



2010

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES LISTING

- ◆ The "Volunteer Opportunities" listing is updated periodically.
- ◆ Published hard copies are available by mail or pick-up from our office, typically at the Newton Free Library, on Newton City Hall's front information desk and at the Newton Cultural Center.
- ◆ Visit www.ci.newton.ma.us/volunteer for an online listing of all Volunteer Opportunities.

AGENCIES/GROUPS: To discuss &/or list (free listing) your organization's volunteer needs, please contact Linda Plaut at 617-796-1540 or email lplaut@newtonma.gov

VOLUNTEERS: If you contact one of these groups, please tell them you saw their volunteer listing in Newton's Volunteer Opportunities Listing! Thank you for your interest.

NEXT VOLUNTEER FAIR: **Wednesday, September 29**
Newton Cultural Center
225 Nevada Street
Newtonville

ORGANIZATIONS Needing Volunteers: _____ (alphabetical listing)

ACTIVATE! NEWTON WALKING CLUBS

The Health Department is piloting walking clubs. A community leader leads groups once a week in neighborhood walks. You can volunteer to lead a group through your neighborhood or come as a walking participant. Maps and walking logs are available at the Newton Health Dept. located at 1294 Centre Street, Newton Centre. Call 617-796-1420.

ADOPT A SPACE (City of Newton, Parks and Rec. Dept)

This community stewardship program seeks businesses, individuals, school groups and neighborhood groups to improve and help maintain city-owned property located near them. Many of our traffic islands, schoolyards, pocket parks, village centers, and public buildings are in need of routine maintenance. Continued care of these small green spaces would allow P&R to focus on the larger areas. P&R can assist with plant design and selection, access to watering and mulch, and if desired, "thank you" signs are available. Contact Carol Schein, Open Space Coordinator, at 617-796-1507 or Email cschein@newtonma.gov.

ADULT MENTORS NEEDED

www.ncscweb.org

Anthony Bibbo Youth Center, 429 Cherry St. West Newton, MA 02465

Mentor Connection matches middle and high school students from the Newton community with adult volunteers to build meaningful, lasting relationships and promote active citizenship. Mentors help youth make healthy life decisions during their teenage years while supporting them on their journey to adulthood. Volunteer mentors are thoughtfully paired with a young person as part of a year-long mentoring program. They commit to spend at least 6 hours a month over the course of the program with their teen, engaging in recreational activities in both on and off site sessions. Mentors will support their teen by listening, providing guidance and building trust and rapport. As a mentor, you will have a profound impact on a young person's life and on your community-- and, you will be amazed by what you get in return. Time commitments are flexible and average 1-2 hours per week. Training, supervision and skilled staff support are provided. To inquire or apply, contact Carrie von Glahn at cvonglahn@ncscweb.org or call 617.244.1404 x226.

ALL NEWTON MUSIC SCHOOL
321 Chestnut St, West Newton 02465

www.allnewtonmusicschool.com.

All Newton Music School, a nonprofit organization, continues its 97-year history because of the invaluable support of its talented volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of a community music school and are generally drawn from, but certainly not limited to, our students and family members. ANMS welcomes volunteers in every way, including help at recitals, concerts, archives, and general office support. Please join us, and be a part of our wonderful school. All ages (17 and up) are welcome! Contact Jeanne Gugino, Public Relations at 617-527-4553 ext 106 or email: jgugino@allnewtonmusicschool.com.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Visit the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network: www.acscan.org

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer – annual walk is in October, at Charles River Esplanade, Boston. Visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline or call 1-800-ACS-2345 for ongoing information

Relay for Life: (Year round volunteer opportunities are available.) Newton/Brookline volunteers are needed for our annual Relay for Life (held in Newton each May) to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, help with team registration, and lend their support in any way. Join this fun-filled overnight activity that mobilizes communities across the country to celebrate survivorship, remember those who lost their lives to cancer, raise money for the fight against cancer. Contact Kate Glynn at 781-314-2670 or kate.glynn@cancer.org

Programs and Services: Volunteer Drivers and Coordinators are needed for Road to Recovery. Volunteer Cosmetologists are needed for “Look Good - Feel Better” programs. Advocacy support is needed as well. Contact Joanne Lafontaine at 781-314-2655 or joanne.l@cancer.org

AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION, NE Chapter
88 Winchester Street, Newton 02461

www.liverfoundation-ne.org

Help to make a difference in the fight against liver disease! We are looking for volunteers to assist with in-office assignments, special events, advocacy efforts, and raising funds. Contact Faith Belyea, Special Events Manager, at 617-527- 5600 or email fbelyea@liverfoundation.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS

www.bostonredcross.org

To contact the American Red Cross, visit their website and click on the volunteer button or call 617-375-0700.

ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
210 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, 02459

www.ants.edu

Volunteer Opportunity: Office of Admissions: Switchboard Operator/Reception

The Admissions Office is responsible for staffing the Front Desk for the school, including receiving visitors and answering callers requesting the operator. We are seeking volunteers to provide relief coverage for our Front Desk for any of the following:

- As needed/irregularly: to cover unexpected absences. Volunteers receive training and are called to substitute for illnesses or last-minute meetings. We seek to maintain a roster of substitutes so that volunteers can fill in as convenient to their own schedules
- Weekly: two to five hours per week to cover the desk during regularly scheduled staff meetings
- Monthly: two to five hours per month to cover the desk during regularly scheduled monthly meetings
- Annually: three to four weeks per year, 35 hours, to cover vacations

As interested, Admissions Volunteers will be trained to support Admissions' Customer Service functions including staffing Information Sessions, hosting Campus Tours, and maintaining social networking sites.

Andover Newton Theological School is located on Herrick Road, just up the hill from the Newton Centre T station. We've been here for 200 years! Come any time for a relaxing walk, or to visit one of our meditation spaces. Ample free parking available: stop by Dabney Hall for a visitor's parking pass during the week. Please contact: Alison McCarty, Director of Recruiting & Admissions, Dabney Hall, 617-964-1100 x313, fax 617-558-9785, amccarty@ants.edu

ANIMALS – see listings for: Cat Connection, Forgotten Cat, Stray Pets in Need, Newton MA Animal Response Team

ART STREET Inc.www.ArtStreet.org

ArtStreet, begun by the well-known public artist, Sidewalk Sam, brings the glorious cultural life of Boston and surrounding suburbs into the streets to improve the pedestrian experience and promote noble causes. People like you help Art Street create a wide variety of cultural performances, art festivals and special events that bring music, theater, dance, art and the spoken word into daily life. Help be part of the cultural life of Greater Boston or make your neighborhood livelier. Contact "Tina" at: TGuillemin@SidewalkSam.com.

ARTS IN THE PARKS - see Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs**ASERACARE HOSPICE**

AseraCare Hospice is seeking volunteers to offer companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers are needed with our hospice patients in Newton at the West Newton, Newton Health Care Center and Chetwynde Nursing Facilities. Hospice volunteers "add life to days when days cannot be added to life." Volunteers have the opportunity to provide care by visiting, listening, reading, playing music, sitting quietly, painting nails, or providing respite to caregivers in many other ways depending on the talents and interests of the volunteer. There are opportunities for Vigil Volunteers, Clerical Volunteers and Bereavement Volunteers as well. Hospice volunteers receive free training and constant support. The schedule is flexible, and commitment is just one hour per week! We are also looking for groups who would like to sponsor our hospice patients at a particular facility and provide a variety of services for them throughout the year. The group "Team AseraCare," can be a Girl Scout Troop, a school class, an after-school club, a group of friends, or anyone interested in helping out! Please contact Sue Chenard, Volunteer Coordinator, at 781-235-0203 x225, or e-mail Susan_Chenard@Aseracarehospice.com

**ASPERGER'S ASSOCIATION of New England
182 Main Street, Watertown 02472**www.aane.org

For information about volunteer opportunities contact: Dania Jekel, Executive Director, at 617-393-3824 or email info@aane.org.

**ASTHMA & ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, www.asthmaandallergies.org
109 Highland Avenue, Needham 02494 (just over the Newton line!)**

AAFANE provides educational and training programs, public awareness, advocacy and support for research to benefit individuals and families affected by allergies or asthma. Volunteers are needed to help with mailings, data entry, special events, advocacy efforts, fundraising, staffing health fair tables. Call 781-444-7778 for details or e-mail aafane@aafane.org

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, INC.

Auburn Street in Auburndale Center

The Auburndale Community Library, Inc. is a community-based non-profit volunteer organization that will operate as a lending library independent from the Newton Main Library and the Minuteman Library Network.

We opened as a volunteer community library on June 13, 2009. Our hours are:

Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm

Thursday 3 pm - 8 pm

Saturday 10 am - 3 pm

We are volunteer-staffed and are still looking for community members who would like to join our team to help make our library a success. No library experience necessary--we're just looking for community-minded folks to sign on for one or two 2-3 hour shifts per month (this is a great way for a family to do volunteer work together). If you would like to learn more about the library or sign up to volunteer, please contact Dana Hanson danakhanson@gmail.com or Liz Miller andresliz@comcast.net

**BARRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
675 Watertown St., Newton 02460**

The John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton seeks afternoon volunteers to teach arts and crafts classes, to tutor our members in our Education Center, to coach or referee athletic activities, to serve as positive role models for our members, and to greet people at the front desk. Basketball coaches are needed for all levels in the evenings and on weekends during the winter months. Computer people can assist children in using computers and teach classes. Call David Sellers, Jr. or other staff at 617-630-2066.

