-7670 or jenbolton75@aol.com

Ben & Jerry's will celebrate its 12th Anniversary by hosting its Free Cone Day on April 29 from 12-8pm. To volunteer as an ice cream scooper, contact Kim Rais at 232-1170

ORGANIZATIONS that need Volunteers

United Way of Larimer County is seeking a long-term part-time front desk administrative assistant for 3-4 hours, 2-3 days each week. The office assistant will greet guests, gain a general understanding of United Way and its facilities and assist in general administrative tasks. Contact Ken Benda at 407-7000 or kbenda@uwaylc.org

Senior Alternatives in Transportation (SAINT) needs volunteer drivers for its Fort Collins and Loveland programs. SAINT volunteers use their own vehicles to provide rides to people 60 years and older and to others with disabilities that prevent them from driving. Volunteers must have a current, valid driver's license and a background check is required. Contact Connie at 223-8604 or saintvc@frii.com

Arts Alive Fort Collins needs 2-4 volunteers to help with data entry, organize files and to prepare mailings. Shifts are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-5pm. Contact Rachel Herrera at 482-2232 or Rachel@artsalivefc.org

Disabled Resource Services needs a volunteer to help update their website. The project can be done on-site in Fort Collins or virtually. Contact Marj Grell at 482-2700

Crossroads Safehouse is seeking a volunteer Crisis Intervention/Shelter Advocate to work with and assist staff in providing crisis intervention to clients, and to assist staff with the functioning of the shelter. Minimum of 2 hours per week required. Training provided. Contact 530-2353 or volunteer_coordinator@crossroadssafehouse.org

The Gardens on Spring Creek needs volunteers to enhance visitor experience by being friendly and knowledgeable Gardens representatives. Greeters may give brief tours to visitors. Training is provided. A minimum of two - 3 1/2 hour shifts per month is required. Contact Connie Meyer at 416-2486 or cmeyer@fcgov.com

Partners Mentoring Youth of Larimer County needs volunteers to help at the Partners office. Tasks include answering phones, data entry, copying/mailing, filing, and other office duties as needed. Hours flexible. Office hours are 8:30am - 5pm M-F. Contact Gretchen Brokamp at 484-7123 or gretchen@partnersmentoringyouth.org

Women's Health Consortium is looking for a volunteer to help create a logo and implement it into a marketing brochure that can be used to promote their services in the health field. WHC works to reach women in need of wrap-around health services related to ovarian cancer, breast cancer and others. Contact Nettie Underwood at 498-6761 or nunderwood@larimer.org

Volunteers of America is looking for volunteers to volunteer at any of our 12 Congregate Meal sites throughout Loveland, Fort Collins, Bellvue, and Wellington. Days vary and meals are only served Monday thru Friday between the hours of 11am and 1pm. Many opportunities are available

such as server, greeter, and entertainment. Contact CJ Cullins at 472-9630 or voaprograms@frii.com

Hope Lives! Breast Cancer Support Center is looking for volunteers to serve on the Pink Boa 5K Event Planning Committee. Weekly meetings will take place at the Hope Lives! office at 2629 Redwing Road, Suite 260 on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. The Pink Boa 5K Run/Walk will take place on May 31. Contact Martha at 225-6200 or Martha@hopelives.org or visit www.hopelives.org

***Hearts and Horses Hearts & Horses** in Loveland is recruiting volunteers to work soccer games at the Pepsi Center to raise funds! H&H is paid \$45-60 for each person or if there are enough people to take an entire concession stand, H&H would get a percent of the sale. Average work is about 5 hours. Contact Carrie at 663-4200 or handhvolunteers@frii.com

Food Bank for Larimer County needs volunteers to provide direct service to clients of the food pantry area, Food Share. Volunteers will greet clients, check IDs, update information on the computer, and hand out commodities. All volunteers receive training and staff support. There are currently volunteer openings on Tuesdays from 8:30am-12:30pm, Tuesdays from 11:30am-2:30pm, and Saturdays from 11p-3p. 3 month minimum commitment on a weekly basis preferred. Contact Charlene Olms at 530-3113 or colms@foodbanklarimer.org

Volunteers of America Safety of Seniors Handyman Program seeks safety oriented volunteers to assist with home safety education, minor home modifications, and home safety assessments. This program is for low income seniors and disabled individuals living within Larimer County. For more information please contact CJ Cullins at 472-9630 or voaprograms@frii.com

Bike Fort Collins is seeking volunteers for various positions including assistance in the Bike Library, mechanics, station attendants, etc. Contact Volunteer Coordinator at info@bikefortcollins.org

Center for Justice, Peace and Environment needs creative and committed volunteers to serve on its expanding spokes council. Contact Cheryl Distaso at 419-8944 or distaso@frii.com

***Kids at Heart** is seeking volunteers to assist in their respite care events, Fundangos!, for children so parents can enjoy a much deserved break. Volunteers will chaperone and interact with children by playing games, creating craft projects and having a fun time! Ages 11-15 supervised, 16+ unsupervised. Contact Lee Mizer at 223-1230 or director@kidsatheartfundango.org

RespiteCare is seeking assistant childcare volunteers to provide fun, safe, and stimulating activities for children with disabilities. Shifts are Monday through Friday and volunteers need to commit to 2 prearranged hours per week for a minimum of 3 months. Contact Lynn Hall at 207-9435 or lynn@respitcareinc.org

Matthews House is seeking a volunteer IT Specialist to maintain the Linux based server, facilitate network administration and software installation, facilitate new computer setup, assist with computer problems and troubleshooting, and help with other technical difficulties. Previous IT experience, patience, and a good attitude are preferred. Background checks are mandatory. Contact Vanessa Aschmann 472-4293 or vanessa@thematthewshouse.org

Girl Scouts of Colorado needs female and male volunteers as leaders to plan and carry out the Girl Scouts program. Leaders should be able to communicate with girls and other adults and must have the ability to attend sessions designed to support leaders during the year. Completed

application form, 3 personal references and background check are required. Contact Stephanie Beckley at 493-1844 or Stephanie.beckley@gscolorado.org

8th Judicial District Probation Department is seeking Adult Mentors to be paired with one or two Probationers. Mentors will provide support in learning social skills, employment skills, Restorative Justice initiatives, etc. Mentors meet with probationers for approximately 3 hours per month, with a commitment of three months. Mentors will have the flexibility to set the meeting time around their schedules and preferably the probationers work schedule. Background check, application and 3 letters of reference required. Contact Jeanna Pierce at 498-5846 or jeanna.pierce@judicial.state.co.us

Wildfire Community Arts Center in Berthoud is seeking a volunteer coordinator to organize/supervise high school volunteers who provide office support, website and email support, and mailings. Contact Susan Pucket at 532-5497

The United Way 2-1-1 Advisory Committee is looking for community leaders that have an interest in information referral, human services or disaster preparedness to assure accountability and success for the 2-1-1 program. Contact Tracy Hays at 407-7051 or thays@uwaylc.org

Compass of Larimer County offers the opportunity for volunteers to serve as Research Specialists. Volunteers will work from own computers to maintain and develop the Compass Community Indicator website (www.larimer.org/compass) by researching, interviewing, data analysis, reporting, or data collection. Contact Amy Wolsey at 498-6877 or awolsey@larimer.org

United Way 2-1-1 is open M-F 8am-8pm

If you need help and don't know where to go or want to help and don't know where to look, call 2-1-1.