



Good Works, Inc.

A Community of HOPE

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring 2024

Listed below are *some* of our current Volunteer Opportunities.

For a complete list of all our Volunteer Opportunities, visit

<https://good-works.net/volunteer-opportunities/> or use the QR code.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIFE: A community meal since 1993

Friday Night Life is a community event now in year #30 designed to bring people from all walks of life together around things everyone enjoys, food, fun activities, and companionship! Every Friday from 4:30 to 7:30 pm we gather with friends and neighbors, some of whom are struggling to make ends meet, and others who volunteer to prepare a nutritious, free meal for everyone. Friday Night Life is held at The Good Works Luhrig property from April to September and at The Plains UMC from October to March. Normally, we host 50-60 adults and children. We are also seeking volunteers who love and want to work with kids. Time: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

LUNCH TIME COOK and HOST for Good Works TS Volunteers

Do you find JOY in cooking? Every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday in this spring, we host a lunch for Good Works Transformation Station Volunteers, Good Works volunteers, and staff. The lunch is prepared and hosted at the Good Works Luhrig Road property in The Hannah House. A lunch-time host prepares a meal for 10-15 people using our kitchen. Food is provided from our pantry and freezers. Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

SATURDAY SERVICE: A one-day opportunity for individuals in the Spring 2023 to serve on a Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Interested in serving as a volunteer one-time or more on a Saturday? Volunteers serve alongside Transformation Station Volunteers (people earning a car or appliance) and Good Works staff on our properties, and in the community. This is an opportunity for *individuals* to come and experience a day of service to see what a regular commitment would be like. Saturday Service is only available in the fall and spring. Volunteers are invited to come once (from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) without an application. To sign up for this opportunity, you must contact us by noon the Thursday before you want to come by email or by phone at 740.594.3336. For more information, contact us through email. This one-time opportunity only provides academic credit or hours for class requirements when arranged in writing in advance. For information about volunteering for academic credit or community service hours visit the Volunteer Opportunities section of our website. Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

LOADS OF HOPE (Providing free laundry services)

Like to welcome strangers? We are looking for several volunteers willing to come once a week from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Wednesday or Thursday) and host adults (mostly mom's and kids) coming to our new house -- Sign of HOPE on the west side of Athens --to do their laundry. We established a small laundromat in 2023. Volunteers welcome those coming, spend time with children and "host" by providing refreshments, food and friendship.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & AUTO MAINTENANCE

Good Works operates at three locations in Athens, and each facility has on-going property maintenance needs. Good Works also has several vehicles donated from the community which are provided to families or individuals who volunteer time to receive them in a program called The Transformation Station (TS). We are seeking volunteers to assist us in the maintenance and repair of these vehicles as well as other support needs at the TS

GOOD WORKS GARDENS

Good Works has a large garden on the Good Works Property and plans to establish smaller vegetable gardens at the homes of those we serve in Athens County through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Volunteers serve once a week (often on Saturday) to help with various garden tasks during the spring and summer.

THE TIMOTHY HOUSE: A home for people without homes since 1981

The Timothy House provides a safe, clean, stable, and temporary place for people who are experiencing homelessness to stay while they work on the issues that brought them into this situation. Serving nine counties in rural Appalachia, we offer shelter to 100 - 150 different people each year. We welcome men, women and families with children. Under the leadership of our staff, volunteers interact with residents in the hope of providing support, encouragement, and informal mentoring. Volunteers become a temporary “community net” while people are working through the matters that caused them to experience homelessness. The staff members of the Timothy House also rely on volunteers to provide practical assistance in the daily operation of the house. Visit our website to learn more.

- **Weekday Evenings:** Volunteers arrive at the Timothy House at 5 pm and stay until 9pm once a week (M-TH). Evening responsibilities include assisting with the dinner meal preparation, visiting with residents and guests, answering the doorbell, welcoming new residents, and assisting families with childcare. Volunteers may also help with specific tasks such as daily household chores, filling out job application forms with residents, or assisting with educational projects. More importantly, volunteers have the opportunity to simply be present with the residents on a regular basis—talking and listening, joining in games or music, and sharing life. At the end of the evening volunteers have an opportunity to journal about their experiences. This commitment is once a week, on a consistent weekday, for the entire semester. Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Weekday Mornings:** Once a week, Volunteers arrive at The Timothy House at 9:00 am and stay until noon. Greeting residents in the morning, sharing breakfast, assisting families with children, and assisting the staff with organizing and cleaning, constitute morning responsibilities. Time: 9:00 am to noon

AFTER YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE (www.good-works.net) to learn more and watch a few videos on the front page, the next step is to contact Good Works at email@good-works.net to set up a visit and a tour and request an application to volunteer.

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