BASICALLY BROADWAY

Newton's premiere semi-professional Broadway Revue group

We need capable volunteers for our production team. This means everything that goes into making a show from stage manager, costumes, props, volunteer coordinator, ushers, data base manager, lawyer, accountant, box office etc. We need you. We cannot do a show without a strong production team. We hope that you will be part of this fabulous group of people from age 10 to 95 years old. CALL Beebe at (617) 965-SHOW or e-mail barbarabrilliant@gmail.com or call Rhonda Orkin at 617-964-3457 or email Rhonda at rhs0@aol.com

BICSO (Boston Inter-Collegiate Community Service Organization)

www.BICSO.org

College volunteers must have willingness to serve and ability to lead. No membership applications needed. We're supported by several Boston area institutions & always looking for more participants.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

www.birthdaywishes.org

Located within 11 Homer St., Newton Centre, MA 02459

Birthday Wishes, a non-profit organization providing birthday parties in homeless shelters, is looking for volunteers. We need drivers, cake makers and people to volunteer their time at parties. We are also looking for Party Coordinators to volunteer 2 hours a month for a year commitment to be the liaison between our shelters and our home office. We welcome all ages (under 17 needs to volunteer with an adult) of volunteers. Contact Rachel rachel@birthdaywishes.org or by phone 866-388-WISH (9474).

BOSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

1001 Watertown Street, West Newton 02458

BJFF seeks occasional Office Volunteers to help update and maintain our mailing list database; to assist with telephones; mailings, filing, press clippings; to deliver festival brochures and fliers to area establishments; and other tasks as needed. Volunteers are needed generally once a week for a few hours between 9-5 weekdays. Contact Nysselle Clark at 617-244-9899 or email info@bjff.org

BOY SCOUTS – Newton

Ongoing opportunities such as troop leaders and assistant leaders are for adults ages 18 and up. Contact us by emailing to macasey@bsamail.org or calling Margaret Casey at 508-872-6551 x220. The Knox Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America can be reached at 888-440-2762. We have short-term opportunities for event volunteers and mailing helpers for people ages 11 and up. Please contact Sharyn Roberts at sharyn@neovana.com or call 617-969-4716. If you have an area of expertise or interest that coincides with any of our over 120 merit badges, and you are willing to share that field of interest with Boy Scouts as a merit badge counselor, and are an adult 18 years or older, contact Sharyn Roberts at sharyn@neovana.com or call 617-969-4716.

BRIGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

20 Hartford Street, Newton Highlands 02461

Opportunities available for both youth and adult volunteers at BCH Youth and Community Center, including working in an after-school program (a priority now), working directly with middle and high school students (must be over 21 and screened), serving on the BOARD of DIRECTORS or on special committees, or helping around the "house", including yard work. Flexible hours/orientation provided. BCH is at 20 Hartford St. in Newton Highlands and is T accessible. Contact BCH board president Bob Staulo at his work: 617-527-2887 or cell: 617-233-2579 or email Rstaulo@comcast.net.

CAP: CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAM

Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham St, West Newton, 02465

Each year CAP volunteer Prevention Specialists present 125 workshops to students in Newton's elementary schools Kindergarten, grades 2 and 5. The CAP Prevention Specialists work in three-person teams to deliver the CAP curriculum in 90-minute workshops during school hours. This program teaches children simple strategies to reduce vulnerability to assault and violence by presenting basic, age-appropriate, skill-oriented workshops that focus on bullying between children, stranger safety and sexual assault by known persons. The workshops consist of facilitated discussion and role-plays for each of the topics. It ends with "Review Time" when the children are offered the opportunity to talk 1:1 with the Prevention Specialists. Please note that the Newton Community Service Center requires all volunteers who work with children to participate in a personal interview and successfully pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) screening. To find out about the time commitment, trainings and skills you need, contact Gail Sommer, Director, 617 969 5906, x 143 or email gsommer@ncscweb.org.

CAT CONNECTION, The

The Cat Connection volunteers rescue homeless cats and kittens which are usually found wandering, trying to find warmth and shelter. There is a tax-deductible donation of \$150 for each adoption that provides for a vet exam, spaying or neutering, and initial vaccinations. We need volunteers to help out. Would you like to foster or provide transportation for food pick up and delivery, or medical care? We are ready to connect these animals to loving volunteer homes. For more information, call 781-899-4610 or email info@thecatconnection.org

CENTER for BALANCE, The

www.centerforbalance.org

709 Washington Street, Newton 02458

Located in Newtonville, we're a member-based non-profit that teaches holistic life style and health. Volunteer(s) needed to help with our reception desk. (Mon – Fri. between 10am-6pm.) We prefer 4 hours shifts w/weekly commitment. Volunteers will interact with clients, answer and return phone calls, monitor the front desk while practitioners are in session. Contact Doreen Menelly at 617-527-0247 or email info@centerforbalance.org.

CHARLESBANK HOSPICE CARE (formerly Epoch Hospice Care) 1/25/10 now Life Choice

615 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill 02467

We are seeking compassionate individuals who can offer emotional support, facilitate self-expression through music & crafts, run errands, read to patients, record life histories, share the journey of grief, or provide administrative support. Training is provided. New ideas and talents are always welcome. Contact Julie Plaut Mahoney or Cathy Paris at 617-232-0445 or email hospicevolcoordinator@charlesbankhs.com.

CHARLESBANK SENIOR HOME CARE (formerly Epoch Senior Health Care)

615 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill 02467

We are looking for compassionate and energetic volunteers. Our volunteer opportunities range from: assisting with activity groups, helping with hospitality art or in the gift shop, and much more. We have flexible hours to meet your schedule. Contact Mary Rivera, Life Enrichment Director, at 617-243-9990 ext. 2914.

CHARLES RIVER CONSERVANCY

www.charlesriverconservancy.org

Volunteering with the CRC is an excellent way to promote stewardship of the beautiful river that banks our communities and is also a great way to have fun and meet new people. You might help with clearing brush, trimming vegetation, pruning trees, helping to control invasive plant species, planting a new landscape, reseeding a lawn, or repainting benches and light posts. Please contact me to schedule a special event for your community group, school, or company. Contact Evan Moss at edm@thecharles.org or 617-619-2853.

CHARLES RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

www.charlesriver.org

190 Park Road, Weston MA 02493

Love being on the river? Want an excuse to be outside? We need volunteers to help monitor the health of the river! Become a water quality monitoring volunteer with the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) and collect river samples once a month - usually the third Tuesday morning. You will be helping CRWA fulfill its mission to use science, advocacy, and the law to protect, preserve and enhance the Charles River and its watershed. In addition to Newton, volunteers are needed at other sites all along the Charles. Contact Rebecca Scibek at 781-788-0007 or email rwickham@crwa.org

CHETWYNDE GOLDEN LIVING CENTER – see GOLDEN LIVING

CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAM (CAP) See CAP

CIRCLE of CARING / Hospice of the Good Shepherd

2042 Beacon Street Newton, 02468

Community members are invited to an informal open house on the first Friday of every month from 10am to noon. Volunteers are needed in several capacities! Administrative volunteers are needed to help with office activities, public relations, fund raising, and special projects in this Newton-based home care hospice agency. Also, volunteers are needed for “direct service to clients” – Direct Service Volunteer Trainings are typically held two times per year in the spring and fall. Time commitments are flexible. All volunteers receive orientation and training. Volunteers may visit one time or multiple times, either at the facility or at clients' homes. For a brochure, application or any information, contact Christina Coffey, Bereavement and Volunteer Services, at 617-969-6130 or ccoffey@hospicegoodshepherd.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN (CPC) COUNCIL

Now located at Newton Community Service Center, 2nd floor, 492 Waltham Street in West Newton

This Council develops collaborative relationships and partnerships that improve early childhood care and education in the community. We are looking for individuals from the community who would welcome the opportunity to be involved in decision-making that responds to the needs of young children and their families. The CPC Council meets one time per month, approximately nine times per year. Contact Erly Mobilia at 617-559-6065 or email erly_mobilia@newton.k12.ma.us

CONSERVATION LAND LITTER PATROL

If you are interested in helping to pick up litter on a regular basis at a local parcel of conservation land near you, please contact Melvin Weiner. There are about 15 conservation land locations and several parks in Newton. You can oversee an area by carrying a small trash bag and picking up litter when walking through on a weekly basis. This is a good community service project for people of all ages to help keep our Garden City clean. For more information, call Melvin Weiner at 617-332-9098.

COOPERATIVE METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

www.coopmet.org

474 Centre Street, Newton, 02458. Parking Available.

CMM is the Greater Boston's oldest interfaith social action network. Our programs include youth leadership and peacemaker training; interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue and educational programs; legislative advocacy; partnership building; and direct material assistance to homeless and low-income communities.

CMM is seeking committed volunteers to perform office duties, assist with fundraising and membership outreach and to work on major special events such as our Annual Interfaith Music Festival. Volunteers are needed to help with our regionalized community service days. Contact Executive Director Alex Kern at 617-244-3650 or email akern@coopmet.org.

DISCOVERING WHAT'S NEXT: Revitalizing Retirement

This collaborative community effort for baby boomers exploring retirement opportunities is looking for volunteers with expertise in grant writing, copywriting, database development or marketing. Flexible hours. This is a great opportunity to work individually or as part of a team with an exciting new local not for profit and to meet terrific people. Contact Jan Latorre-Stiller, SOAR Director, at 617-969-5906 ext.120 or email info@discoveringwhatsnext.com

ECO-TEAMS

Volunteers needed to work on dynamic city-wide Eco-Team Project. We need people who can help with data collection and input, fundraising and publicity.

