Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt A Grandparent
Volunteer to spend at a minimum one hour per week with a resident of a local nursing home facility. Please contact the following facilities for more information. All of the facilities require you to complete a background check with them. Also, some of the facilities have a few forms for you to fill out to help match you with a resident.

Mother Hull Home
308/234-2447

Good Samaritan Society-St. John’s
308/234-1888

Mount Carmel Home
308/237-2287

Homestead Assisted Living
308/234-5600

Prairie View Gardens
308/865-2650

Alzheimer’s Association
Cassie Larreau-Bailey
Cjarreau-bailey@alz.org
308/520-3146

American Cancer Society
Duties may include assisting with office work or working with the Relay for Life.
308/237-1631

American Red Cross – Ft. Kearney Chapter
308/234-2770

Brookdale Retirement Community
Help with activities for residents during mornings and afternoons. Some Saturdays you could call BINGO or be in charge of craft classes. Brenda is very interested in someone will to help with craft classes!
Students will need to fill out paperwork.
308/698-5410
*Ask for Brenda in activities

Cambridge Court Assisted Living
Volunteers would be able to look at the activity calendar for the month and see what they would be able to help with. Could also use volunteers in the dietary and housekeeping areas.
308/237-3773
*Ask for Ashli / aherbert@ba.org

Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging
308/234-1851
*Ask for Rod Horsley

CHI Health Good Samaritan - Volunteer Office
GSH would like you to do at least 40 hours over the course of the year.
Lindsy Zechmann
308/865-7150

Classic Car Collection
Greet Guests, talk cars with guests and do other light tasks.
*Contact Brad at 308/440-2941 or bkernick@frontiernet.net

Community Action Partnership of Mid NE
MNCA - Commodities/Food Bank
Help deliver food packages and assist at warehouse sites.
Only open (M-TH 8-3) and (FR 8-12)
308/865-1354 ext. 133

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Country House Memory Care Center
Contact Dani / droseberry@countryhouse.net
308-455-8000

Friends Program
The Friends Program is a supervised volunteer program that connects adult mentors with children identified as having special need for friendship by their school counselors and teachers. The purpose of the program is to establish a one-to-one relationship between the college student and the child, with the role modeling being the main objective.
308/236-2036
*Ask for Tami
friendsprogram@msn.com

Habitat for Humanity-University Chapter
The University Chapter works with other student groups on campus to develop fundraising projects which help Habitat for Humanity build houses within the community and throughout the country.
308/865-8805

Habitat for Humanity – Kearney Chapter
Building this season has begun and will continue almost every Saturday thru the summer and end around Thanksgiving. Three houses are built each year during the building season.
April 1 – December 1
Saturday schedules usually begin at 8:00am with a break at 9:00am for devotion and rolls.
Lunch is also provided. Since food is provided, we ask that if you are planning to come with a large group that you call beforehand so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.
308/234-6030

HelpCare Clinic
Becky Squiers /308-224-2392
becky@helpcareclinic.com

Iain Nicolson Audubon Center - Rowe Sanctuary
Located south of Gibbon, seeing volunteers for various areas including visitor services, gardeners/groundskeepers, special events staff, building maintenance, and trail maintenance.
*Ask for Wendy/308/468-5282
whoriene@audobon.com

Kearney Area Children’s Museum
308/698-2228
*Ask for Jennifer Beck ext. 4
jennifer@kearneychildrensmuseum.org

Kearney Community Theatre
Set work, ushering, acting, or cocktailng if old enough.
308/234-1529

Kearney Animal Shelter
Must apply for volunteer positions.
Applications available at kearneyanimalshelter.com, click on volunteer and fill out the application. Then you go through a short orientation before starting.
308/237-PETS

Kearney Learning Center at CCC
Volunteer tutors for adult basic education at the college at 3519 2nd Avenue in Kearney.
Tutors help one on one with GED classes in basic math, reading and writing, and English as a second language classes with reading, writing and conversation. Mornings are preferred, but hours are flexible.
308/338-4000

Kearney Public Schools
Volunteers to assist with annual health screenings of students. Students will assist with escorting students to and from their classrooms and making sure they have screening cards. Screenings are various dates and all schools 8:30a-12:00p and 12:00p-2:00p.
308/627-6936
*Susan Puckett, RN

