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Volunteer Resource Guide for Older Adults in the Bowling Green Area

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Wood County **CASA** Program

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. As a CASA volunteer, you will represent children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are expected to stay with the case until it is closed (usually a year and half) and the child has found a permanent and safe home outside of foster care. Volunteers will be supported by professional staff throughout their volunteer experience.



Sindy (left) and Cynthia, on her high school graduation day. "Before I met Sindy, I didn't have faith in the people who were supposed to help me."

Who can volunteer?

Anyone who passes the background check and has an interest in working with and helping children. There is no previous experience in social work or the legal system required.

How do you sign up?

Follow the link below and fill out the volunteer form to register yourself as a volunteer.

<http://nc.casaforchildren.org/volunteering/default.asp?id=10397>
or go to casaforchildren.org, click on the "volunteering" tab at the top, type in the zip code at the bottom of the page to find the Wood County location, and click on the Wood County CASA program to sign up online.

(419) 352-3554

11120 E Gypsy Lane Rd,
Bowling Green, OH 43402

The **United Way's** mission involves “a commitment to solving critical community issues, such as ensuring all kids are prepared to enter kindergarten, eliminating homeless and improving dental access...” within the Wood County area. The United Way is based out of Toledo, but serves Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa Counties and has an office located in Bowling Green. There are a variety of programs available on their website and you able to filter the volunteer program search by skill/category/activity type. If you have a Facebook account, you can also follow them on Facebook at “United Way in Wood County” <https://www.facebook.com/woodcoUW/> for updates on upcoming events.



Who can volunteer?

Anyone of any age is welcome to volunteer.

How do you sign up?

Follow the link to fill out a volunteer form. You can select areas of interest and the length of time you would like to volunteer for through the form.

<http://www.unitedwaytoledo.org/volunteer>

Wood County Historical Society & Museum

Volunteers are needed at the **Wood County Historical Museum** in a variety of different ways. On a regular basis, they are looking for adult (age 18+) volunteers to dedicate 3 hours per week as a door greeter. Duties include greeting visitors and getting them started on a self-guided tour, collecting admission; gift shop sales, and basic office duties as needed. Basic computer skills (internet, email, Microsoft Word and Excel) are a plus. Training will be provided. They also need tour and event volunteers throughout the year. Tour volunteers will help lead school tours around the museum and grounds.



Who can volunteer?

They are looking for someone comfortable leading groups of 30 or less who can stand/walk for 1-2 hours. This is usually a 3-hour commitment on an as-needed basis. Event volunteers are needed at various events for duties including tour guide, greeter, concessions, demonstrator, and/or gift shop. Training is provided. Event shifts are usually 3-4 hours or longer depending on event. Events include teas, folklore funfest, folklore tours, Holiday Gala, Holiday tour, and other events as needed.

How do you sign up?

Volunteer needs are posted regularly on the museum's website at woodcountyhistory.org or sent to the museum's mailing list. To be added to the museum mailing list, or for more details about any volunteer opportunities, contact Kelli Kling, Marketing & Events Coordinator, at museum@woodcountyhistory.org or call 419-352-0967.

(419) 352-0967
museum@woodcountyhistory.org

13660 County Home Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Project Connect Wood County

This event is held in October and helps people struggling to make ends meet. Providers attend the event and offer services such as haircuts, hot meals, job help, and health screenings. Volunteers are needed to help assist with the production of the event. If you have a Facebook account, you can follow them on Facebook to get updates about the progress on the planning of project Connect and info about other events in the community that might be of interest. (<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectConnectWoodCounty/>)



**PROJECT
CONNECT**
*Working Together to
Prevent Homelessness*

Who can volunteer?

Any community member. BGSU's Center for Community and Civic Engagement recruits and trains volunteer for the annual event.

For more information,

The following link details the Project Connect Wood County event from past years.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/news/2016/10/project-connect-wood-county-serves-more-than-300-people.html>

or google "project connect BGSU" and click on the second link for more information.