Inspired by President Obama's message of service to community, Green Decade (see our other entry) is working with other local organizations to implement lasting change in Newton through energy efficiency. In 2009-10, hundreds of volunteers will work together in small Eco-Teams throughout Newton and place our city at the forefront of a green century. The Eco-Team program is a simple, step-by-step plan for the education of household energy use. In order to reduce your home energy usage and save on energy bills, you can also volunteer to participate in this important project by forming or joining an Eco-Team with friends, neighbors, co-workers or members of your religious community. For more info, visit: www.greendecade.org/ecoteams

Please contact either Bonnie Glickman at 617-969-1881 or email bglickman@mindspring.com or Jay Walter at 617-527-8383 or email entasis@rcn.com

EF Education First

EF Education First is recruiting Paid Host Families and is part of EF International Language School, 200 Lake St, Boston, MA 02135

Take a world tour without leaving your home by opening your home to international students and earn a tax-free stipend of up to \$1000 a month. EF Education First is the world's largest private education company. We welcome students from over 50 countries, aged 16+, who study English in Boston from 2 weeks to 9 months. By hosting students who represent over 50 countries, you will have the unique opportunity of sharing your culture and customs with others, while learning all about other languages and cultures. Our friendly network of Host Families are located in Allston/Brighton, Brookline, Newton, Needham, Waltham, Watertown, Cambridge, Somerville, Belmont, all within walking distance of public transportation. You should have either a single or twin bedroom, be able to provide breakfast and dinner and be welcoming to our students! Contact Homestay Coordinator Amy Salk at 617-76-1721 or email amy.salk@ef.com

ELLIOT HOUSE CLUBHOUSE

255 Highland Ave., Needham 02494 (just over the Newton line)

Part of Riverside Community Care. Volunteers are needed in many ways for the clubhouse program for adults with mental illness so that they can lead productive lives. Contact Heather Day at 781-449-1212 or email hday@riversideecc.org

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - see MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

www.newtonfreelibrary.net

Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, 02459

The Newton Free Library's "Legacy for Literacy Program" provides free tutoring services for adults of limited English proficiency. Tutors are very much needed. Just an hour a week of your time can make a real difference. Teaching English as a Second Language is very rewarding work. No prior experience is necessary as tutor-training workshops are provided at the Library. For more information, contact Susan Bécam, Program Coordinator, at 617-796-1364 or send email to legacyforliteracy@minlib.net.

EPOCH HOSPICE CARE – see Charlesbank Hospice Care

EPOCH SENIOR HEALTHCARE – see Charlesbank Senior Home Care

EVERCARE HOSPICE

950 Winter Street, Waltham

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our hospice program serving Newton. Free Orientation sessions are offered. Volunteers may help our patients and families by performing or assisting with any of the following duties: Social & Comfort Support Visits or Calls, Letter Writing, Respite for Families or Bereavement Support. A minimum commitment 1-4 hrs/wk for 6 months is needed. Our office is in Waltham. Office help is also needed and appreciated. Contact Marjorie Rochon at: 781-472-8640 or email marjorie_rochon@uhc.com.

The FALLS at Cordingly Dam

2300 Washington Street, Newton 02462

Volunteers needed at this Assisted-Living Community in Lower Newton Falls to lead weekly sessions with residents daytime, evenings, or weekends. Activities such as: bingo, current events discussions, readings of short stories or poetry, computer sessions, or any areas of expertise that the volunteer would like to share with our residents are welcome. Call Susie Cote at 617-928-0007 or email scote@benchmarkquality.com.

The FALLS also houses a Harbor Community Program for Alzheimer Residents to which volunteers can provide one-on-one visits or lead group activities. Contact Susan Shapiro, Program Director at 617-928-0007 or email sshapiro@benchmarkquality.com

FCD Educational Services

www.fcd.org

398 Walnut Street, Newton 02460

For over 30 years, FCD Educational Services has worked hand in hand with hundreds of schools across the United States and around the world to provide students with the knowledge, understanding, and skills they need to make intelligent, healthy choices about alcohol and other drug use. FCD seeks a volunteer to assist the Head Volunteer with review of student program evaluations. The schedule is flexible but a time commitment of approx. 5 hours/week is needed. For this or other info, contact: Mary Chatsworth at operations@fcd.org.

FORGOTTEN CAT, The

33 Terrace Avenue, Newton 02461

Creative thinkers, dedicated doers, and passionate organizers, join us in remembering and rescuing the forgotten cats of inner city neighborhoods. We are a new, not-for-profit volunteer corps of men, women and teens, whose goal is to significantly reduce the needless suffering of street cats and their kittens. In one year we have neutered over 300 cats. Many have been placed in homes. For those cats that are un-socialized with humans, and live in colonies, we have recruited daily feeders and provided warm winter shelters so they can continue to live in the only neighborhoods they know. We have a wonderful camaraderie doing this humane work. Call Sandy at 617-965-7327.

FRIEND 2 FRIEND

Located in the Jewish Community Center: 333 Nahanton Street, Newton 02459

Make a difference in someone's life - be a friend to an adult with a mild disability. If you like going to the movies, going for walks, visiting museums or eating out, Friend 2 Friend, a program of Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters, is looking for volunteers who want to spend some time doing fun activities in the community with an adult who has a disability. You will meet someone who really appreciates you and your reward will be an amazingly true friendship. Contact Jan Klein at 617-558-6548 or jan@jbbbs.org

FRIENDS of HEMLOCK GORGE

www.hemlockgorge.org

Volunteers needed for wide range of activities to preserve and enhance this historic reservation. Activities include clean-up of the Reservation 2x/yr. Volunteers welcome to attend monthly meetings at Emerson Community Center, to plan activities, to send out mailings, to help maintain and update our website, and more. Contact Brian Yates at 617-244-2601.

FRIENDS of NAHANTON PARK

This is one of Newton's Open Space jewels and the Friends can use many volunteers to help keep it that way. We need a Victory Garden Volunteer Liaison(s) who will be in touch with the gardeners who rent the 80 victory garden plots to make sure they keep their plots neat, and clean up their plots in the fall removing any structures that were built for protection during the growing season. Our group needs a volunteer accountant or treasurer!

Volunteers can be involved with our beautification program at the entrance to Nahanton Park on Winchester Street. Volunteers are needed to help us control the litter and debris that people leave. It would be especially helpful to have a volunteer who is knowledgeable about environmental law. It is increasingly important that we watch carefully over the property we have worked so hard to protect over the years. Contact Duane Hillis at 617-262-1111 or email dhillis@msn.com

People can also volunteer through the Newton Parks and Recreation Department (contact Judy Dore at 617-796-1525) to help with summer fishing programs, the outward bound type program, or to help at the Nature Center, or with the Nahanton Park Programs for school groups. Friends of Nahanton Park always welcomes new members!

FRIENDS of the NEWTON CORNER Branch Library / Chaffin Park

The library and Chaffin Park are located on Center Street/Vernon Street. Volunteers needed to help plant flowers and maintain the garden beds. Please consider donating perennials or annuals. A volunteer beautification manager is needed for the Peace Garden in Chaffin Park, which was donated in memory and celebration of the lives lost in September 11th. Interested volunteers may leave a message at the Newton Corner Branch Library desk during office hours (Tues, Thurs, Fri 1-6pm) or contact Maryan Amaral at gardensnewton@yahoo.com

FRIENDS of the NEWTON FREE LIBRARY

www.newtonfreelibrary.net

Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, 02459

Volunteers needed to shelve materials and check shelves to assure materials are in the proper order; to assist with the monthly newsletter mailing and other occasional mailings; to assist with the quarterly Book Sales held at the Auburndale branch library; to sell gift items at lobby Gift Cart; to help with the planning and preparation for the annual Book & Author Luncheon. Contact Erly Spencer at 617-796-1386 or email bspencer@minlib.net

GARDEN CARETAKERS

Davis Community Playground adjacent to Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham St, West Newton. Caretaker volunteers needed for the playground, which is a community resource as well as home to the Child Care and Adult Day Health Care programs at NCSC. The playground is frequented on a daily basis by over 100 children from the Center and families from the community. The playground design includes a raised bed flower garden, a vegetable garden, shrubs and trees. While children plant flowers and vegetables with the teachers each year and watch them grow, the garden needs caretakers. If you are a volunteer or group of volunteers who would be interested in providing ongoing care and maintenance for the garden, our NCSC teachers are happy to consult and assist you. Flexible scheduling. Contact Lonnie Schroeder, NCSC Child Care Director at (617)969-5906x123.

GARDEN CITY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NEW!

What started out as an attempt by a small band of "gorilla gardeners" to clean up badly neglected areas in downtown Newton Centre, including the "T" station, has blossomed into a full scale effort to restore and maintain those areas as a source of pride for all our residents. With the assistance of our Alderman, Vicki Danberg, who has championed our efforts, we are planning to launch landscape activities in the spring with the help of volunteers who share this vision. Research and planning are underway to prepare and prioritize so we can hit the ground running when weather permits in the spring. The possibility that Frederick Law Olmsted may have played an important role in the original landscape design of the "T" station only adds to the excitement of landscape restoration efforts. We would like to keep you informed of our progress and, as our plans materialize, offer various ways you can help should you choose to do so. Your thoughts can be shared by e-mailing us at: gpcs.volunteers@gmail.com

GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES -- also see the first listing: Adopt-A-Space

Davis Community Playground - Garden caretaker volunteers needed for the Davis Community Playground, located adjacent to the Newton Community Service Centers, Inc. at 492 Waltham Street in West Newton. See listing above for details and contact Lonnie Schroeder, NCSC Child Care Director at (617) 969-5906 x123.

Newton Corner Branch Library / Chaffin Park - needs Volunteers to help plant flowers and maintain the garden beds. See "Friends of Newton Corner Branch Library" listing above. Contact Maryan Amaral at gardensnewton@yahoo.com.

Sargent Park – located at the intersection of Sargent and Centre Streets. Needs 4 volunteers for 1 hour any day of the week during the autumn leaves season to rake and clean, then one clean-up day in the spring. Contact: Francoise LaMonica at 617 964-1375 or email franswas@rcn.com

GIRL SCOUTS, Newton

Short term and ongoing opportunities for adults ages 18 and up to help with programs and activities for girls in grades K-12. Whether or not you were a Girl Scout as a child, you can share your enthusiasm in your area of specialty, whether it's the outdoors, science and math, business, health, media, sports, the arts, or any other field that interests you. Contact us in Newton by email at newtongs@gmail.com or leave a message on our Newton Girl Scouts Info Line at 617-671-1223.

