

Hi, just a reminder that you are receiving this email from the United Way Roger Hill Volunteer Center because you are a registered volunteer on the Roger Hill volunteer website, [www.volunteerdouglascounty.org](http://www.volunteerdouglascounty.org). Don't forget to add [volunteer@unitedwaydgco.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwaydgco.org) to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

**United Way Roger Hill  
Volunteer Center**

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Hello Volunteers!

We are pleased to offer you some of the latest and most pressing volunteer needs via this newsletter. There are lots of great opportunities -- check it out below!

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## ABOVE AND BEYOND



Helen Seymour has devoted nearly 400 hours to Douglas County CASA, advocating as a CASA on behalf of 3 children, but also serving in many roles on the Board, as a gifted fund raiser, and a charming ambassador for the agency. She has hosted CASA meetings in her home, donated food for volunteer trainings, donated gifts for kids, made the CASA staff feel appreciated, and inspires others to serve. Helen's passion for the work of CASA allows CASA to continue to "make a difference" in the lives of abused children.

### DON'T FORGET

To check out the other 100+ volunteer opportunities listed on our website: go to

[www.volunteerdouglascounty.org](http://www.volunteerdouglascounty.org)

Contact us anytime for more information about an opportunity listed here or for help finding the right volunteer experience for you.

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Volunteer Center office hours: M-F 8am-2pm

## How to Help for the Holidays

This issue of the volunteer newsletter lists holiday related volunteer opportunities.

### Holiday Gift Donations

The following agencies participate in the community-wide adoption program coordinated by the **Holiday Bureau**, which provides food, gifts, and clothing to families in need:

- \***ECKAN**: 785-423-4142
- \***Penn House**: 785-842-0440
- \***The Salvation Army**: 785-843-4188
- \***Catholic Charities**: 785-856-2694
- \***Centro Hispano**: 785-843-2039
- \***Toys for Tots**: 785-766-3023
- \***Just Food**: 785-856-7030

You can make the season bright for youth who live in foster care or group home settings by donating gifts such as new clothing, toys, CDs, gift certificates, books or school supplies. Items for teens are especially needed. Donors can be matched with a youth or be given a child's wish list at:

**The Villages, Inc**: contact Diane Schulze at 785-267-5900, ext. 0 or [dianesc@thevillagesinc.org](mailto:dianesc@thevillagesinc.org).

**Lawrence Family Promise** seeks individuals and groups to adopt a family for Christmas gifts and some food and basic supplies. If you are interested in helping, please contact Becky Peters at [becky@lawrencefamilypromise.org](mailto:becky@lawrencefamilypromise.org).

**Douglas County Senior Services Adopt-a-Senior Program** is looking for caring community members to pair with a senior and provide at least one item from his or her wish list and a grocery certificate. To adopt a senior for the holidays please contact Janet Ikenberry at 785-842-0543.

**Douglas County Toys for Tots** needs donations of new, unwrapped toys and/or money to purchase toys for needy children in Douglas County. Toys for Tots often helps families unable to qualify for help from other agencies. Look for collection boxes in

mid-November. Volunteers, especially those who are bilingual, are also needed to help with the Christmas Toy Shop in Dec. Please call Mary Jones at 785-766-3023 or Bev Hill at 785-766-0104.

**Lawrence Community Shelter's Holiday Gift Program** needs donations of gift items such as coats (kids and adults), winter boots (kids and adults), shampoo, soap, tampons, sweatshirts, socks, sweatpants, gloves, knit hats, and blankets. Call Mia Gonzalez at 785-832-8864 or email [miag@lawrenceshelter.com](mailto:miag@lawrenceshelter.com).

**The Willow Domestic Violence Center** is looking for donations for their Holiday Store. Needed items include winter outer wear, women's and children's clothing and accessories, personal items, children's gifts, infant items, and cash. For more information, please contact 785.331.2034 x 104.

**Lawrence Meals on Wheels** is offering ornaments from their Angel Tree for a \$5 donation. Each \$5 donation feeds 1 resident for a day. For more information, please contact Kim Culliss at 830-8844.

Local Food Pantries are always in need of donations, especially cereal, canned fruit, and peanut butter. For additional information, please contact **Just Food** at 785-856-7030 or drop by 1000 E 11th Street.

### **Holiday Volunteer Opportunities**

**The Lawrence Arts Center** is looking for costume assistance for the 150+ member cast of *A Kansas Nutcracker* on stage this December. All levels of help are welcome – from basic stitching to more advanced construction. For more information, please contact Erika Gray at 785-843-2787 or at [erika@lawrenceartscenter.org](mailto:erika@lawrenceartscenter.org).

**LINK** will be serving a **Thanksgiving Day Meal** at First Christian Church from 1-2:30 pm, and needs volunteers to help prepare food for the meal. Contact Wendy at [wmeisenheimer@hotmail.com](mailto:wmeisenheimer@hotmail.com) or at 785-

331-9567 to volunteer to help with this meal. **LINK** is also in need of volunteers to deliver meals to homebound community members. Donations, food preparations, and deliveries will occur at Maceli's on **Wed, Nov 26**. Call Deb at 785-330-3105 to volunteer.

**The Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence** will be hosting their annual Mason's Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, **November 25**, for 250 of their members from select sites at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed to help with set up of tables and chairs from 2:00-3:00 pm, and then for clean-up and table and chair take down from 5:30-6:30 pm. For more information, please contact (785)-380-8895 or [volunteer@bgclk.org](mailto:volunteer@bgclk.org).

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County** is looking for volunteers to help with the 19th Annual Gingerbread House Festival on **Dec 6-7**. Contact Stacie at 785-843-7359 for further information.

**The Salvation Army** has many holiday programs for which they seek volunteers:

**Thanksgiving Food Boxes:** Volunteers are needed for set up on **Nov 24** and for distribution on **Nov 25**.

**Red Kettle Christmas Campaign:** Bell Ringers are needed **November 15-December 24** on Mondays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

**Christmas Joy Shop:** Set up volunteers are needed **Nov 8-9**, and distribution volunteers are needed **Dec 11-12**.

**Share the Warmth Coat Distribution:** Sorting and set up volunteers are needed **Dec 1**, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m. Distribution volunteers are needed **Dec 4**, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. and on **Dec 5**, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Holiday Dinner:** Volunteers needed for setup, prep, serving, and clean up on **Dec 3**.

**Toy Drive:** Volunteers needed from **Nov 3-Dec 14**.

**Adopt-a-Family Distribution:** Sorting and setup volunteers needed on **Dec**

**15-16.** Distribution volunteers are  
needed **Dec 18.**

For more details about these opportunities,  
please contact Marisa McCluer at  
785-843-4188.