

United Way of Greater Cincinnati Volunteer & Go Guide 2009 Holiday Edition

Opportunities on Thanksgiving Day, November 26

Feast of Love Ministries

Contact Name: Karen Lane, Phone: 513-541-5676

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45224

- *Thanksgiving Dinner.* Volunteers will help prepare meal, set up, serve meal, and clean up. Call ahead to sign up.

Minimum Age: Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly

Contact Name: Karen D'Alessandro, Phone: 513-542-7555, E-mail: kdalessandro.cin@littlebrothers.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45239

- *Thanksgiving Day Celebration.* Deliver a hot turkey dinner with flowers to elderly who would otherwise spend their holiday alone. The visit is just as important as the meal if not more so. Please call ahead to sign up for this opportunity.

Minimum Age: 16 with valid driver's license (under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

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Our Daily Bread

Contact Name: Kathy Ray, Phone: 513-621-6364, E-mail: kathy@ourdailybread.us

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45202

A ministry of hospitality dedicated to serving the needs of the neighborhood residents. Serves meals to more than 400 people daily.

- *Thanksgiving Meal.* Volunteers will serve or prepare a holiday meal, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and should call ahead.

Minimum Age: 16

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Thanksgiving Day Race

Contact Name: Julie Ispording, Phone: 513-241-6470, E-mail: julie@sparkpeople.com

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45202

This event is a 10K (6.2 mile) race for runners and walkers. It is the oldest race in the Midwest and one of the oldest in the country. Join us in this fun and cherished tradition for Thanksgiving in Cincinnati!

- *Thanksgiving Day Race.* Join us for the 100th annual Thanksgiving Day Race! Register participants, provide general information, serve water at water stations, assist at the finish line or distribute food. Everyone is welcome to work more than one shift. This is a fun-filled event and a great way to start the holidays!

Minimum Age: 18

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The Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati

Contact Name: Deanna Powell, Phone: 513-762-5643, E-mail: deanna.powell@use.salvationarmy.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45202

Provides family counseling, services to transients, emergency assistance, temporary lodging for families, camp programs, adult and child daycare, emergency disaster services and youth programs.

- *Thanksgiving Breakfast.* Volunteers will cook, set-up, and clean up for this holiday meal.

Minimum Age: Any

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Opportunities on Christmas Day, December 25

Feast of Love Ministries

Contact Name: Karen Lane, Phone: 513-541-5676

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45224

- *Christmas Dinner.* Volunteers will help prepare meal, set up, serve meal, and clean up. Call ahead to sign up.

Minimum Age: Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly

Contact Name: Karen D'Alessandro, Phone: 513-542-7555, E-mail: kdalessandro.cin@littlebrothers.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45239

- *Christmas Day Celebration.* Volunteers will deliver a hot turkey dinner with flowers to elderly who would otherwise spend their holiday alone. The visit is just as important as the meal if not more so. Please call ahead sign up for this opportunity.

Minimum Age: 16 with valid driver's license (under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

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Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky

Contact Name: Lucinda Groves, Phone: 859-431-1077, E-mail: lgroves@mhanky.org

Location: Covington, KY 41011

Dedicated to promoting mental health, preventing mental disorders, and achieving victory over mental illness through advocacy, education, research, and service.

- *Christmas Dinner.* Volunteers will help with set up, preparing the holiday meal, serving the meal, and clean up.

Minimum Age: Minors must be accompanied by a parent.

Our Daily Bread

Contact Name: Kathy Ray, Phone: 513-621-6364, E-mail: kathy@ourdailybread.us

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45202

A ministry of hospitality dedicated to serving the needs of the neighborhood residents. Serves meals to more than 400 people daily.

- *Holiday Meal.* Volunteers will serve or prepare a holiday meal, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and should call ahead.

Minimum Age: 16

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Additional Holiday Opportunities

Arthritis Foundation Ohio River Valley Chapter

Date: December 5

Contact Name: Barb Precht, Phone: 513-271-4545 x 112, E-mail: bprecht@arthritis.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45243

Provides programs and services for people with arthritis.