For Girl Scouting opportunities outside of Newton, contact Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass, Jenny Duquette, at 781-893-6113; or email jduquette@girlscoutseasternmass.org

GOLDA MEIR HOUSE

160 Stanton Ave, Auburndale 02466

Part of Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, the Golda Meir House is located near the Woodland T stop. You can volunteer anytime you are available! Days, evenings, weekends, but a minimum of 2x/month is needed. Prefer commitments of 6 months. All jobs involve working with elders, many in their 80's and 90's. Sample volunteer jobs include: assist elders learning to use Mac computers, assist w/lunch in dining room, assist in exercise and fitness program, practice English conversation with Russian or Chinese speaker, help with care of garden, answer phones at front desk, help with clerical work, and more! Volunteers must be 15 years of age or accompanied by an adult. Contact Laura Isenberg, Resident Services Administrator, at 617-614-5226 or email lisenberg@jche.org.

GOLDEN LIVING CENTER

1650 Washington Street, West Newton, 02465

Golden Living Center - Chetwynde in West Newton is always looking for volunteers to bring joy to our residents. We match you up with what you like to do: 1:1 visits, pet visits, playing games (bingo, scrabble, cards, etc), helping out at events, light office help, arts and crafts, performing...whatever you enjoy doing, we're open to it. Come make a difference in the lives of others! Please email allison.caplin@goldenliving.com or call Allison Manheim Caplin, MA, Director of Activities at 617.244.5407 x36.

Additional Facilities include:

- **GOLDEN LIVING CENTER - Chestnut Hill (formerly Heathwood)**

188 Florence Street, Chestnut Hill, 02467

Golden Living Centre - Chestnut Hill is seeking volunteers to come and socialize with our residents and engage in their activities. We match you up with what you like to do: 1:1 visits, pet visits, playing games (bingo, scrabble, cards, etc), helping out at events, light office help, arts and crafts, performing...whatever you enjoy doing, we're open to it. Come make a difference in the lives of others! Our facility is easily accessible off Route 9 and Hammond Pond Parkway, behind the Atrium Mall. Contact Adele Lapearl, Activity Director, at adele.lapearl@goldenliving.com or 617-332-4730.

- **GOLDEN LIVING CENTER - West Newton (formerly West Newton Health & Rehab.)**
25 Armory Street, West Newton, 02465

Golden Living Center - West Newton is seeking volunteers to come and socialize with our residents and engage in their activities. Our facility is conveniently located off Washington St, between Trader Joe's and the Armory. Contact Arthur Andrade at arthur.andrade@goldenliving.com or JoAnne LaBossiere joanne.labossiere@goldenliving.com or 617-969-2300.

GREEN DECADE / NEWTON

www.greendecade.org

P.O. Box 590242, Newton 02459

Be part of the City's largest grassroots environmental non-profit organization. Volunteers needed for Green Decade committees and programs in a wide variety of capacities, many more than are listed here! Call 617-965-1995 or email: contact@greendecade.org -- or go to our Volunteer page on our website and sign up on-line!

- **General helpers:** Volunteer as much or as little as you like. Help with hospitality and tea at our Environmental Speaker Series events at the Newton Library. Help staff "Meet & Greet" tables at various city events including the Farmers' Markets, July thru October. Help with Newsletter mailings once every 2 months. Help post event flyers in your village. Write local environmental articles. Students welcome. Volunteer on one of our many committees. You can leave a message at 617-965-1995, email contact@greendecade.org or visit www.greendecade.org Please see listing BELOW for some of the specific committees.
- **Eco-Teams:** Reduce your home energy usage and save on energy bills by joining a team with friends and others. The Eco-Team program uses a step-by-step energy saving guide. Bonnie Glickman at 617-969-1881 or email bglickman@mindspring.com or Jay Walter at 617-527-8383 or email entasis@rcn.com
- **Energy Committee:** Work on Newton's Solar Shares program and Solar/Green Home Tours to increase the use of solar power, or help with outreach for more efficient energy use in our Kyoto Project. Call Eric Olson at 617-558-6866 or email eolson@brandeis.edu
- **Environmental Media Coalition:** Help research &/or write environmental articles for monthly "Environmental Pages" in The Newton TAB. A volunteer producer is needed for our bi-monthly "Environmental Program" on New TV. For the articles, contact Lois Levin at 617-527-1237 or loislevin@comcast.net. For New TV, contact Francoise LaMonica at 617-964-1375 or franswas@rcn.com
- **Faith and the Environment:** Work with the faith community to help develop religious leadership in earth stewardship. All faiths are welcome. Contact Robbie Durschlag at Robbie Durschlag 617-964-0744 or faithandenvironment@greendecade.org
- **Fundraising and Grant Writing:** Opportunities exist for anyone who would like to help.
- **High Performance Buildings Coalition:** Help promote sustainable issues for "Green Buildings"; which promote measures to achieve a 20-year payback based on full life cycle cost analysis. Contact Betsy Harper at betsyharper@rcn.com or leave message on 617-965-1995.
- **Organic Gardening & Landscapes:** Expands the resources offered by GreenCAP with hands-on workshops and interactive group discussions specifically addressing organic practices for gardening and landscaping. Contact Sunwoo Kahng at 617-332-1882 or organicgarden@greendecade.org
- **School Outreach Committee:** Shares project and campaign ideas about energy, conservation and environmental concern with each school community in the City. Contact Bob Warren at 617-795-0028 or schooloutreach@greendecade.org
- **Students for a Greener World:** Our first student-led committee reaches out to kids of all ages to help them learn, practice and share environmentally friendly actions at home, school -- and have fun doing it! SGW is open to middle school & high school students. Contact Margaret Ford at 617-964-0606 or email mford@greendecade.org and visit www.greendecade.org to find out more!
- **Transportation:** Focuses on transportation issues in Newton, with the objective of making recommendations about specific policy positions. We're also involved with taking an inventory of bicycle racks at businesses and other locations, and determining how to best promote increased safe bicycle use. Contact Lois Levin at 617-527-1237 or transportation@greendecade.org

HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

The devastation from the 1/12/10 earthquake will be felt for years to come. Right now the best way to help is to make financial contributions. There are many organizations working on the relief efforts. Please look into:

American Red Cross	International Relief Fund	1-800-564-1234	www.BostonRedCross.org/DonateNow
The Boston Foundation	Will double any contribution! Have 5 yr strategic relief plan!	617-338-2670 or 338-2608	www.tbf.org/donation/donate.aspx
Partners in Health Care	Have doctors in Haiti, etc.		www.pihc.org

HELLENIC GOSPEL FOOD PANTRY, SOUP KITCHEN, & CLOTHES CLOSET

187 Church Street, Newton Corner -- at corner of Centre St.

Volunteers needed in various capacities to stock and sort food, help with soup kitchen, etc. Please contact Lia Deligiannides at 781-449-8307.

HISTORIC NEWTON (Jackson Homestead, Newton History Museum)

527 Washington Street, Newton 02458

Visitors Services Committee: Join our friendly Committee &/or actively participate in the Museum Shop activities! Outside activities include help with tabling at public events such as the Spring & Harvest Fairs, posting event and calendar flyers in local villages and helping overall to promote the Museum. In the Museum Shop, help answer phones, greet visitors, and record admission fees and shop sales. Learn the cash register. We prefer a weekly commitment but we're flexible. Contact Alison Carter at 617-796-1450 or email acarter@newtonma.gov

Other Museum Volunteer duties include: helping with inventory of collections, historical research, teaching & teaching assistants, oral history, videotape production, fundraising, not-for-profit legal or accounting bookkeeping assistance, exhibition assistance, gardening, graphic design & desktop publishing, library cataloging, public relations & marketing, photography, data entry, care of city's three historic burying grounds, board recruitment, assistance with mailings, and support of various ongoing programs and projects. Contact Melissa Westlake, 617-796-1456, or mwestlake@newtonma.gov or the general phone 617-796-1450.

Historic Burying Grounds Committee – seeks new members as we advocate for the preservation of the 3 historical burying grounds: East Parish (established in 1660), West Parish (1781), and South (1802). Members participate in guiding the restoration, maintenance and public interest programs at all 3 sites. For more info, contact Laura Costello at 617-796-1450 or lcostello@newtonma.gov

HORIZONS for HOMELESS CHILDREN

www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org

One out of every 24 Massachusetts children is homeless at any given time. An even higher proportion of MA children experience homelessness over the course of a year for a total of at least 100,000 homeless children and youth in the Bay State. Our non-profit is dedicated to providing programs and services for these children. We seek 30 volunteers to interact and play with over 60 children living in 7 family shelters, teen parenting, and domestic violence programs in Newton and Waltham. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months is required. Training is provided and there are daytime or evening shifts to fit your schedule. Contact Naphtali Larsen at 617-445-1480 or email nlarsen@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org or call 1-800-560-7702.

HOSPICE of the GOOD SHEPHERD– see CIRCLE OF CARING

HOSPICE PREFERRED CHOICE – see ASERACARE HOSPICE

HOSPITALITY HOMES

www.hosp.org.

Open your Newton home to provide housing for family members accompanying loved ones to Boston for medical treatment. Hospitality Homes operates a network of volunteer host homes and provides a caring response to the short-term housing needs of patients' families. The organization is seeking hosts in Newton who are near public transportation and also has a need for Spanish-speaking hosts and homes with guest rooms on the first floor. Hosting a family is a unique and rewarding way for Newton citizens to volunteer and is extremely flexible, fitting in with the busiest of schedules. Contact Caryl Goodman at 617-482-4338, info@hosp.org

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (City of Newton)

City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton 02459

The Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning & Development Department seeks volunteers to serve on Advisory Committees. Members of these Committees help the City develop and

implement projects using federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to benefit Newton's low- and moderate-income residents. Currently, there are opportunities for membership on the Newton Corner, Newtonville, Nonantum, and West Newton Advisory Committees (quarterly meetings & occasional project review mtgs.), the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, and the Newton Housing Partnership (monthly meetings). Those not appointed for membership or not interested in serving as members may add their names to the interested citizens' list, to receive notifications of meetings and project updates. For more info, go to the Division's website at www.ci.newton.ma.us/planning/general.htm or contact: Amy Yuhasz at 617-796-1122 or ayuhasz@newtonma.gov

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

www.newtonhumanrights.org

City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton 02459

The Newton Human Rights Commission, which meets typically on the 2nd Wed. of the month, is currently seeking new volunteer members for the Advisory Council. Energetic, interested people committed to making a difference in our community by combating discrimination and promoting acceptance of diversity are encouraged to attend meetings and apply.

