

AmeriCorps Seniors

RSVP

St Cloud Area Volunteer Opportunities

RSVP is a volunteer program for adults age 55+ sponsored by the City of St. Cloud. Volunteers create their own flexible schedule and level of commitment. Below are a few of the current openings our agency partners need assistance with. Contact us to get involved with these or any of our other 175+ partner agencies.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Anna Marie's

Child Mentor: Child Mentors spend time in the children's area, letting them know they are worthwhile, helping them to heal, teaching them how to treat themselves and each other, allowing advocates time to work with moms in meeting children's needs. Time Commitment includes one shift per week for 6 months minimum. Shifts available M-F 8:30am-12:30pm or 1:30-5:30pm. (1/21)

Around Cloud Tutors

Around Cloud Tutors is a partnership of United Way Partners For Student Success and the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation. The goal is to provide equitable educational opportunities through free digital K-12 tutoring. RSVP Tutors choose the volunteer position, age group to work with, and the hours available to serve. Volunteers must complete the criminal background check, attend Around Cloud Tutors orientation and be dependable. Volunteer will need to provide their own technology equipped with a video camera. Working knowledge of Zoom and Google Meets is helpful but training sessions available as needed. Ideally, RSVP volunteers can dedicate 2 or more hours per week. Volunteers will be able to indicate availability in one-hour increments. Tutor and reading sessions are by the half-hour.

Online Reading Helper: In this position, volunteers assist young learners in developing reading skills by listening to them read out loud, helping with word sounds, and encouraging comprehension. In some cases, volunteers bring a children's book and read to a young learner or students will bring a book and read to the tutor. (1/21)

Online K-12 Tutor: Tutors choose the subject such as assisting in Math, English, Science, and pick their desired grade level. (1/21)

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Virtual Mentor – With these uncertain times, the youth and families Big Brothers Big Sisters serve are among the hardest hit, and they are doing everything they can to keep them safe and supported. Children are needing mentorship now more than ever! They now offer virtual matching - you can attend an Info Session, be interviewed and meet your Little through Zoom! This is a one-on-one volunteer opportunity to provide friendship and guidance to a child in Central MN. The volunteer will meet with their Little 3 - 4 times a month for 12 months. (1/21)

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

AARP Tax Aide program

Tax Counselor: Assist community members with tax questions, organizing records, and help them prepare their Federal, State, and Property Tax returns online. (1/21)

Volunteers complete AARP training (3-4 days) and pass certification test to prepare tax returns. Must be computer literate and able to explain work to taxpayers. Tax preparations will be conducted virtually due to COVID-19 safety measures. Tax Counselors commit to 40 hours of volunteer service (plus training) between January and August 10. (1/21)

Client Facilitator: Welcome taxpayers on-site and manage the check-in process. Ensure taxpayers have correct documents and identification. Help taxpayers complete portions of the intake booklet as needed. Assist with setting up tax preparation appointments. Although tax preparations will be conducted virtually, this volunteer position is in person at Whitney Senior Center Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from February 9-April 15 for intake. All clients and volunteers will be required to wear a mask and keep a minimum of 6-foot distance. Plexi-glass dividers and other protocols will be in place to ensure COVID-19 safety measures. Strong people skills and ability to keep strict confidentiality. Client Facilitators commit to 4 hours of volunteer service per week between January and August 10. (1/21)

Tri-Cap Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

Tri-CAP's VITA Program offers free tax preparation and e-filing services to low- and moderate-income households. No experience needed. Volunteers receive free training to become IRS Certified and prepare basic tax returns in local communities. The Tri-CAP VITA sites are located in St. Cloud and Waite Park. Training begins mid-January and the season ends in April 15. (1/21)

Tax Site Assistant: Greets taxpayers, explains the process, and gives clients paperwork to complete. Goes over completed tax return with customers and secure necessary signatures. (1/21)

Tax Preparer: Prepares Federal, State, and Property tax returns using TaxSlayer software. Works cooperatively with staff and other volunteers to provide high-quality service to clients. Maintains strict confidentiality. (1/21)

