Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt A Grandparent
Volunteer to spend 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
CJlarreau-bailey@alz.org
308/520-3146

Amedisys Hospice
Hospice Volunteers improve the quality of life for patients, their families, and their caregivers - from patient companionship, to respite care for family members, to therapeutic activities and programming, to organizational and administrative office support. Volunteering is a great way to help hospice patient live their days to the fullest.
- Extensive training that covers the ins-and-outs of hospice care; how to provide spiritual, grief, and bereavement support to families; communication skills- and more.
- A meaningful way to work directly with patients and their families.
- Opportunities to learn about and support healthcare office operations.
- A flexible schedule-- volunteers choose when and how much they’d like to volunteer.
- Support obtaining required volunteer hours and/or direct patient care hours for coursework.

All volunteers must pass an interview, background check, and health screenings. For more information go to: https://bttr.im/3o4v7.
*Ask for Michelle Helm
Michelle.helm@Amedisys.com
605/941-6578

American Cancer Society
1-800/227-2345 *option #2
https://volunteercommunity.cancer.org

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

Arc of Buffalo County
The Arc is a private non-profit membership organization which provides services and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities and their families.
https://arcofbuffalocounty.org
308/237-4343
arcofbuffalocounty@frontiernet.net

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

Central Nebraska Veterans’ Home
4510 E 56th Street
Nancy.klimek@nebraska.gov
*308/865-3421

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

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
Kearney’s HelpCare Clinic’s mission is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve by providing healthcare in a compassionate and respectful environment for those who would have otherwise gone without.
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/groundkeepers, special events staff, building maintenance, and trail maintenance.
*Ask for Wendy/308/468-5282
whoriene@audobon.com

Kearney Area Children’s Museum
Help create a great place for children and families to use their imagination through camps, special events, community outreach, and museum maintenance.
308/698-2228

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**Kearney Community Theatre**
Set work, ushering, acting, or cocktailing 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

**Kearney Regional Med Center (KRMC)**
Hospital wide volunteer program allowing for students to assist in a variety of setting & roles.
*Ask for Amanda Polacek
308/293-1123

**Kids & Dreams Foundation**
Help always needed for during the Summer (usually June) at Operation Shine Camps. These camps are for kids ages 7-12 with autism or a related condition. Approximately 55 hours of opportunity each camp.
308/830-0225
aaron@kidsanddreams.org
*Ask for Aaron Bly

**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.
chansen@mountcarmelhome.org
*Ask for Christine Hansen

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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

Nebraska Special Musicians
No instrument or experience required. Help create an atmosphere where anyone can be a musician! Application in link: NE Special Musicians

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 Chelsea

The Great Platte River Road Archway Foundation
The Great Platte River Road Archway Monument. The Archway offers volunteer opportunities such as greeting guests, guest services, gift shop register, and project participation.
krisk@archway.org
308/237-1000
Kellie Risk (Volunteer Coordinator)

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!

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 Savanna Lyon (Director)

Plambeck Early Childhood Education Center
Come join the fun at the Plambeck Early Childhood Education Center. We are looking for volunteers to participate in learning activities, interactive play, and movement opportunities. We are open from 7:00am-5:45pm and have volunteer opportunities available during that time or 9:00am-11:30am/3:00pm-5:00pm.
308/865-1576
bartlingc@unk.edu
*Ask for Chelsea Bartling

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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

World Theatre
Volunteer responsibilities include helping set up, running concession stands, and cleaning up after events/movies. As a volunteer you earn free popcorn and a free movie! Visit https://www.theworldtheatre.org/get-involved/volunteer/ to sign up to volunteer.

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

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