JACKSON HOMESTEAD – see Historic Newton

JEWISH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER BOSTON

www.jbbbs.org

c/o Jewish Community Center: 333 Nahanton St, Newton 02459

Volunteers wanted to have fun with great kids! It's as easy as taking a break in your week to grab some pizza, take a walk or see a movie with a young friend. We match Big Brothers and Sisters with Little Brothers and Sisters based on common interests and hobbies. And we make sure that you live nearby one another. We match you so you have lots in common and can do things together you both enjoy! Contact Robin Cohen 617-558-6535, or email robin@jbbbs.org. This is a minimum one-year commitment.

JBBBS also provides friends to adults with disabilities. Ask about our Friend 2 Friend program!

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE

www.jfcsboston.org

1430 Main St., Waltham 02451

For more info, visit our website or contact Volunteer Coordinator at 781-647-5327 or email info@jfcsboston.org
There are many volunteer opportunities in Newton.

- **First Friends:** help recent arrivals to the US make the difficult adjustment to life in a new culture.
- **Friendly Visitors:** make a difference for isolated seniors in their own homes or long-term care facility.
- **Visiting Moms:** share time & experience with new mothers to instill confidence and competence.
- **Bet Tzedek:** volunteer attorneys provide free legal services to low-income populations
- **Community Health Access Program (CHAP):** provides information and referral services for those who need medical care or health insurance, and sources of free care if possible.
- **Family Table:** Greater Boston's Jewish food pantry delivery service has volunteers sort, pack and deliver bundles to families in need on a monthly basis.
- **Long-term Care Ombudsman:** spends min. 2hr/wk visiting & advocating for local nursing home residents.
- **Chaverim Shel Shalom:** Volunteers help Jewish adults with psychiatric conditions.

JOHN M. BARRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – see BARRY Boys & Girls Club

KIDS NIGHT OUT

We need volunteers to help run our Kids Night Out Program on Friday nights from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at the West Suburban YMCA, 276 Church Street in Newton Corner, for children ages 7 - 13. Contact Devin Jones at 617-244-6050 ext. 3006 or djones@westsuburbanyymca.org or Leah Castelano, Volunteer Services, ext. 3003, leahc@westsuburbanyymca.org

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS, NEWTON

www.lwvnewton.org

PO Box 610207, Newton 02461

LWV is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We conduct study and action groups on selected governmental issues. We influence public policy through education and advocacy. Volunteers are needed in many capacities. For more info, call 617-964-0014 or email info@lwvnewton.org

LEVENTHAL-SIDMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

333 Nahanton Street, Newton Centre 02459

Senior Adult Department's Wednesdays at the JCC: The LSJCC Senior Adult Department seeks volunteer teachers, group leaders or lecturers to run discussion groups/classes on Wednesday mornings. Come share your knowledge, stories and skills with our senior adults on Wednesdays. You can volunteer on a one-time basis (1 hour on a Wednesday morning) or on a more ongoing basis (once a month to weekly). Contact Cindy Katzeff at 617-558-6443 or ckatzeff@jccgb.org

LIFETIME LEARNING

See page 14

www.newtoncommunityed.org

MAB COMMUNITY SERVICES

(formerly Mass. Association for the Blind, Vision Community Services)

313 Pleasant St., Watertown 02474

Your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you! Many volunteers are needed to read or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Prefer commitment of 2 to 3 hours per week. Many clients are in Newton so request Newton if desired; we serve the greater area. Contact Karen Matthews at 617-972-9119 or kmatthews@mabcommunity.org

www.mabcommunity.org

MAYOR'S OFFICE For CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newtonville 02460.

The Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs, the Arts in the Parks of Newton Parks & Recreation Department, The Newton Pride Committee and the Newton Cultural Council are located here, along with many Newton non-profit agencies! Volunteer to greet visitors; primarily afternoon shifts are available. Volunteers are always needed various for special events such as: KidsFest in the spring, July 4th Celebration, Halloween Window Decorating, Harvest Fair in the fall, Seasonal Flower Bulb Program, Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Newton Cultural Center Fine Art and Craft Show, and the Mayor's New Year Open House. We are always looking for new program ideas! Contact Linda Plaut at 617-796-1540 or 617-527-8283 or email lplaut@newtonma.gov

MEDA (Multi-service Eating Disorders Association)

92 Pearl Street, Newton 02458

MEDA is an organization dedicated to the treatment and prevention of eating disorders and disordered eating, hosts a monthly "Hope and Inspiration" meeting that is free and open to the general public. During this meeting, an individual who is recovered from an eating disorder shares his/her own personal story of a struggle with an eating disorder. Meetings are the first Saturday of every month from 10-11am at 92 Pearl Street in Newton. We have various volunteer opportunities. Contact Kristin Tyman at 617-558-1881 x12 or kristin.tyman@medainc.org

www.medainc.org

MENTOR CONNECTION

Anthony Bibbo Youth Center, 429 Cherry St. West Newton, MA 02465

Mentor Connection matches middle and high school students from the Newton community with adult volunteers to build meaningful, lasting relationships and promote active citizenship. Mentors help youth make healthy life decisions during their teenage years while supporting them on their journey to adulthood. Volunteer mentors are thoughtfully paired with a young person as part of a year-long mentoring program. They commit to spend at least 6 hours a month over the course of the program with their teen, engaging in recreational activities in both on and off site sessions. Mentors will support their teen by listening, providing guidance and building trust and rapport. As a mentor, you will have a profound impact on a young person's life and on your community-- and, you will be amazed by what you get in return. Time commitments are flexible and average 1-2 hours per week. Training, supervision and skilled staff support are provided. To inquire or apply, contact Carrie von Glahn at cvonglahn@ncscweb.org or call 617.244.1404 x226.

www.ncscweb.org

NAMI – Newton-Wellesley Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Volunteers are needed to help offer services to mentally ill individuals and their families. We don't have an office so volunteers work from their own homes. We are in need of computer help and placing our information into the computer. We also need occasional help with publicity, phoning, clipping related articles, suggesting monthly educational speakers, mailings for meetings and membership, maintenance of NAMI library, cataloguing of information, and more. Call Eileen O'Toole at 781-444-0750 or Jean Acerra at 617-244-9833.

NEW ART CENTERwww.newartcenter.org**61 Washington Park, Newtonville 02460**

Ongoing volunteer activities at New Art Center in Newtonville: administration help, fundraising, gallery sitting, gardening, mailings(!!!), public relations, special events, fund raising, help managing our volunteers! Contact Cori Champagne at 617-964-3424 or email cori@newartcenter.org

NEW REPERTORY THEATREwww.newrep.org

The New Rep is looking for volunteer ushers at The Arsenal Center for the Arts in Watertown (321 Arsenal Street). To usher, call House Manager Vawnya Nichols at 617- 923-8487 ext. 104. To email, use usher@newrep.org

NEW TVwww.newtv.org**23 Needham St, Newton 02461**

NewTV, Newton's community media center, has volunteer opportunities for receptionists/greeters. Sit at our front desk in our spacious new facility, answer phones and greet members and guests who arrive to produce or participate in local television productions. On a daily basis, residents from all across Newton and beyond come to NewTV to learn, to edit, to be on studio shows, to take television equipment on location, etc. We ask for a minimum of 2 hours/week. Training and orientation at your convenience. Contact us at 617-965-7200 x112 or email: judik@newtv.org. For more information about NewTV, go to: www.newtv.org

NEWTON BOY SCOUTS

See Boy Scouts

NEWTON CITIZEN'S PRUNERS PROGRAM – see Newton Urban Tree Commission**NEWTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

As one of the largest providers of affordable housing in Newton, we need volunteers to help with many of the programs we offer to our residents. Families and individuals are welcome as volunteers to form friendly and meaningful relationships with isolated elderly residents. Drivers are needed to take elders to medical appointments or shopping. We also seek English as Second Language (ESL) teachers for our non-English speaking population. Our Youth Center seeks volunteers to work with youth ages 5 – 14 years old. One-time volunteers are welcome to provide a lecture or entertainment. Contact Ruth Apfelbaum at 617-964-8650 or ruth.ncdf@comcast.net

NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATIONwww.newtoncommunityed.org**& Lifetime Learning – located at Newton South High School, 140 Brandeis Rd, Newton 02459**

NCE: This self-sustaining, nonprofit arm of the Newton public schools runs adult-education classes and enrichment programs for kids and teens. There are openings throughout the year for volunteer ESL tutors, as well as assistants to help with public relations, office tasks and food classes. We also welcome volunteer instructors and high-school students who want to work in classes for kids and teens. Flexible hours, fun, and discounts on classes. Please watch for seasonal Newton Community Education catalogues with course descriptions and updated opportunities. Contact Paul Angiolillo at 617-559-6999 or Paul_Angiolillo@newton.k12.ma.us

Lifetime Learning:

Do you want to feel needed, wanted & appreciated? Lifetime Learning is looking for a few great volunteers! Created by seniors over 30 years ago, Lifetime Learning offers a wide variety of courses in literature, history, art appreciation, opera, French, music appreciation and current affairs, for 8-weeks, in the fall and in the spring. We seek former teachers and knowledgeable amateurs who will join us as volunteer teachers. The benefits are working with students who are devoted, intellectually sophisticated and truly appreciate of the expertise our teachers offer. Contact Laurie Swett at 617-559-6994.

