

Service Bulletin

Bi-weekly Publication

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This bi-weekly publication lists information about one-time and on-going service opportunities, special events, and nonprofit agencies that will help you get involved in the community!

If interested in volunteering but unsure which agency might be a good fit, contact the Volunteer Connection. Drop by [Atwood 139](#), call us at [320.308.3058](tel:320.308.3058) or e-mail volunteer@stcloudstate.edu

Please note that recipients may not post messages to the entire group. If you have comments or an item you'd like included in future newsletters, e-mail information to volunteer@stcloudstate.edu

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Service Opportunities

Earth Day

The BLEND Kids Expo focuses on fun for the entire family. It will be packed with interactive, engaging, and fun activities for all ages to participate in. From basketball, to Dance-Dance Revolution, kids will learn skills from local athletes. There will also be a food pyramid corner where you can sample healthy snacks from each of the food groups and pick up healthy recipes to try at home. From the young to the young at heart this expo promises to deliver fun for the whole family!

We are looking for volunteers to help us with registration, hand out surveys, and interact with kids throughout the expo.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Earth Day kid's expo on April 18th from 4-9:00 p.m. please contact: Sone Bengtson at Beso0701@stcloudstate.edu or 320.308.3613 (work) / 320.493.0150 (cell).

St. Cloud Area School District 742 Community Education

The St. Cloud Area School District Community Education Adults with Disabilities Program enhances the lives of persons with disabilities by providing a variety of educational and recreational opportunities through collaborations, partnerships, and connections with community resources. They need volunteers for the following classes:

Super Suppers

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on March 17th at Apollo High School, Door 30.

Games Galore Club

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on March 18th at McKinley Education Center, Door 5.

Spring Singers

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on March 25th –April 15th at South Jr. High, Door 5.

Floor Hockey

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on March 26th – April 16th at North Jr. High, Door 3.

Casino Royale

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on April 4th at Pathway to Opportunities, 1908 Kruchten Court South, Sartell.

**Contact: Gale - 216 8th Ave N, Waite Park, MN 56387
Phone: 320.529.6500 ext 6271**

Changing Faces Community & Multi-Cultural Daycare Center

This unique non-profit daycare center needs you to make a difference in the lives of children and in the future of the center. Currently open from 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Center is planning to open for 24-hours and have 3 shifts to accommodate up to 28 children beginning March 2008.

Volunteers are needed for: marketing, web design, fundraising and resource development, board members to engage in community development, and direct child care needs for youth 6 months – 10 years old. Requirements for direct care volunteers include: background check, half day orientation and training session, first aid certification course (provided), CPR, SIDS + SHAKEN BABY CERTIFICATION.

Board meetings are every other Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the St. Cloud Technical College Child and Adult Classroom.

For more information contact: Jarrod Hall (co-owner); haja0309@stcloudstate.edu; 815 15th St. North, St. Cloud, MN. 320.240.9200.

Second Runway

Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota is hosting Second Runway, a green fashion show featuring innovated designs created from items purchased at a Goodwill store. Second Runway will take place on May 3rd, from 7:00- 10:00, after the Living Green Expo at the State Fair grounds as part of the Annual Power of Work Week. It will be an evening of music, appetizers, fun and fashion!

Second Runway celebrates Goodwill/Easter Seals' mission to assist individuals with barriers to education, employment and independence in achieving their goals by intertwining program participants achievements with fashions created from the retail store.

- Event planning
- Modeling
- Hair and makeup
- Garment design
- Production assistance
- Event promotions

For information, contact Annette Hanley at 651.379.5930 or ahanley@goodwilleasterseals.org

La Cruz Community Center

Volunteer Needs

- Homework Help:

Looking for volunteers able to provide homework help to elementary and junior high youth in Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science. One-time or on-going volunteers are welcome!

Hours: Monday through Friday between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- Computer Lab Monitor:

Also looking for a volunteer to act as a computer lab monitor for administering the computer sign-up sheet and monitoring computer use among the youth. One-time or on-going volunteers are welcome!

Hours: Monday through Friday between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Contact Monica Segura-Schwartz, Community Liaison at 320.529.0770 (office) or 320.291.2697 (cell) or e-mail: msegura@gw.stcdio.org for more information.



35th Special Olympics Minnesota

Special Olympics Minnesota will be holding a Regional Basketball Tournament in Monticello on Saturday, April 5th, 2008 and are currently recruiting volunteers to help out at this competition. The tournament will take place at Monticello High School. All volunteers will receive training and a volunteer t-shirt at the event. Volunteer shifts will be filled on a first come, first served basis with a registration deadline of March 21st.