- *Jingle Bell Run/Walk.* The Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run is being held on Saturday, December 5th, starting and ending at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, and we need your help! There are many volunteer jobs to fill including registration, T-shirt distribution, race course workers, and others.

Minimum Age: 16

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Behringer Crawford Museum

Date: November 21 – December 31

Contact Name: Sarah Siegrist, Phone: 859-491-4003, E-mail: info@bcmuseum.org

Location: Covington, KY 41011

A center for the collection, presentation, study, and enjoyment of our natural, cultural, visual, and performing arts heritage.

- *Toy Train Exhibit.* Volunteers watch over the train exhibit and ensure that patrons are not touching the trains or the train layout. You also may be responsible for running the toy trains and assisting patrons with operating the interactive train accessories. Call for volunteer hours.

Minimum Age: 13

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Cincinnati Museum Center Union Terminal

Date: November 26 – December 31

Contact Name: Angela Smorey, Phone: 513-287-7025 x 7235, E-mail: asmorey@cincymuseum.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45203

Collects and preserves knowledge, stimulates curiosity and promotes enjoyment of learning to inspire all people to understand and appreciate natural history, science, and regional history and to support the development of children.

- *Holiday Junction.* Going into its 16th year, Holiday Junction is expanding! Guests will enjoy craft activities, storytelling, caroling, as well as the beautiful model train layouts that make this winter wonderland so unique. Help us share the joy of the season with visitors of all ages! Volunteers will greet and interact with visitors and operate the children's train ride.

Minimum Age: 18

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FreestoreFoodbank

Date: November 23 - 25

Contact Name: Margaret Walker, Phone: 513-482-7543, E-mail: volunteerservices@freestorefoodbank.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45202

Provides food, products and services to help people overcome barriers to their basic survival needs and further their self-reliance.

- *Thanksgiving Holiday Operation.* Help our clients to enjoy Thanksgiving. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks such as greeting donors, receiving donations and providing a receipt if needed. You need to dress warmly as donations are received through the drive-through. Shifts are available each day, 7:30 a.m. - noon; 12:30-4:30 p.m.; or 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Minimum Age: 16

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- *Christmas Holiday Operation*

Help the agency's clients to enjoy their holidays. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks such as greeting donors, receiving donations, and providing a receipt if needed. You need to dress warmly as donations are received through the drive-through. heavy lifting might be involved. Shifts are available on Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, shifts are available from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Minimum Age: 16

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=4608*271

Hamilton County Park District Volunteers-In-Parks Inc

Date: November 27 – December 23

Contact Name: Kathy Fay, Phone: 513-245-7479, E-mail: Kfay@GreatParks.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45231

Provides outdoor recreation and education in order to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.

- *Holiday in Lights.* Volunteer activities include working as a greeter or train attendant and helping at the photos with Santa booth from 6 to 10 p.m.

Minimum Age: 18

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=886*271

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Holly Hill Children's Home

Contact Name: Constance Wong, Phone: 859-635-0500 x 212, E-mail: cwong@hollyhill-ky.org

Location: California, KY 41007

Meets the physical and emotional needs of troubled and neglected children through residential treatment, foster care, adoption services, case management, therapeutic support, and supervised visitation.

- *Thanksgiving Dinner.* We will be serving a special Thanksgiving meal on November 24 for over 200 people. On November 23, volunteers are needed to set up for the dinner. On November 24, volunteers will help prepare food (2 volunteers, 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m.), decorate and set the tables (2 volunteers - to be completed by 4 p.m.), serve food to guests and clean up (4 volunteers from 5 - 10 p.m.). On November 25, volunteers will take down tables from 10 a.m. to noon.