NEWTON COMMUNITY FARMwww.newtoncommunityfarm.org**303 Nahanton Street, Newton 02459**

Field Volunteers: Looking for a way to get out and have some fun in the dirt and sun? Come join the farm staff and other volunteers each Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 9 and noon for our public work sessions. These sessions are open to anyone who would like to join us. You must, however, be at least 14 years old to come by yourself. Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. During the

sessions you'll participate in whatever needs to be done on the farm that day. In May that often means working in the greenhouse or transplanting crops into the field. As the season progresses you might find yourself weeding, harvesting, washing vegetables, sorting vegetables for markets, planting, or doing many other activities that are just too much fun to mention. Whatever you end up doing, it's most fun when you do it in groups, so encourage your friends to come with you and, if you can, bring something to eat and stay for lunch afterwards. At the end of each session we'll gather to assess what we've done. Volunteers must come at the start of the session and stay for the full time. Contact Greg Maslowe, Farm Manager, at 617-916-9655 or newtoncommunityfarm@comcast.net

Admin Volunteers are needed to help with fund-raising, graphic design, grant writing &/or other administrative tasks. Contact Sam Fogel at sam@fogel.com

Newton Community Farm con't.

Education Volunteers play a vital role in educational programming at the farm. Duties include: assisting with one time visits from volunteer and school groups, leading an educational activities for students, helping schools foster sustainability through gardening and composting programs. Training will be provided for all volunteers. The training will prepare you to work with diverse groups of learners in an experiential educational setting, and will introduce you to the tasks of farm work and the methods of sustainable agriculture. Contact education@newtoncommunityfarm.org

Publicity Committee Volunteers promote exciting farm happenings such as upcoming events, educational programs, and the latest farm news. We have plenty of opportunities: writing, layout design, graphic design, poster distribution, attending community events, street marketing, grassroots organizing, media relations, Web design, online communities! Contact Christine at christine_liu1@yahoo.com.

NEWTON COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

www.ncscweb.org

492 Waltham Street West Newton, MA 02465

A multi-service agency that strengthens individuals, families and communities through education and support services.

We have many volunteer positions available:

- Greet visitors to the Newton Community Service Center by serving as a **volunteer receptionist** (10-15 hours per week). "Artist" in residence needed to design and decorate NCSC bulletin boards and create signage for special events. (Time commitment varies.)
- Teach children strategies for being safe by training as *Prevention Specialist* for the **Child Assault Prevention Program**. You will present workshops to students in grades K, 2 & 5 in the Newton schools to teach simple strategies to reduce vulnerability to assault and violence that focus on bullying, stranger safety, and assault by known persons. Time Commitment: 6 hours per month for school year.
- Also looking for an *office volunteer* with good computer skills (especially desktop publishing) to help a few hours a week doing varied office jobs
- Help plan, coordinate, and execute **Newton Unplugged Month**, an annual month of events & activities to entice Newton residents to put aside their electronics and participate in non-electric activities. Commitment runs from end of January through April.
- Get involved in our early literacy program as a *Home Visitor* in the **Parent-Child Home Program** which works with children 16 months to 4 years and their parent by bringing a new book or toy (provided by program) each week to the family to model and encourage verbal interaction between parent and child. Time commitment: Meet with 2 families twice a week for a half hour each visit & attend weekly staff meetings on Thursdays from 12:00pm-2:00 pm. Spanish speaking volunteer currently needed.
- Help *sort the clothing and toy donations* made to the **Parents Program** (Approximate time commitment is 2-3 hours per month).
- Varied volunteer opportunities exist with the **Early Education and Childcare Program**: *Volunteer Teacher Assistants* in the classroom; *Enrichment Activities Leaders* in art, music, drama, cooking, movement, science, and reading; *Librarian* to organize Parent/Teacher Resource Library; (Commitment: one year with a consistent schedule depending on the activity); *Hands on volunteers* to help with playground maintenance and special projects on an as needed basis.
- Homework helpers* are needed for the **After School Program** (grades 2-6). No particular academic experience is necessary – just patience and an encouraging demeanor. (Commitment: one or two afternoons per week for one year)

- ❑ **Teen REACH Program** needs adult mentors to serve as positive role models for local teenagers sharing social/recreation activities, sports, homework help, college and job searching and more. Time commitments are flexible and average 1-2 hours per week. Training, supervision and skilled staff support is provided.
- ❑ Be a **Mentor Connection Mentor**, an adult paired with a young person (ages 12-16) as part of a year-long mentoring program. Mentors and teen participants engage in one-to-one and group activities including recreational activities and trips, sports, homework help, community service, college and job searching and more. The mentor is not a social worker, a teacher or a parent, but rather a compassionate friend and role model. Time commitments are flexible and average 1-2 hours per week. Training, supervision and skilled staff support are provided.

FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Claire Kashuck at 617-969-5906 x210 or email ckashuck@ncscweb.org

NEWTON CONSERVATORS

www.newtonconservators.org

Guided Tours Coordinator: Get to know the many beautiful natural places in Newton, from hidden trails and panoramic views to unique geology and hidden woodland gardens. A Volunteer Coordinator is needed to organize a series of 1-hour weekend, guided walking tours through Newton's historic conservation areas. You'll work with others who are experienced with locating local guide experts and publicizing the walks to membership and community. We need someone to take charge and coordinate. People who have volunteered in this role in the past call it, "the most fun job in the Newton Conservators." Contact William Hager, at president@newtonconservators.org.

Distributor for Trails Guide: Help distribute the new enlarged edition of Trails and Green Space Guide, featuring maps of over 40 conservation areas in Newton. Contact realtors and stores to arrange for bulk sales of the Guide. This effort is important because it introduces more people to the special places in Newton that we want to preserve. Contact president@newtonconservators.org.

NEWTON COUNTRY PLAYERS

Volunteers are needed in the following areas of running a theatre: ushering, sets (painting, building & designing), coordinating costumes or props, sewing, publicity & marketing, fundraising. Most work can be coordinated with your schedule. Call 617-244-9538 or email NCPSM@aol.com

NEWTON FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed to help make home food deliveries once a week for an hour or two - to the isolated needy in Newton. Volunteers are needed to serve clients, stock food supplies, keep records, pick-up and deliver donations, and shop for needed food. Volunteers are needed to organize food drives in your business, office, club, group, organization, class or school. Call for times & directions: Jackie at 617-527-2394 or Roz at 617-332-7932. (**Donations of non-perishable foods are always welcome** – contact us to discuss).

NEWTON FREE LIBRARY

330 Homer Street, Newton 02459

Volunteer opportunities at the Library include: administration duties & mailings, shelving books and audio visual materials, shelf reading projects, staffing the lobby gift cart, helping the Friends of the Library's quarterly Book Sale, and more.

The Library needs **volunteer drivers** who can deliver books and other materials to our homebound patrons. The homebound service is very active and delivers library materials to over 100 Newton residents. The deliveries are done each week on Friday. If you have your own car and can give one or two hours on Friday (preferably in the morning) to do some deliveries, we can use your help!

For the above, please contact the library volunteer coordinator Erly Spencer at 617-796-1386 or email at bspencer@minlib.net.

ESL and literacy tutors are always needed, call Susan Becam at 617-796-1364. (See the ESL listing)

NEWTON GIRL SCOUTS – see GIRL SCOUTS

NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION – see Human Rights Commission

NEWTON MASSACHUSETTS ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM (NMART)

The city of Newton is seeking experienced volunteers to augment the committee for NMART, which is responsible for coordinating the public, private and human resources need for the rescue and recovery of animals during federal, state and local emergencies – and the operation of Newton's five animal emergency facilities. Many positions are available and training is provided, for: Triage & Intake Paperwork Planner, Medical Care Planner, Experienced Animal Handling Planner, Volunteer Coordinating Planner. Volunteers may not handle animals without a rabies vaccination. Contact the Animal Control office at 617-796-2109.

NEWTON OPEN STUDIOS Committee

www.newtonopenstudios.com

Newton Open Studios, Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada St., Newton, MA 02460

Volunteer to help with our Newton community art events -- the annual Fall Art Show and the Spring Open Studios. Opportunities include working at the events, data entry, running raffles, fundraising & public relations and all jobs can be matched to your time. Contact Ellen Fisher at 617-964-1670.

NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION – see Parks & Recreation

www.newtonma.gov/parks

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS

We need adult volunteers to mentor elementary students in mathematics basics once a week for 30 minutes to an hour, depending on your availability. Play special math games that reinforce skills and help students gain confidence in math. No teaching experience is needed. Volunteers participate in an orientation/training session, provide 2 personal references, and complete a Criminal Record Check (CORI). Tutors select the school, grade level, and day/time that would be best for them. For additional information, please contact Ellen Bender, the Newton Schools Volunteer Coordinator, at 617.559.6131 or ellen_bender@newton.k12.ma.us

NEWTON SAN JUAN SISTER CITY PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to: 1) visit schools and describe the Sister City Project between Newton and San Juan, 2) help with PR and education. Orientation about the Project is provided. Contact Betsy Barker at 617-244-6949.

NEWTON SENIOR CENTER / COUNCIL ON AGING

345 Walnut Street, Newtonville 02460

About 98% of the volunteers at the Newton Senior Center are seniors, so come and find companionship while using your skills to make the Senior Center and the Council on Aging run smoothly! The Senior Center is also the headquarters for the Department of Senior Services. We need volunteers to assign to specific projects:

- Special Projects
- Tax aides (income tax program)
- Bridge teacher
- Computer teachers

Please contact Program & Volunteer Director, Joanne Fisher at 617-796-1670 or email jfisher@newtonma.gov

NewtonSERVES Day of Community Service – May 15, 2011 – 11th ANNIVERSARY!