Parks and Recreation Department/ BG Community Center

Garden beds in Simpson Garden Park and City Park need volunteer help
- watering, mulching, weeding, and planting.



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Ohio!



Who can volunteer?

Experienced and novice gardeners are both welcome. Please join us at one or more of these work sessions. A staff person will be on site. Gardening work clothes and sun protection are advised. Gardening tools will be available, but you are welcome to use your own. For questions, contact Mike Przysiecki at mike.przysiecki@bgohio.org.

For more information,

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Visit <http://www.bgohio.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/> and click on "nature programs" and then "volunteer gardening at Bowling Green Parks and Recreation"

(419) 354-6223
bgparks@bgohio.org

Location: Work sessions begin at the Simpson Garden Park garage, located next to the Simpson Building at 1291 Conneaut Avenue, Bowling Green.

Wood County Hospital

Wood County Hospital is looking for volunteers who can commit to a regular schedule and have a general interest in the hospital and its needs. Volunteers must observe strict confidentiality and be willing to commit 50 hours of volunteerism within a semester. The hospital is flexible and can work around a variety of schedules. Duties of a volunteer include escorting patients, making deliveries, serving as liaisons between our staff and the families of surgical patients, staffing the gift shop and greeting visitors.



WOOD COUNTY
HOSPITAL

Depend on us.

Who can volunteer?

Anyone ages 18+.

How do you sign up?

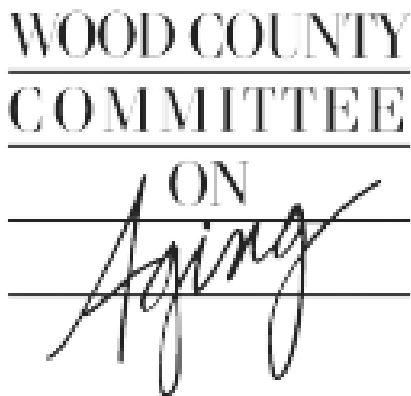
Applications can be found on their website <https://www.woodcountyhospital.org/careers/volunteer> or by contacting Laurie Newlove, Director of Volunteers at (419) 354-8942 or via e-mail newlove@woodcountyhospital.org.

(419) 354-8900
info@woodcountyhospital.org

950 W. Wooster St.
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood County Committee on Aging

WCCOA offers a variety of volunteer opportunities including food preparation, meal delivery, clerical support, and special events among others. More information about training, time commitment, and more detailed description for each specific volunteer activity can be found on their website. Some popular volunteer positions include meal volunteers require 1.5-2 hours per week. Volunteers help set tables, manage beverages, serve meals, and help clean up. Meal delivery drivers have a flexible one hour time commitment a week. Volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors in the community. Training is provided for this position. Clerical support is another low time commitment at just one hour a week. This position helps the Volunteer Coordinator log volunteer hours. Training is provided for this position.



How do you sign up?

Visit www.wcco.net and click on "volunteers" to find the application and more info on the volunteer programs. Send the completed application to Jacqueline Metz, Volunteer Coordinator, at jcmetz@wcco.net or mail to Jacqueline Metz, Wood County Committee on Aging, 305 North Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402-2424.

(419)353-5661

305 North Main Street,
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood Lane

Wood Lane is a volunteer organization based in Bowling Green. They have over 1,000 individuals volunteer 22,000 hours servicing people with disabilities. There are volunteer opportunities in recreation and leisure programs, aquatics, Wood Lane School

classroom, programs for older adults, and in Wood Lane industries.



Who can volunteer?

Students, business organization, and any individuals in the community.

How do you sign up?

For information on how to volunteer visit www.woodlane.us and use the drop down menu under "volunteer" to access the application and more information on volunteer programs.

For more information,

Contact the volunteer coordinator, Emily Dunipace at (419) 373-0044.

(419)353-5661
contact@woodlane.us

1921 East Gypsy Lane Road
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Bowling Green Christian Food Pantry

Bowling Green Food Pantry is a Christian Food Pantry. They are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and on Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.



How do you sign up?

Please contact the facility by phone. Contact them directly by phone to volunteer.