Date: November 23 - 25

Minimum Age: 21

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=3914*271

- *Wrap Gifts.* A large Christmas party is given for the children in our programs and their siblings each year. We usually receive more than 400 gifts; many of which require wrapping. Volunteers can wrap gifts on December 15 - 18, 2009 at either 1400 Gloria Terrell Drive, Wilder, KY or 9599 Summer Hill Road, California, KY from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers are asked to work 3-hour shifts.

Date: December 15 - 18

Minimum Age: 18

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=4603*271

St. Joseph Orphanage

Date: To Be Determined by Agency and Volunteer in November or December

Contact Name: Laurie Gregg, Phone: 513-741-3100 x 2225, E-mail: laurie.gregg@sjokids.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45239

A comprehensive children's mental health residential treatment agency that helps abused and/or emotionally-disturbed children and their families on the road to recovery and success.

- *Holiday Party.* St. Joseph Orphanage is looking for small groups to host holiday parties (in November or December) for their residential children and day-treatment participants. Parties can be scheduled Monday - Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. or 6:30 - 8 p.m. or anytime on the weekend.

Minimum Age: 18

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=5757*271

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The Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati

Contact Name: Denise Martin, Phone: 513-762-5639, E-mail: Denise.Martin@use.salvationarmy.org

Location: Cincinnati, OH 45202

Provides family counseling, services to transients, emergency assistance, temporary lodging for families, camp programs, adult and child daycare, emergency disaster services and youth programs.

- *Toy Shop Registration.* The Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati is pleased to present Toy Shop 2009. In partnership with the Marines' Toys for Tots collection drive, this program each December provides the means for local families in need to have something to give their younger children at Christmas time. Volunteers will help register clients to attend the annual Toy Shop at one of our six locations in Greater Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 3 - 7 p.m.

Date: November 16 – 20

Minimum Age: 16

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=296*271

- *Red Kettle Campaign.* Volunteers are needed to ring bells at kettles stationed at over 50 locations throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The campaign runs from November 18 - December 24. Please note that bell ringers are not soliciting donations, just thanking those that donate and spreading holiday cheer. Volunteers (individuals, corporations and/or families) will volunteer at approximately 100 locations throughout Hamilton, Clermont, Boone, Kenton, and Campbell counties.

Date: November 18 – December 24

Minimum Age: 16

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=296*271

- *Adopt-A-Family Volunteer.* On December 8 and 9, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., sponsors who "adopted" a family bring their gifts to be checked in and organized for distribution. On December 11, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., gifts will be distributed to families who have been "adopted" by sponsors. Volunteers will greet sponsors, organize packages (some lifting required), distribute gifts, and share holiday cheer.

Date: December 8, 9, 11

Minimum Age: Any

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=5759*271

- *The Salvation Army Toy Shop.* Volunteers will assist with set up of the Toy Shop on December 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., December 16 and 17, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and December 18, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Volunteers will assist previously registered clients with shopping for their children.

Date: December 15 – 18

Minimum Age: 16

Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=4557*271

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Welcome House of Northern Kentucky, Inc.

Date: Will be determined by agency and volunteer in November and December

Contact Name: Ashley Walker, Phone: 859-431-8717, E-mail: awalker@welcomehouseky.org

Location: Covington, KY 41011

Collaborates with the community to provide a continuum of quality services for individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

- *Sleigh Drivers.* Volunteers will pick up holiday donations on behalf of the agency. Dates and time vary. Must have own transportation.
Minimum Age: 18
Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=5746*271
- *Stocking Elves.* Volunteers are needed to help us organize and stock holiday donations. This can be an on-going or one time opportunity. Help is needed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for 2-3 hours at a time. Call for available times and dates.
Minimum Age: 18
Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=5747*271
- *Decorate the Agency for the Holidays.* Volunteers will help decorate the agency for the holidays. This opportunity can be completed the first week of December (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.). This opportunity will take about 2 hours.
Minimum Age: 18
Sign Up Online: https://uwgc.upicsolutions.org/uwgc/Volunteer/VolOpInfo.jsp?nbr=5748*271

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