City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton 02459

www.newtonma.gov/newtonserves

Coordinates this city wide event with 55 Project Sites around the city to accommodate over 1,200 volunteers of all ages. If you would like to be part of the Planning Committee (January – May) or would like to find out how to be a Project Site Partner, Project Leader, Team Leader, Sponsor, or have some other role, contact Linda Plaut at 617-796-1540 or lplaut@newtonma.gov

NEWTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

www.newtonsymphony.org

We moved to: Andover Theological School, Farwell Hall, 157 Herrick Rd., Newton 02459

We are looking for one or more persons for 6-10 hours/weekly to do light administrative and bookkeeping tasks. We need someone who can make a commitment to come reliably every week. Do you have a friendly personality and like to work in a pleasant informal setting? Volunteers are needed for 2-10 hours per week to work in the office, distribute and post flyers; call businesses to solicit advertising; work at concerts as ushers and reception servers; handle calls and orders for tickets; help with bookkeeping; draft letters; do small mailings. Contact Letitia Stevens at 617-965-2555 or office@newtonsymphony.org.

NEWTON'S THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAMS (formerly Newton Special Olympics Program)

www.ci.newton.ma.us/parks

Parks & Rec. Dept, 70 Crescent Street, Newton 02466

Teens and adults welcome to volunteer with children and adults with disabilities that participate in community recreation programs. We have opportunities to volunteer in many various sporting activities including: track,

swimming, soccer, ice-skating, skiing, Saturday sports program, and adult social programs. Contact Mark Kelly at 617-796-1527 or mkelly@newtonma.gov

NEWTON URBAN TREE COMMISSION – see Urban Tree Commission

NEWTON WALK FOR THE WORLD

Over the past 27 years, the Walk has raised more than \$900,000 and **25%** of the money raised stays in Newton for the Newton Food Pantry, The Second Step shelter for victims of domestic abuse, and the City Mission Society. The rest goes to needy people all over the world, both here in the US where people continue to rebuild and recover from devastating storms to world-wide grassroots efforts for the Church World Service. **Volunteers** can help **year round** to help prepare for next year's event and to walk. We strive to have representatives from each religious institution in Newton. Please consider making a team! Contact Mary Donchez at 617-965-7441 or Mary_Donchez@harvardpilgrim.org or Marianne Talis at 617-527-4469 or Mariannetalis@aol.com

NEWTON-WELLESLEY HOSPITAL

www.nwh.org

2014 Washington Street, Newton 02462

Volunteers work in almost every part of the Hospital! You may choose to provide service to patient and families in clinical settings. We have a long list of specific volunteer roles. We train volunteers and ask for a commitment of 3 to 4 hrs/week for a minimum of three months. Assignments may be morning, afternoon or evening, including weekends in some areas. Some of the areas include: Medical Office building lab greeter role; surgical liaison, clerical settings, receiving, women's imaging, coffee shop, administrative offices, and more! Contact NWH Volunteer Services at 617- 243-6048.

NEWTON WELLESLEY WESTON COMMITTEE for COMMUNITY LIVING

1301 Centre Street, Newton Centre 02459

www.nwwcommittee.org

The NWW Committee has provided comprehensive services for people with developmental disabilities and their families since 1972. People served by the NWW Committee live in group homes in Newton and Wellesley, in their own apartments in Newton, and with their families in Newton, Wellesley and Weston and neighboring communities.

VOLUNTEERS (individuals, families and groups) can commit to a few hours a month or to a one-time project. Individualized orientation, special training, careful matching for one-to-one volunteers and on-going support are provided by NWW staff. Previous experience interacting with people with developmental disabilities is not required. Please contact Christina Jameson, PhD, Volunteer Coordinator, cjameson@nwwcommittee.org or call 617-964-6860.

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION – see Youth Commission

OFFICE for VOLUNTEER SERVICES (OVS)

www.newtonma.gov/volunteer

Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs

(this whole listing is online at this website)

225 Nevada Street, Newtonville, MA 02460

OVS is the clearinghouse that produces this "**Volunteer Opportunities Listings**" so residents will know what volunteer jobs are available at local non-profits and community service agencies and city departments. Such agencies & departments should the OVS to update or post their listings. OVS sponsors the annual NewtonSERVES Day of Community Service in the spring(see NewtonSERVES listing above) and the annual autumn Volunteer Job Fair. Contact Linda Plaut 617-796-1540 or lplaut@newtonma.gov.

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

www.parentshelpingparents.org

The Parental Stress Line was founded in 1979. Our mission is to prevent child abuse by providing distressed parents and caregivers with anonymous and confidential help in our support groups or on our helpline that runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers from across Massachusetts can find a safe place to talk about parenting and family issues.

Parents Helping Parents cont'd

- Volunteer as a telephone counselor on the Parental Stress Line! We will train you. You will learn excellent communication techniques and how to respond in stressful situations. Volunteers generally commit to a 4 hour shift per week. Once volunteers are fully trained, they have the option of taking calls from their home.
- Volunteer as an office assistant! We always need an extra pair of hands for our many outreach projects. Our Watertown office is conveniently located just a few minutes from Newton Corner.

- Volunteer as a group facilitator. We run support groups in Newton and other nearby areas such as Watertown, Waltham, and Allston. Become a co-facilitator or help us start a new group.

You don't need to be a parent to volunteer. Anyone who is compassionate and non-judgmental can help.

Call Lalita at 617-926-5008 x101, or email info@parentshelpingparents.org.

PARKS & RECREATION

www.newtonma.gov/parks

The Newton Workshop: Volunteer fishermen join this club and become certified to teach a "Basic Fresh Water Fishing Class". A Volunteers Instructor Training Course is offered each spring at Nahanton Park, teaching the importance of conservation and how to convey that message to tomorrow's youth. Call Judy Dore at 617-796-1525, or email jdore@newtonma.gov or call the Nahanton Park Office at 617-332-2686 to leave a message.

People can also volunteer through the Newton Parks and Recreation Department to help with summer fishing programs, the outward bound type program, or to help at the Nature Center, or with the Nahanton Park Programs for school groups. Other opportunities are available as well. We run the summer "Farmers' Market" and various camp programs. Again, contact Judy Dore at 617-796-1525.

PRICE REHABILITATION CENTER

www.barrypricecenter.org

38 Border Street, West Newton 02465

Volunteer your time and services to help adults and older teens with developmental disabilities. A variety of opportunities are available. Clients live locally and appreciate your involvement. Also help us with a new program to raise funding so the disabled can take a little vacation time. Contact Johanna Jennings at jjennings@barrypricecenter.org or 617-332-7477 x220.

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence

www.reachma.org

An agency providing refuge, education, advocacy and change -- REACH is seeking volunteers from all backgrounds to support survivors of domestic violence and raise community awareness in the greater Boston area, 27 cities and towns including Newton. Opportunities include assisting families in shelter, staffing our 24-hour hotline, legal advocacy, childcare, support group facilitation, fundraising, community outreach, and special projects. Training and support is provided. Contact Jo Patterson at 781-891-0724 ext. 303, or email jo@reachma.org. If you or someone you know needs these services, call our free and confidential hotline at 1-800-899-4000.

ROTARY CLUB of NEWTON

The Rotary is a service organization of business and professional men and women united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. With a motto of "Service Above Self", the Rotary Club of Newton supports many local organizations and fosters the ideal of community service. Contact Mark Epstein at 617-244-1212.

RSVP Metro West – see SOAR (below)

SAINT JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL – see ST. JUDE

SALVATION ARMY, The

The Salvation Army is looking for people with a heart toward service. Would you like to help your town? We are looking for a new chairperson, treasurer, kettle coordinator and 2 emergency response volunteers. The following are simplified explanations of the positions:

- Chairperson - oversees the committee, assists in recruiting volunteers for committee and is second signer of the treasury account
- Treasurer - oversees the budget and pays the bills as they come in
- Kettle Coordinator - recruits and schedules bell ringers for Christmas fund raiser at local grocery stores
- Emergency Response volunteers - receive formal FEMA training from The Salvation Army; coordinate with local responders and respond to local emergencies such as house fires and flooding; can be on call for state & national disasters if you wish.

Please call Robin at 617-542-5420 ext. 522 if you are interested.

SAMARITANS, Inc.www.samaritanshope.org

235 Walnut St., Framingham

Samaritans is a non-profit suicide prevention organization, which offers a confidential 24-hour befriending hotline for those who may be depressed and/or experiencing feelings of isolation, despair, or hopelessness, all of which may lead to suicide. We are currently seeking volunteers to service our hotline. Our free training prepares phone volunteers to adopt the Samaritans' befriending principles, which emphasize providing compassionate, nonjudgmental support and listening.

Please contact us at 508-872-1780 or volunteerframingham@samaritanshope.org.

SEASONS HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CAREwww.seasons.org**275 Grove Street Newton, MA 02466**

We are currently seeking caring individuals who are 18 and over to volunteer with our patients at home and in local nursing facilities. Even one hour a week can make a tremendous difference. Direct patient care volunteers offer friendly visiting, emotional support, caregiver relief, and advocacy. Following training, volunteer assignments are close to home or work. Seasons will provide both training and support to our volunteers. Contact Michele Collins, LICSW, Director of Support Services at 617-869-4820 or mcollins@seasons.org

SECOND STEP, THE – see THE SECOND STEP**SHOWTIME SINGERS – see BASICALLY BROADWAY****SOAR 55 (Service Opportunities After Reaching 55)**www.soar-ma.org**492 Waltham Street, West Newton 02465**

SOAR connects adults 55 and older to meaningful community service opportunities in Newton and surrounding communities. Sample assignments include: The **SOAR Non-Profit Management Consulting Group** which trains team members to work with area non-profit agencies on short-term management, organizational and program consulting projects; **Mentor** an MCI Framingham inmate enrolled in Boston University as part of the Partakers "College Behind Bars" program; Become a **Learning Partner** in local elementary schools helping with math and reading skills; **Tutor ESL or GED** students to help them achieve greater self-sufficiency and independence. All of our assignments are a chance to learn new skills, share your experience and expand your neighborhood connections. Orientation, training and support are provided and most assignments require only an hour or two a week. Contact Jan Latorre-Stiller, Director at 617-969-5906 x120 or jlatorre-stiller@ncscweb.org or Karen Albert at 617-969-5906 x351 or kalbert@ncscweb.org

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM – see Newton's Therapeutic Recreation Programs**SPRINGWELL (formerly West Suburban Elder Services)**www.springwell.com**125 Walnut St Watertown, MA 02472**

Volunteers are truly needed to help elders as friendly visitors, medical escorts, money managers, nursing home ombudsmen, shopping escorts, telephone reassurance callers, and to help elders with accurate information regarding health insurance options. We particularly need volunteer DRIVERS! We also coordinate MEALS on WHEELS. Our office is in Watertown but we serve local communities. Request Newton if desired, many of our clients live here. Contact Wendy Adlerstein at 617-926-4100 ext.246 or wadlerstein@springwell.com

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITALwww.stjude.org**NEW!****Fundraising Office, 313 Washington St. #310, Newton 02458**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital needs your help! Office volunteers are needed to assist with mailings, event packing, donation requests, and phone calls during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. Interested in special events? Contact our office for more information at 1-800-341-5800 or email Rebecca.nichols@stjude.org.

