

Hello!

Welcome to this month's edition of Volunteer Connections highlighting upcoming volunteer opportunities with Trident United Way and our partners.

Thank you to EVERYONE who was a part of Trident United Ways 2022 Days of Caring!! We had almost 3000 volunteers who helped complete 190 projects... THANK YOU!

Here's what's coming up where you can get involved.

The Salvation Army (Charleston County)

The Salvation Army is in desperate need of volunteers to help with our Angel Tree program and distribution. We have over 2k angels and are limited on time to process them for distribution. Volunteers are needed Dec 12-Dec 16 at the North Charleston Convention Center, Halls D&C. 9AM-4PM. Large groups, individuals, businesses, and families are all welcome for any amount of time. Please email suzette.dunlap@uss.salvationarmy.org or Leslie at leslie.wilfong@uss.salvationarmy.org. There are also still plenty of opportunities to adopt an Angel, please visit <https://www.tsamm.org/angeltree/index.dpi?c=E61198212BD702982B9B2485D919FD56AF75D09F&aid=810951A3348A901F&xt=b19c149#home> for more information.

Hope Center Volunteers

As the weather drops, The City of Charleston Hope Center is in need of cold weather items to give to our neighbors in need. Please drop off new or gently used coats, scarves, hats, gloves, hand warmers, blankets, sleeping bags and socks to 529 Meeting St Charleston, SC 29403 (using the entrance on Walnut St). Donations are accepted Monday through Wednesday 9a – 5p and Friday 9a – 12p. If you have any questions, please contact the Hope Center at 843-579-6399.

East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO)

ECCO is looking for volunteers to collect items for their clothing, baking, and hygiene closets which will go to their clients, free of charge. Some of the needed items are as follows:

- Baking Items: Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil and Spray, Cake Mix, Cookie/Brownie Mix, Jell-O Pudding Mix, Pie Crust, Pie Filling, Chocolate Chips, Sprinkles, Frosting, Vanilla, Cocoa Powder, Evaporated and Condensed Milk.
- Hygiene- Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss, Body Lotion, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cleaning Supplies- Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, All-purpose cleaners, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Dishwasher powders, Hand Soap, Toilet Cleaners, Cleaning sponges, Trash bags

For questions or more information please email fooddrives@eccocharleston.org

Katie's Krops

On December 16, Katie's Krops and volunteers will come together with local law enforcement, churches, and non-profits to provide a holiday celebration for homeless individuals in our community. During this special event, guests can shower, will be provided with new clothing, and enjoy a delicious dinner with homemade desserts and hot coffee. In addition, guests will be provided with a gift bag filled with new socks, gloves, hats and food. Transportation will be provided for many guests from their encampments to the church. **We would love your help providing homemade pies to our guests. Twelve pies of any variety are needed.** 50 guests are anticipated to attend. Pies should be dropped off on/by December 15 (the address will be provided when you sign up). We will also host a Katie's Krops dinner on the 15th but

the pies are needed for a separate event on the 16th just for our homeless neighbors. If you would like to make a pie to share for this special event, please sign up using this link- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054da5ae29a6fe3-bake>

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach is looking for volunteers to help provide some necessary resources for the community. They are in need of hygiene supplies including soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine products, underwear, socks, bras, undershirts, baby items including small toys/pacifiers/teethers, towels and washcloths. For more information please call 843-559-4109 x 112. Financial contributions are also appreciated and can be made [here](#).

Heart Math Tutoring

Support a child in CCSD with just 1 hour per week! Heart Math Tutoring trains and supports volunteers as tutors to work one-on-one with elementary students to build foundational math skills and confidence. With the support of an on-site coordinator, volunteers use an easy-to-follow, proven curriculum featuring hands-on activities and games. Volunteers work with the same student(s) all year building a relationship and strengthening skills. No need to be a “math person” - if you can count and do basic math, you can make a difference in the life of a child! Sign up to volunteer at heartmathtutoring.org/new-programs/charleston/#volunteer and select your day and time or email Dave Smith dave.smith@heartmathtutoring.org with questions.

Meals on Wheels

Looking for a great team-building experience? Meals on Wheels can now accommodate larger groups of volunteers (10-12). They have combined kitchens into the one Meeting Street location and need volunteers to help plate, seal and package the 700 meals they deliver each day. Please email Donna Cook at donnac@charlestonareaseniors.com for more information.

Neighbors Together

Neighbors Together is looking for nurses and doctors to volunteer with their Health & Wellness Program. Please contact Erin Shoffner at eshoffner@neighborstogether.org for more information.

Neighbors Together is also recruiting business professionals that would like to volunteer with their Small Business Academy launching this Fall. There are a variety of roles such as mentor, guest speaker, facilitator and advocate, just to name a few. If you would like more information, please contact Suzanne Young at syoung@neighborstogether.org .

Tri-County S.P.E.A.K.S.

Tri-County S.P.E.A.K.S. is looking for volunteer advocates to run their 24/7 hotline. To learn more about this opportunity visit tricountyspeaks.org/volunteer.

James Island Outreach

James Island Outreach is looking for Food Rescue Drivers and Stock Room Volunteers for Monday-Friday mornings. Drivers will pick up donated produce and groceries from local farms and grocery stores located on Johns and James Island and deliver them to James Island Outreach. Stock Room Volunteers receive donated goods and help with the sorting and shelving of food items. Volunteer shifts are self-scheduled through a Sign-up Genius. Lifting up to 40lbs is required. Email jioutreachinfo@gmail.com for more info.

Hospice of Charleston

Do you have big heart for hospice? Hospice of Charleston is looking for dynamic volunteers to help support their patients and caregivers/families. Many caregivers can experience burnout from the constant demand of being a primary caregiver. Hospice volunteers help alleviate some of these everyday stresses by running errands for caregivers, doing light housework/yardwork or simply being a loving presence in the homes or facilities. Contact Rachel Pineda rpineda@kindredhospicecare.com to sign up today.

Trident United Way's Read Across America Day

Trident United Way will host its 6th Annual Read Across America Day in March and needs volunteers to help! Volunteers will visit classrooms at local elementary schools to read a book (or two) to students in Child Development to Third grade. Reading aloud to students can help them develop literacy skills! Volunteers can be as creative as they like using fun props, costumes, backdrops and more! Come help inspire a future generation of readers! For more information please email volunteer@tuw.org.

Thank you for VOLUNTEERING UNITED!