



VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER

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Volunteer Connections for Community Needs

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If your agency wants to be highlighted in the Volunteer Corner, please email a paragraph describing your organization, volunteer needs and contact information to vac@hscct.org

The mission of **Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center** in Westport, CT, is to educate the community about nature and the environment. There are many opportunities for adults and older teens to assist with the following activities: sales help in the volunteer-run gift shop, trail and grounds maintenance, publicity, caring for animals, collecting and testing water samples through Harbor Watch/River Watch and assistance at public events and fundraisers. Contact info@earthplace.org or (203) 227-7253 for more information.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk is looking for a Volunteer Marketing and a Volunteer Finance Intern. The Finance Intern responsibilities include preparation of daily deposits and imports from VISTA and retrieving corresponding reports, mail processing for checks and invoices, subsequent invoice tracking into Financial Edge for Accounts Payable, distribution of invoices for coding and approval, review of payables and assisting with special projects.

The Marketing Intern will assist the marketing and communications team with advertising, publicity, internal and external communications, community relations and outreach; assist with marketing educational and membership programs and facility rentals, distribution of marketing materials, plan and execute special events, conduct research and support administrative functions.

The commitment is a minimum 12 - 15 hours per week / Minimum 10 - 12 weeks. For more information please contact Tammi Small at (203) 899 0606, ext. 245.

Family & Children's Agency (FCA) in Norwalk needs volunteers in the After School Program to make a difference in the lives of at-risk middle school students one afternoon a week by joining a dynamic team of committed volunteers and professionals who provide guidance and homework support to students from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Volunteers act as tutors, mentors and positive role models during academic time and help implement enrichment activities. Adults and high school students are welcome.

Also needed are male volunteers to help guide at-risk middle school boys on Friday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The program is in need of committed male volunteers to assist staff with team building activities, gender-based discussion groups and community service projects. For more information, please contact Mayx Holmes at Family & Children's Agency at (203) 523-5715.

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Birthright of Greater Norwalk is a nonpolitical and interdenominational agency serving women with unplanned pregnancies by giving them the help they need to carry their babies to term and thereafter. Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, maternity clothes and layettes, as well as referrals to medical, legal and social service agencies. All services are free and confidential. They are presently in need of friendship mentors to provide love, support and understanding to women facing the challenges of their pregnancies and help with office duties, publicity and community outreach efforts. If you have an interest in any of these areas, please call Margaret Vallerie Monday through Thursday, 10a.m. to 1p.m. at (203) 853-4872.

The Norwalk Historical Society seeks volunteers who have a love of history and wish to make a difference in their community. Volunteer opportunities typically require 2 – 4 hours per week and are scheduled at the volunteer's convenience. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: administrative and office help, cleaning collections, researching grant sources, historical bakers for special events, tour guides at Mill Hill Historic Park. For more information, please call (203) 846-0525 or email info@norwalkhistoricalsociety.org. For more information about the Norwalk Historical Society, please visit the NHS website at www.norwalkhistoricalsociety.org.

YoungLives, a program of Young Life, provides mentoring for teenage girls who are pregnant or parenting. Through caring relationships with mentors, group activities, and camp, teen moms find a safe haven to have fun and be themselves as well as consider issues of faith and values. YoungLives is looking for volunteers to be mentors, childcare volunteers and to help with crafts, rides and special events. Contact information: (203) 803-3030, PO Box 893, Norwalk, CT 06852, anneke@younglives.younglife.org Check out their website: www.younglivesfairfieldcounty.younglife.org

The Western Convention & Visitors Bureau is looking for volunteers to staff the Tourist Information Center at the Lockwood Mathews Mansion. Shifts are for four hours, once a week from now until the middle of November. There is some flexibility with the times of the shifts. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Heather Foster at (203) 838-0302.

The Norwalk Symphony Orchestra is seeking volunteers of all ages interested in working in the following areas: office support, concert ushers, preparing food and drinks for the musicians during their rehearsal breaks and stage management during rehearsals and concerts. You will receive free admission to all NSO concerts, get to be surrounded by the musical arts community and work with great people. For more information please contact Anita Behnken at (203) 847-5242 or Russ Cooper at (203) 313-1391.

STILL NOT SURE WHAT TO DO? For more information on **VAC**, Voluntary Action Center, volunteer opportunities or any of our programs, visit our web site at www.hscct.org. Scroll down to bottom of page and click on "Volunteer Now" button. On the next page, click on "Volunteer Corner" near top of page. There is an additional link for **Youth Volunteer Opportunities** to access our handbook of listings for youth volunteers. You can also click on "Volunteer Match" and "Volunteer Solutions" near the bottom of page to view current opportunities. **VAC** is a program of The **H**uman **S**ervices **C**ouncil of Mid-Fairfield.