STRAY PETS in NEED (SPIN)www.straypetsinneed.org

Volunteers are needed to help the many stray pets served by SPIN in the Newton-Wellesley area. Opportunities include: direct animal care, pet foster care, administrative work, newsletter help, grant writing skills, fundraising, graphic arts, and more. Contact Sue Webb at 781-235-1218 (Wellesley) or email tiwat@aol.com

SPIN also collects some clean bedding (your old clean towels, sheets, etc) for use in animal shelters - contact Linda at 617-527-6607 – again, many volunteer opportunities and ways to help!

TEEN CENTERS

www.ncscweb.org

Anthony Bibbo Youth Center, 429 Cherry St. West Newton, MA 02465

The Bibbo Youth Center began operation in 2004 and is a state-of-the-art teen center. Our center includes pool, ping-pong, foosball, music, video games, movies, a computer lab, music room, weight room, a study hall, a full kitchen, and weekly off-site events. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5-10:30 p.m. The Center is not open on Saturdays or holidays except for special events.

The Chestnut Street Center, 1254 Chestnut St, Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464

The Chestnut Street Center is a brand new facility just opened in the fall of 2009. Established to serve NSHS students and other teens from the south side of Newton, this new Center in many ways replicates the very successful program at the Bibbo Youth Center. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5-10:30 p.m. The Center is not open on Saturdays or holidays except for special events.

The Tiger Spot

At the Tiger Spot Newton North High School students can drop in to hang out with friends, play video games, finish homework, and grab a snack. A staff person from NCSC is available to help with homework, job and college applications, learning about community service opportunities, and more. The Tiger Spot is located on MAIN STREET adjacent to the Nurse's Office and opens right after school until 5:00PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tiger Spot events or activities will be posted on Main Street regularly. At the close of the day, staff may provide limited transportation (with parent/guardian permission) to NCSC's teen center in West Newton.

The Lion Spot

At the Lion Spot Newton South High School students can drop in to hang out with friends, play video games, finish homework, and grab a snack. A staff person from NCSC is available to help with homework, job and college applications, learning about community service opportunities, and more. The Lion Spot is located in the Cutler Building and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00PM. Lion Spot events or activities will be posted around school regularly. At the close of the day, staff may provide limited transportation (with parent/guardian permission) to NCSC's teen center on Chestnut Street in Upper Falls.

For more information about the TEEN CENTERS, call 617-244-1404.

If you're an adult interesting in mentoring, see the Mentor Connection listing.

TEENS - General ideas & possible Volunteer Opportunities

Teens are often wondering how they can help their community. Volunteer opportunities for teens under age 16 are harder to find due to legal and supervision issues. SUGGESTIONS:

1. Check within your own Middle or High School for a volunteer club in which to be involved and support! (NNHS has the Orange Shield, NSHS has an Enrichment Program);
2. Tap into any community service projects within your church, synagogue or other religious institution;
3. Check with your local elementary school – can they use teens after school to help the younger students with homework, reading, games, sports, activities?
4. Join the Newton Boy Scouts or Girls Scouts – see listings above! They do lots of community service!
5. If you belong to any other type of club or sports organization, or religious institution, help your peers arrange a community service project such as a little canned food drive, a car wash to benefit a needy organization, regular posting of event flyers in various Newton villages for a local non-profit group, etc.

For more information about resources, contact the Office for Volunteer Services (& see the OVS listing above): Linda Plaut, director, 617-796-1540 or lplaut@newtonma.gov

THE SECOND STEP

www.thesecondstep.org

PO Box 600213, Newton 02460

The Second Step, a domestic violence agency in Newton, is seeking volunteers for the following part time positions:

- QuickBooks instructor to familiarize non accounting administrative staff with QuickBooks for the use of routine reports, must have working knowledge of Quickbooks and Excel, 2 hours a week, with flexible hours
- Program Development Coordinator who could help develop new programs such as a Legal Advocacy Program and a possible resale shop.
- Donations Coordinator to manage our in kind donations of clothing and small household items.
- Women who could make a serious commitment as mentors to be a partner to a woman who is striving to improve her life.
- Volunteers to work 3 to 8 hours a week answering emails and taking phone calls, acting as a receptionist and doing projects for the staff. Must have excellent computer skills.
- PlaySPACE volunteers to help lead the children in activities on Mon., Tues. or Thurs. evenings from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. Must be at least 16 years of age.

For more information on any of these positions please contact Joni Lohr at volunteer@thesecondstep.org or 617-965-3999 on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

TUTORS for NEWTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

We need adult volunteers to mentor elementary students in mathematics basics once a week for 30 minutes to an hour, depending on your availability. Play special math games that reinforce skills and help students gain confidence in math. No teaching experience is needed. Volunteers participate in an orientation/training session, provide 2 personal references, and complete a Criminal Record Check (CORI). Tutors select the school, grade level, and day/time that would be best for them. For additional information, please contact Ellen Bender, the Newton Schools Volunteer Coordinator, at 617.559.6131 or ellen_bender@newton.k12.ma.us

UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES

Newton Education Center, 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville 02460.

Understanding Our Differences is a unique, disability awareness program in the 15 Newton elementary schools. Volunteer presenters are needed to help present the program. You will be working to help increase information, understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities and individual differences in our community. Interested volunteers must attend training workshops. Office Volunteers are needed for weekly office support including computer skills (excel, word, appleworks, etc.). Flexible hours!!! Contact Carol Weigert at 617-559-6075 or carol_weigert@newton.k12.ma.us

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Volunteers needed to join the eight-member Urban Design Commission. Qualifications: experience in city planning, landscape architecture, horticulture, arboriculture, architecture, landscaping, or related field of specialization. All members must be residents of the City of Newton. We meet monthly. Please contact Ben Solomon-Schwartz in the Planning Dept. at 617-796-1123 or email bsolomon-schwartz@newtonma.gov

URBAN TREE COMMISSION

www.newtonma.gov/parks

Parks & Rec. Dept, 70 Crescent Street, Newton 02466

The Urban Tree Commission and the Urban Forestry Division of the Parks & Rec. Department are responsible for the city's trees. We're establishing a "Newton Citizen Pruners Program" which will provide free training in proper tree maintenance and pruning techniques, and allow people (volunteers) who have completed the training to work on city trees during supervised pruning sessions in locations throughout the city. Contact Marc Welch at 617-796-1530 or mwelch@newtonma.gov

VISION COMMUNITY SERVICES – see MAB Community Services (Mass. Assoc. for the Blind)

WABAN HEALTH & REHAB CENTER

www.wabanhealth.com

20 Kinmonth Road, Waban 02468

Volunteers are welcome to participate in activities with residents during coffee social hours and with leisure hobby activities. Contact Joanna Petrucci, Activity Director, at 617-332-8481, ext. 21.

WABAN LIBRARY CENTER

1601 Beacon St, Waban Square 02468

The Waban Library Center has re-opened and in addition to continuing as a community library, it is expanding offerings to include classes and hours to appeal to a greater number of residents. Energetic volunteers are needed to help with learning and community enrichment. There are a range of hours to choose from including weekdays, weeknights and weekends! But volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of 2 consecutive hours per week. Responsibilities vary, and include serving as a welcoming ambassador, providing basic librarian services, administrative support, instructor support, and more. For more information, call Alice Jacobs at 617-244-1362 or email wabanlibrary@gmail.com

WARMLINES

www.warmlines.org

Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada St, Newton 02460

WarmLines is a not-for-profit organization providing information and support to parents, educators and mental health professionals. WarmLines has been located in Newton since its founding in 1978, and became part of the MA School of Professional Psychology (MSPP) in 2008.

WarmLines community programs include free groups for first-time parents, music & movement classes for young children, and expert presentations on parenting and related topics. WarmLines also offers continuing education courses, consulting services to early childhood programs, and a child care referral program to eligible employees. The Project INTERFACE mental health initiative (www.projectinterface.org) is based at WarmLines/MSPP.

For general information and volunteer opportunities, contact Beth Rogan, RN, Community Outreach Manager at 617-332-3666 x124 or email brogan@warmlines.org

WEST NEWTON HEALTH & REHAB CENTER - see Golden Living Center

WEST SUBURBAN ELDER SERVICES – see Springwell

YMCA, West Suburban (Newton)

www.westsuburbanymca.org

276 Church Street, Newton 02458

The West Suburban YMCA Volunteer Program is currently searching for people of all ages, abilities and interests to volunteer in various capacities at the Y's facilities. The West Suburban YMCA is a non-profit service organization that meets the needs of over 7,000 members. Volunteer opportunities are currently available in all Departments. To be matched with a volunteer opportunity that fits your interests and schedule, contact Volunteer Coordinator Natasha Lutsker at 617-244- 6050 x 3033 or natashal@westsuburbanymca.org

YOUTH COMMISSION (City of Newton)

Adults and high school teens are welcome to participate in Newton's Youth Commission. Evening meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month. Help implement and coordinate programs and activities that meet the opportunities and challenges of the City's youth. Members assist in advocacy for youth through policy recommendation, education and event planning.