

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
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://arcobuffalocounty.org>
308/237-4343
arcobuffalocounty@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.

Lindsay 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/groundskeepers, 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 pre-school 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