

# URGENT NEEDS

January 2022

**Greater  
Cleveland  
Volunteers**

Connecting you with opportunities to serve

*Happy New Year!*

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is sharing these opportunities with you to get involved in your community for the new year.

Organizations continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and are taking precautions for everyone's well-being and safety. However, they still need your assistance to provide services to clients and the community.

We hope you will consider volunteering as a way to start 2022!

Be well,  
Greater Cleveland Volunteers Staff

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**Income Tax Season-** Help ensure that tax services remain free and accessible for the over 12,000 low-income and older adult taxpayers served each year. Volunteers are needed to welcome clients to tax sites and work directly with taxpayers to help prepare and e-file tax returns throughout Cuyahoga County. No experience necessary, training is free and virtual. There are some volunteer opportunities that are also virtual.



**Calling all Arts and Culture Enthusiasts-** You can enjoy the world of arts and culture while providing help to downtown Cleveland and eastside agencies by ushering, greeting guests, scanning tickets, handing out programs and assisting with other patron needs. Walking up steps and standing are required of these positions. Discounted parking and the opportunity to see quality entertainment are a plus!

**Community Disaster Relief-** Home fires and other disasters can occur at any time, and any place. As a Disaster Action Team volunteer, you will provide emotional support, financial assistance sources and information to help families begin the process of recovery. After your initial training, your shifts will include responding to emergencies within 2 hours, night or day, rain or shine, either on the scene or coordinating remotely. As you become more experienced you can take on leadership and response coordination roles to have a wider impact. One 24-hour on-call shift per month commitment.



**Meal Deliveries-** Volunteers are needed to pick up meals at the UH/Richmond Medical Center and deliver to homes and apartments in: Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Richmond Heights, South Euclid or Mayfield Village. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. There are other locations available in Cuyahoga County.

**Prepping the Future Generation-** Volunteer at a nonprofit working to overcome the education gap that holds back high-performing, low-income students by providing academic and mentoring resources, support and opportunities. Programs consist of academic sessions, mentoring, and ACT test prep. Sessions are on Saturdays during the academic year from 1-3:00 p.m.

**Technology Support Leads to the Path of Success-** Assist the residents of a men's shelter with computer needs such as setting up an email account, creating word documents, navigating the internet and helping with resume writing, online job searches and college applications. Flexible schedule weekdays, evenings and weekends.

**Welcoming Greeter**-Ambassador Volunteers are needed to provide non-clinical assistance by greeting and assisting visitors at the Community Resource Center. Provide general information and wayfinding assistance. Pass out educational materials to patients and visitors. Volunteers are needed at 3 separate locations on the east and west sides of Cleveland. Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. with 2-hour shifts.

**Small Business Mentor**-Help clients start their own business, solve problems, make business more efficient and assist with developing long term business plans. Additionally, gaining new sources of insight and knowledge to help clients with their own business and leadership style. Mentors work one-on-one, or as part of a mentoring team to help profit and nonprofit businesses achieve their goals. Days and times are determined by the business Mentor and their clients.

**Fun, Games and Bingo**-Encourage and assist older adults to participate in group activities in a Euclid facility. Play games and socialize with older adults. Monday-Friday anytime 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bingo is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-3p.m.

**Reading as easy as 1,2,3**- Log into a virtual platform to read with assigned student for a minimum of one 30-minute session on the same day, at the same time each week. Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Sessions start at 4:45 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

## Serving Saturdays

**Pancake Breakfast**-There is a Cleveland nonprofit fundraiser at the Independence Applebee's on **Saturday, January 22, 2022, 8-10:00 a.m.** You would help as a Greeter, Host or Server.

**Start Seeding for Spring**-Assist with the Annual Winter Seed Swap on **Saturday, January 29, 2022, 12-4:00 p.m.** Help is needed to greet and register attendees, assist with the swap as a table captain keeping the table organized and flowing or contribute as a floater/runner for all those extra volunteer needs. The event includes beverages, free parking and seeds!

## **Building Connections through Friendly Calls**

We are expanding....Chat Pals is a FREE telephone-based or video-based (Facetime or Zoom) program designed to be a support system, which hopes to provide emotional support and companionship to people in our community. We bring people together based off like-minded interests and experiences, so that a friendship can be formed remotely.



Chat Pals is a great program for individuals 55+ who want to stay connected to the community- and hopefully make a new friend along the way.

Here's what volunteer Sue says about her involvement. *"I like how each of us enjoy talking about our interests- from baking recipes to family events. I asked my pal if she is enjoying our weekly calls and she told me that it really gives her something to look forward to, and it's nice to have someone to share things with that isn't biased and wants to listen. We always like to end our calls with a laugh"*

If you, a family member, or friend would enjoy a chat with a pal, or would like to volunteer please contact Kirsten Riley 216-391-9500 x 2124 or [kriley@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:kriley@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).

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