(419) 353-5661

419 Gould Street, Suite 6,
Bowling Green, OH - 43402

Give Back. Go Forward.

Individuals who volunteer over 100 hours in any formal volunteer setting in the Wood County or Sandusky/Huron areas will receive a three-hour tuition voucher. The voucher can be redeemed for individual use or gifted to an in-state student eligible for or enrolled in classes at Bowling Green State University.



Who can volunteer?

Anyone 60 years of age or older is successfully accepted into the program.

How do you sign up?

Follow the link below.

<http://www.bgsu.edu/center-for-community-and-civic-engagement/give-back-go-forwardaookucatuib-form.html>

(419) 372-9865
ccce@bgsu.edu

1921 East Gypsy Lane Road
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity's goal is to create decent and affordable housing for low-income families in Wood County. Their main principles include demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ, focusing on shelter, advocating for affordable housing, promoting dignity and hope, and supporting sustainable and transformational development.



Who can volunteer?

Construction skills are welcome, but not required. Anyone who has enthusiasm and an interest in working in a collaborative environment is encouraged to volunteer. Training is provided.

How do you sign up?

Visit <https://www.wchabitat.org/volunteer/> to complete the application and mail or email it to the following places.

(419) 353-5430
info@wchabitat.org

P.O. Box 235
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood County Humane Society

The Humane Society shelters mostly cats and dogs and other small animals. The animals are spayed and neutered and receive daily cleaning. Volunteer opportunities include canine companion, shelter cleaning, feline friend, office work, foster home, events, rounds and maintenance, and pet store support. Visit <http://www.woodcountyhumesociety.org/Opportunities.html> for more details.



WOOD COUNTY
Humane
Bowling Green, Ohio Society

For Training,

There is an orientation, a tour of the facility, and mandatory training that must be completed.

How do you sign up?

You must register at their volunteer database My Volunteer Page. You will create an account and fill out the volunteer form there. You will be contacted for an interview once your application has been reviewed. To access the link to sign up follow <http://www.woodcountyhumesociety.org/Volunteer.html>

(419) 352-7339

801 Van Camp Rd.
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Brown Bag Food Project

This is a non-profit organization that aims to provide immediate short term food support. They also provide a resource guide to help connect people in need with community resources for long term support. There is no time commitment required or special hours needed to volunteer.



How do you sign up?

Follow this link to sign up online <http://brownbagfoodproject.org/about-us/volunteer/> Volunteer needs are changing constantly, so you will be contacted when events and fundraisers are planned.

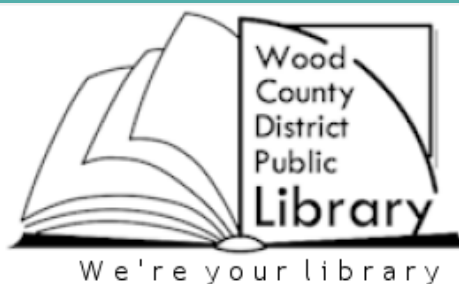
(419) 960-5345

brownbagfoodproject@gmail.com

Wood County District Public Library

Volunteer opportunities are kept updated on their site as different opportunities are made available. <http://wcdpl.org/content/volunteers>

(419) 352-5104
251 N. Main Street
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402



Big Brothers & Sisters of Northwestern Ohio

This is a mentorship program with younger individuals aged 5-18 who have faced adversity. Trained staff pairs qualified volunteer mentors with children in long-term mentoring relationships. Traditional one-on-one mentoring, school based mentoring, and mentor for a day options are available.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Northwestern Ohio



How do you sign up?

Follow the link for an online application: http://www.bbbsnwo.org/?page_id=45.

(419) 354-2113

315 S College Dr. #104a,
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood County Volunteer Guardianship Program

Wood County Probate Court is looking for volunteers to serve as guardians for individuals found to be unable to make decisions for themselves in the Bowling Green community. Applications can be found at <http://probate-court.co.wood.oh.us/pdf/VolunteerGuardianApplication.pdf>. Training is provided.



419-354-9230

