

Good Works, Inc.

A Community of HOPE

Volunteer Opportunities for **Summer 2025**

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.



SUMMER KID'S DISCOVERY CLUB & SUMMER LUNCH

For the past 18 years, Good Works has offered a Summer Kids Discovery Club (kids K-6th grade) and Summer Lunch for adults and children of all ages. This year, Discovery Club and Summer Lunch will take place on the Good Works Luhrig Road Property from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Everything starts on Monday June 16 and ends Thursday July 31. We are seeking volunteers to:

- 1. **Volunteer to serve with our team one day a week for 7 weeks from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. To learn more, visit our website and read about Kids Discovery Club and contact us through mail@good-works.net
- 2. **Do a 1 time 40-minute (or two 20 minute) presentation** for the kids on a topic you know about and feel passionate about. This year, we are looking for programs on nature. Connect thru email@good-works.net
- 3. **Provide** vegetables grown from your garden (or elsewhere), beef, chicken or pork, or a gift card to a local grocery store for Summer Lunch!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIFE: A community meal since 1993

Friday Night Life is a community event now celebrating year #33 and 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 Road property from April to September (picnic style), and at The Plains UMC in The Plains from October to March. Normally, we host 50-60 adults and children. We are seeking volunteers to

- 1. **Sponsor 1 dinner this year** with a group or as a family and come to Friday Night Life. For information about what dates are open, contact us through email@good-works.net
- 2. **Volunteer to come and serve alongside us**. Join us as we share friendship with adults and children from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm once a week. We request a 3-month commitment.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & AUTO MAINTENANCE

Good Works operates at three locations in Athens, and each facility has ongoing 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 on the Good Works properties. Contact us for more information through email.

LOADS OF HOPE (Providing free laundry services)

Like to welcome strangers? We are looking for several volunteers willing to join a team and come once a week for 3+ hours from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursdays. Volunteers host adults (including parents and kids) coming to do their laundry at our new house, Sign of HOPE (located on the west side of Athens). Volunteers welcome those coming to do their laundry and assist people with carrying laundry into the house. Volunteers spend time with children, and "host" by providing refreshments, food and friendship. Loads of HOPE requires a 3-month commitment.

DO A FOOD DRIVE. We are seeking a small group to do a canned food drive this 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 <u>leadership</u> 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 about the Good Works Timothy House.

- Weekday Evenings: Volunteers arrive at the Timothy House at 5:00 pm and stay until 9:00 pm 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 and debrief about their experiences. This commitment is once a week, on a consistent weekday, for a 3-month commitment.
- 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.
- Dinner at Timothy's Do you find JOY in cooking and preparing a meal for others? We are looking for volunteers who will make ONE dinner already prepared and bring it to the Good Works Timothy House (91 Central Avenue) at 7:00 pm on a Saturday OR Sunday. You would prepare a meal at home for about 15 adults and children and bring it to the Timothy House on the date you are scheduled to come. For more information and to see what dates are open, contact us through email@good-works.net

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

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