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Minden Opera House
Seeks volunteers in many areas. Opportunities include positions as gift shop hosts, tour guides, bartenders, concession workers and ushers. Day and evening hours available (Tuesday – Friday open 10:00am – 5:00pm)
*Website: info@mindenoperahouse.com
308/832-0588
*Ask for Marci or Kelly

Mother Hull Home
Volunteers will need to complete 30-minute orientation prior to volunteering, but activities do go into the evening with opportunities at 7:00 or 8:00pm
308/234-2447
*Ask for Christy Roberts

MNCA - Headstart
Volunteer in a classroom by providing preschool children help with reading readiness, computer skills and positive adult/child interactions.
308/865-5695
*Ask for Lacey Clark
kearneyhs@mnca.net

Mount Carmel Home
Seeks volunteers to share talents at home and to help with special dinners, outings, and one-on-one time.
308/237-2287
*Ask for Rhonda

Nebraska Aids Project
Seeking volunteers to work with daily office work, out-reach, HIV counseling and testing (training provided), Spanish translation, and ongoing community fund-raisers. Visit www.nap.org for more information.
308/338-0527
*Ask for Andrew

Peterson Senior Activity Center
Volunteers can help training seniors to use cell phones, computers, and other current technology. May need help with different activities as well. If you choose to volunteer here they may be able to tailor a plan for you volunteering with them to meet your interests.
308/233-3290
*Ask for Deb Eirich

Serene Care Hospice
Provides End of Life Care to the Tri-City area. Background check required and volunteers then receive training for companion visits. Half hour to an hour 3-4 times a month.
402/597-2585
*Ask for Maria Valentine

The S.A.F.E. Center
Volunteer opportunities at the S.A.F.E. include basic office duties, such as putting together packets and answering the phone, office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
308/237-2599
*Ask for Veronica

The Great Platte River Road Archway Foundation
Seeks volunteers to serve in various areas, including as greeters, guest service, gardeners and special events staff.
Kellie Risk
krisk@archway.org

Trails and Rails Museum/Buffalo County Historical Society
308/234-3041
bchs.us@hotmail.com
www.bchs.us
Fall/Spring Hours: M-F 1-5 pm
Summer Hours: M-Sat 10am – 6pm / Sun 1-5pm
Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks!
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United Way
The United Way exists to help people live better lives, improve their communities, and realize their dreams.

The United Way is a volunteer-based non-profit organization that raises and distributes funds to 24 agencies and programs in six counties of Nebraska: Buffalo, Custer, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps.
308/237-6840
*Ask for Nikki Ericson

UNK Child Development Center
You must complete a background check.
Do PE activities with preschool children before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. You can also read to the pre-school children and that time can be flexible, so you can call and find a time that works well for you and them.
308/865-1576

Volunteers Around the World
Are you going into a health related field? Do you love to travel and have a desire to serve others? Do you want to gain valuable, resume building experience while learning necessary medical skills? If this describes you, then look no further! Members of VAW will have the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Peru, Panama, or Brazil with their fellow UNK students during summer 2016 to set up free medical clinics. At these clinics, students will have the opportunity to shadow doctors, manage a pharmacy and distribute medications, perform triage and take vitals. In addition, there will be plenty of time to explore our host country! Throughout the school year, members of VAW will attend monthly or bi-monthly meetings where we will learn the basic skills needed to successfully host these clinics. There will be numerous speakers and wonderful educational opportunities. This means that you can choose not to travel with the group and still be a regular member and attend meetings so you can learn these skills as well. There will also be lots of fundraising opportunities during the year to help cover program and travel costs for members that will be going out of country.
Laura Stoner / stonerlj@lopers.unk.edu

WelCov
A few examples of how to help are: doing activities with the residents, helping write memoirs, do outside activities, and plant gardens.
308/234-9905

YMCA
Help in the fitness center with the bulletin board, inventory fitness equipment, research and write workout programs, design New Year incentives, design flyers for new fitness classes, etc. **Monday-Friday 10:30-12:30pm-CDC lunch room:** put leftover food away, wipe down tables and countertops, wipe off appliances, hand wash serving dishes, and empty trash. Lots of opportunities!
308/237-9622
*Ask for Dillon

Also need volunteers to be swim lesson buddies or adaptive aquatics swim buddies. If interested in this opportunity contact the Arc of Buffalo County.
308/237-4343