



Good Works, Inc.

A Community of HOPE

Volunteer Opportunities for **Fall 2026**

Listed below are *just a few 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.



The following opportunities are geared towards individual volunteers. An application is required to serve more than one-time.

LOADS OF HOPE (Providing free laundry services). 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 Tuesday or Thursday. Volunteers welcome and assist adults coming to do their laundry, and spend time with children at our new house, Sign of HOPE (located on the west side of Athens). Volunteers are encouraged to bring snacks to share with those who come, many of whom are unhoused.

LUNCH TIME COOK. We are looking for someone who finds JOY in preparing a lunch-time meal once a week for GW staff, volunteers and TS volunteers (about 15 people). The lunch takes place on the Good Works Luhrig Road property at the Hannah House on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Volunteers start around 10:30 am and stay to 1:00 pm. Food is provided by Good Works from donations.

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

Good Works provides temporary shelter to adults and children at The Timothy House located on Central Avenue. People often stay several weeks at our shelter.

Our objective is to provide 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 their situation. In 2025 we provided around 70 adults and children with 3,300 nights of shelter. Under the leadership of our staff, volunteers interact with residents in the hope of providing support and encouragement.

- **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 also help with 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 3 months.

- **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.

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. Volunteers commit to serve one day or one morning a week for several months. Contact us through email@good-works.net for more information.

The following opportunities are geared to groups volunteering together:

SATURDAY SERVICE. Starting Saturday, September 12th, Good Works will host 10 consecutive Saturday Service Opportunities from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm through November 14th. Lunch is provided. We have opportunities for groups and individuals. Each Saturday, we send small teams to the homes of seniors (primarily widows) all over Athens County to visit and serve with “hands on” labor intensive projects, such as building ramps, mowing or gardening. The projects are suited to the skills and abilities people bring. Saturday Service is connected to GW Neighbors Helping Neighbors, an initiative we have developed over the past 30 years to help seniors at their homes with labor intensive service. Contact us ahead of time to arrange and commit to a Saturday this Fall (or next Spring 2027).

FRIDAY NIGHT LIFE (FNL) : A community meal since 1993

Sponsor Friday Night Life. Sponsors commit to one Friday, and provide a dinner for 60-70 adults and children. We are now scheduling groups for Fridays in 2026 and most of 2027. FNL is designed to bring people *from all walks of life together* around food, fun activities, education and companionship! From 4:30 to 7:30 pm we gather with friends and neighbors from Athens who struggle with poverty and vulnerability. Friday Night Life is held at The Good Works Luhrig Road Property through October and then moves to The Plains UMC until April 2027. A sponsoring group is usually 5 to 10 people who provide and prepare the dinner.

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 and bring it already prepared to the Good Works Timothy House **at 6:00 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.

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 for more information. Individuals will need to set up a visit and a tour, and then will be provided with an application to volunteer.

Celebrating 45 years!
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