Tax Reviewer: Reviews prepared returns for accuracy. Must have 80 hours or 2 years' experience filing income taxes. (1/21)

Tax Site Host: Greet tax site visitors. Assist guests with signing in at the site. (1/21)

FOOD & CLOTHING SERVICES

Senior Dining Home Delivered Meals (Catholic Charities)

Pick up meals at Whitney Senior Center and deliver to homebound seniors. Cheerfully greet participants and give them a supply of envelopes to make confidential donations. Return collected donations and meal carriers to meal coordinator at Whitney daily. Report special needs or concerns (physical/emotional changes, etc.) of the participant to the coordinator for follow up. There is no route mileage reimbursement available for drivers. Drivers needed Monday and Wednesday from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Catholic Charities Emergency Services

Clothing Support - Greet and help clients to locate clothing in proper sizes and styles in a secure area. Keep shopping area neat, and hangers put in boxes and clothing hung. Occasionally sort and hang clothing as directed by staff. Must have an interest in working with used clothing and good organizational skills as well as an understanding non-judgmental attitude toward low income persons and people in crisis. (01/21)

Donation Door Attendant: Help move donations into building and sorting area. Keep sorters supplied. Assist in compacting and binding of cardboard. Keep area neat and orderly. Assist staff accepting donations and deliveries to the program. Responsible for delivery of excellent customer service while receiving and assisting with donated goods, issuing tax receipts, keeping accurate counts of donations, cleaning, sorting, and transporting goods, while maintaining a clean and safe work area. Must be able to lift &/or move up to 50 pounds without assistance and have an understanding non-judgmental attitude toward low income persons and people in crisis.. (01/21)

Food Shelf Aide - Assist with sorting food items, checking for expiration dates, discarding expired items, and maintaining a clean, organized pantry. Must be able to bend, lift, and stand. Volunteers complete 3-4 hour shifts with a weekly, monthly, or seasonally commitment. Must have an understanding non-judgmental attitude toward low income persons and people in crisis. (01/21)

Intake Aide – Greet and check clients into the service the client requests using a computer/laptop. “No-touch” interaction. Record date of client visit on their electronic file. Must be computer literate with good organizational skills and have an understanding non-judgmental attitude toward low income persons and people in crisis. (01/21)

Quilters Group – Make quilts from unusable clothing and other donated fabrics. Good sewing skills are a must; some knowledge of quilting is helpful. Time commitment is flexible, usually 3-5 hours. Group meets Wednesdays 9-noon in Waite Park or by home assignment. (01/21)

HEALTH CARE

American Red Cross

Donor Ambassador Volunteer – Volunteers greet and register donors, check schedules, serve refreshments, and observe donors for the American Red Cross. Days and times vary. (01/21)

OTHER NON-PROFIT

Anna Marie's

Receptionist: Volunteers staff the front desk, monitor the door, interact on a casual support basis with guests, accept incoming donations and provide basic office support. Time Commitment includes 4 hours of training and a six-month commitment. Volunteers work a minimum of one 4 hour shift every other week. Shifts are available 5 days a week from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and/or 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. (1/21)

Facilities Support: Volunteers organize in-kind donations, transport donations as needed and put together welcome bags for new residents. Time Commitment includes a minimum three-month commitment. Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of one 4 hour shift every other week. Shifts are available Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and/or 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. (1/21)

Weekend Cooking Crew: Prepare and serve meals for, and interact with, women and children residing at Anna Marie's shelter. Volunteers may prepare the menu of the day or arrange the menu with the Volunteer Services Coordinator one week in advance. Anna Marie's will supply the groceries. Help is needed on Saturdays and/or Sundays from 9:30-12:30pm for lunch and 3:00 – 6:00 pm for dinner. (1/21)

Central Minnesota Audio Newspapers

Volunteer Reader - The Central Minnesota Audio Newspapers is looking for volunteers to read the St Cloud Times and other area newspapers each day. This is a resource for the blind and print disabled. Volunteers can read as frequently as they wish, once a month, every week or whatever works in their schedule. The time commitment is up to two hours between the hours 4PM-8PM. Volunteers will read at the KVSC studio on the campus of St Cloud State University. (1/21)