If you or any of your members would be interesting in volunteering, contact the Volunteer Connection at volunteer@stcloudstate.edu to ask for a volunteer registration form.

If you have further questions, you can contact Katie Anderson directly at 612.604.1279 or e-mail andersonk@somn.org. You can also visit the web site at www.specialolympicsminnesota.org

Clothes and Shoes Drive for the Misplaced People of Kenya

Since the Dec. 27 elections, at least 800 people have been killed in riots and ethnic fighting and over 255,000 people have been forced from their homes. Many homes have been burned down and many have nothing apart from the clothes they have on. While politics sparked the postelection fighting, much of the violence also has been ethnic.

Please, consider donating your lightly used clothes and shoes towards this effort. There are two drop boxes in Atwood and they will be there until the 15th of February. One is by 110 office and the other by CSOLD/ Student government office. All donations will be shipped to Kenya in collaboration with D2C international ministries (SCSU) and Destiny fellowship (Minneapolis). Thank you for your contributions!

Contact Polly Chege if you have more questions at 320-223-0375 Chpo0201@stcloudstate.edu

Tri-County Humane Society

Volunteer Needs

- Animal Caregivers; volunteer 2 hours a week at the shelter,
- Weekend Website Photographers; take pictures of the animals at the shelter to be put at the shelter.
- Match Maker; calling people looking for pets and letting them know about the ones at the shelter.
- Bulk Mailing Helpers; help prepare our quarterly newsletter and appeal letter mailings.
- Laundry Room Helpers
- Foster Homes; for pregnant animals, or animals in need of rehabilitation
- Drivers to transport animals to and from the University of Minnesota, where they are spayed.

Event Volunteers

Wine, Kibble & Bids Volunteers; sell tickets for the event, solicit silent auction items, help at the event.

Check out www.tricountyhumanesociety.org or call 320.252.0896 for more information.

Tutor for Basic Writing

Gold'n Plump Poultry is looking for someone to tutor for basic writing. They have an employee who is being promoted and as part of the terms of the promotion, he needs to be tutored or take a class for writing.

Please contact Anne Mroska (HR Generalist of Gold'n Plump Poultry) at 320.240.6629 for more information.



Boy Scout of America

The Scoutreach Program of Boy Scout of America is looking for volunteers to run programming at some established locations once a week for approximately 1 – 2 hours at each location. Their current needs are:

- Mondays at La Cruz and Bel Clare Estates
- Tuesdays at Eastside Boys and Girls Club
- Also looking to expand to Southside Boys and Girls Club, South Junior High, and Area Learning Center

For more information, contact Jane Holmberg at jane@bsacmc.org or 320-251-3930 ext 117.

CentraCare Health Plaza:

They are currently in need of volunteers for our Patient & Family Care Volunteer position to ensure a comfortable and satisfying stay for patients and visitors through visiting and tending to their simple needs.

Qualifications:

- A sincere interest in people.
- Outgoing, friendly personality.
- Flexible and willing to do a variety of tasks.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a wide variety of people.

Responsibilities:

- Provide information and resources to patients and their families.
- Visit patient rooms, referring to questions on a checklist.
- Play cards or games with patients.
- Tend to simple needs, such as adjusting thermostat, offering a warm blanket or beverages and snacks.
- Assist nursing staff with tasks as needed.

For information, contact Alison Dahlin, Volunteer Program Specialist, St. Cloud Hospital at 320 251-2700 ext 54577, e-mail dahlina@centracare.com or visit www.centracare.com

St. Cloud Hospital

Volunteer Needs

- Gift Gallery:

Interested in a volunteer opportunity where you can gain customer service skills? Volunteering with the Gift Gallery is a great opportunity for people who enjoy working with customers. Volunteers assist with the day to day operations of the Gift Gallery and should be friendly and comfortable running a cash register.

- Information Desk:

Are you looking for a volunteer experience that allows you to work with people? Consider volunteering your time as an Information Desk volunteer! Volunteers assist by greeting visitors and providing patient room number information. This volunteer also helps with taking phone calls and passing on messages to the correct departments.

- Ambassador:

Looking for a way to gain experience in the medical field? Try volunteering as an Ambassador volunteer at the St. Cloud Hospital. This volunteer must be an independent, caring individual who can assist with transporting and escorting patients throughout the Hospital. This volunteer also assists visitors with way finding throughout the hospital.

There are many other volunteer opportunities available with the St. Cloud Hospital. Please contact the Volunteer Office at (320) 255-5638 for more information!