Tri-Cap (Tri-County Action Program)

Volunteer Driver –Volunteer drivers provide rides using their own private vehicles to residents of Benton, Stearns, and Sherburne counties. Passengers are assigned to volunteers by the Tri-CAP dispatch center and may be traveling to medical appointments or a variety of other destinations. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed at the Federal IRS rate and may also be eligible for some meal reimbursements. Volunteer drivers provide an important service to those in need in the tri-county area. (01/21)

SENIOR SERVICES

Assumption Community Faith in Action – Senior Service Volunteers

Chore Services: Chore services provide heavy housekeeping, such as: washing floors, windows and walls, minor home repair and maintenance, safety modifications/grab bar installation, snow shoveling/ice removal, lawn care, leaf raking. (01/21)

Friendly Visitors: Visit in person or by phone providing visitation to clients that are home bound or socially isolated. (01/21)

Homemaker: Homemakers provide assistance to persons having difficulty with one or more of the instrumental activities of daily living. Includes services such as: preparing meals, shopping for food and other personal items, managing money, answering or making telephone calls, or routine housekeeping (dusting or sweeping). (01/21)

Respite Volunteers: Provide assistance with meals, medications reminders and general supervision. Respite volunteers are screened, trained and matched with older adults and supervised by provider. Respite visits should be approximately 4-6 hours in length an average of one to two times a week. (01/21)

Transportation: Transportation and client escort to a person who has difficulties (physical or cognitively) using regular vehicular transportation to medical, social service, grocery, pharmacy, food shelf, hair dresser, barber, place of worship, adult day care or evidenced based Health Promotion Programing. Volunteers are reimbursed at 14 cents per mile. (01/21)

Good Shepherd

Everyday Activities Videos: Good Shepherd is seeking short videos of people doing everyday activities they can play for their residents to connect them to community during COVID. Videos examples: walking in the park, making a snowman, birds at the feeder, and more.

Tie/Lap Blankets: Like to sew? Good Shepherd is seeking volunteers to create “Fidget Blankets.” These lap quilts have secure, safe items attached that residents can “fidget” with. Items could include zippers, pockets, buttons, and more.

Pen Pals & More: Good Shepherd residents are seeking friends to call, mail, or email.

Ridgeview Senior Living

PenPals: Ridgeview has some residents who like writing letters and would enjoy getting mail and being your pen pal.

Virtual Cooking Club: Create an instructional video of an item with 5-6 ingredients someone could make as a ‘single serving.’ Ridgeview program staff will share the video with up to 8 residents at a time in a “Cooking Club.” Video is to YouTube but can be private so only the class participants see (RSVP can help you upload the video!).

RSVP Senior Friendship Circle Leader

Volunteers needed (especially men!) to lead new friendships in the St Cloud Area! Senior Friendship Circles are designed for 3-4 individuals (age 60+) to safely connect in a small group for a weekly social visit. Each Friendship Circle meets through a phone conference call. RSVP Volunteers initiate the weekly call or gathering and help get conversations started. Volunteers may start conversations related to the interest of the group, discuss current events, have a movie or book discussion, or reminisce about the past. Resources and support provided by RSVP. Time commitment is a minimum of one hour per week. (01/21)

Whitney Fitness Center Volunteer

If you're friendly and have an interest in physical fitness this might be the position for you! Fitness Center Volunteers greet and check in members. They're also a presence to keep an eye on any safety issues that could arise. Throughout their shift they tidy fitness area and sanitize equipment between sessions. Fitness center volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of two hours per week and receive: a free annual fitness membership (value \$90-\$150), opportunity for free CPR training, and occasional "information parties." Volunteers are welcome to do personal fitness activities during slow times in the center. We are currently seeking volunteers to fill the following shifts: Tuesdays from 1-2pm; Wednesdays from 11am-2 pm; Thursdays from noon-4pm; and Fridays from 11am-1pm. (1/21)