

TRIDENT UNITED WAY'S

# Monthly Volunteer Connections

Hi, everyone!

Welcome to this month's edition of T UW's Volunteer Connections, highlighting upcoming volunteer opportunities with Trident United Way and our partners. We hope you are having a wonderful Holiday Season and have a great rest of 2023!

We would also like to share that we have a new Volunteer Database where you will be able to find upcoming volunteer opportunities. We will continue sending out this newsletter but if you would like to browse opportunities on your own please visit [TUW's Volunteer Page](#) and scroll to the bottom where you will see Individual and Group Opportunities and a link to Visit our New Volunteer Engagement Portal. Please note this is new so currently there are only a few opportunities listed. 😊

## Here's what's coming up where you can get involved!

### **AmeriCorps Member Service Position Available: Tax Family Navigator**

Join our team!! We are developing a dynamic team of service-minded, results-driven individuals to make a difference in the community while gaining marketable skills and professional development. AmeriCorps Members serve as Family Navigators in community agencies providing services to those in need. Navigators will complete their hours by providing tax preparation assistance, financial education, as well as crisis mitigation services that help families and individuals become financially stable in the Tri-county area. AmeriCorps Members will serve from January 2024 through May 31, 2024. Attached you will find the full Member Service Description. To apply please follow the apply now prompts on our [AmeriCorps page](#)! If you have any questions, please contact our AmeriCorps Program Director Angie Williams at [awilliams@tuw.org](mailto:awilliams@tuw.org).

**Volunteer with FoodShare Berkeley County in 2024**

**FoodShare Berkeley County, powered by Trident United Way, provides the opportunity for individuals to invest in their health and gain access to fresh, quality food at an affordable cost. Fresh Food Boxes are available every other week and include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price. Boxes can be purchased with SNAP benefits or with a credit/debit card. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the Fresh Food Boxes every other week. To sign up to volunteer please visit [TUW's FoodShare Berkeley County site](#) or for more information, please contact Anwar Young, Sr. at [ayoung@tuw.org](mailto:ayoung@tuw.org).**

### **[Pattison's Academy](#)**

**Pattison's Academy is looking for several volunteers to help with a Landscaping project to transform their school grounds. They are also looking for donors willing to provide plants, mulch, shrubs, sod, flowers, garden tools, blowers, and any other landscaping materials. They are also looking for Library Volunteers to help create an accessible and engaging library experience for children and young adults with complex disabilities. Attached are flyers for both opportunities. If you are interested or need additional information please contact Sonia Marshall at [Sonia.marshall@pattisonsacademy.org](mailto:Sonia.marshall@pattisonsacademy.org).**

### **[First Steps of SC- MLK Day of Service Opportunities](#)**

**First Steps of South Carolina is looking for volunteers to come together for a statewide read-aloud and book distribution during MLK Day of Service and throughout the week of January 15-19. They are looking for volunteers to read to students, donate so each child in a participating classroom has a brand-new book of their own, and to spread the word about this opportunity! For more information please visit [First Steps Volunteer Site](#) or contact Valencia Johnson at [vljohnson@scfirststeps.org](mailto:vljohnson@scfirststeps.org) or 803-734-0100.**

### **[YWCA's Annual MLK Parade- January 15](#)**

**YWCA's Annual MLK parade is taking place on January 15. If you are interested in marching or supporting the parade, please visit: [YWCA's MLK Celebration Page](#).**

### **[Save the Children Action Network- March with SCAN on January 15 in the MLK Parade](#)**

**Save the Children Action Network (SCAN), is looking for any community members interesting in marching in the MLK Jr. Parade in Charleston on**

**Monday, January 15, 2024 at 8am. Volunteers will meet at Burke High School and march to Mother Emanuel AME Church. Please sign up at [Save The Children MLK Parade Site](#) to join.**

### **Keep Charleston Beautiful- January 6, 15, and Ongoing**

**Keep Charleston Beautiful has several upcoming volunteer litter sweeps including: January 6- Main Rd Litter Sweep, January 15- MLK Day of Service Afternoon Litter Sweep, January 26- Clara's Kids Club Youth Litter Sweep, and January 27- City of Charleston's Operations Neighborhood Event. For more information or to sign up please visit: [Keep Charleston Beautiful's Volunteer Sign Up Page](#). For additional questions please reach out to KCB Program Manager, Jamie Gillette at [gillettej@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:gillettej@charleston-sc.gov).**

### **Keep Berkeley Beautiful- Litter Cleanup January 18**

**Keep Berkeley Beautiful is looking for volunteers to help with their Jamestown/Lenud's Boat Landing Litter Cleanup on January 18 from 9-11am. To RSVP or for more details please visit [Keep Berkeley Beautiful's Volunteer Page](#). They also have additional volunteer opportunities throughout the year.**

### **Palmetto Pride Francis Marion National Forest Cleanup-February 2024**

**Every year, on the first Saturday of February, volunteers descend on the small town of Huger, SC to participate in a cleanup of the Francis Marion National Forest, which is one of SC's two national forests. The forest is a crucial economic and natural resource in SC. To protect this resource, PalmettoPride, along with dozens of partners and hundreds of volunteers, host a cleanup to remove trash and litter from the forest. To join the cleanup or learn more please contact [info@palmettopride.org](mailto:info@palmettopride.org).**

### **American Red Cross- Ongoing**

**The American Red Cross is urgently looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of roles, including as a Blood Donor Ambassador. Blood Donor Ambassadors help engage donors by greeting, registering, answering questions, providing information, and supporting them through the recovery process. For more information on this opportunity or others available with American Red Cross [Please visit the American Red Cross Volunteer Page](#).**

### **One80 Place- Ongoing**

One80 Place is always looking to volunteers to help in various ways from serving breakfast, lunch and/or dinner to restocking and organizing pantries. To see the available volunteer opportunities please visit the [One80 Place Volunteer Hub](#).

#### **Hope to Home- Ongoing**

Hope to Home helps provide basic home furnishings to individuals and families in our community who are coming out of distressed situations and striving toward a new life on purpose. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with minor repairs and painting on Tuesdays and furniture deliveries on Saturdays. To see all available dates or to sign up please visit [Hope to Home Volunteer Page](#) or for additional questions please contact Stacey Daffin at [Stacey.daffin@hopetohomesc.org](mailto:Stacey.daffin@hopetohomesc.org).

#### **Dorchester County- Ongoing Front Lines or Support Volunteers Needed!**

Dorchester County is looking for Firefighters, EMT/Paramedics, Admin Support, Drivers, and Fundraising/Community Awareness Volunteers! As a volunteer you will receive many tangible benefits in addition to making a positive impact on your community while creating friendships lasting a lifetime! For more information or to apply please visit: [The Dorchester County Volunteer Information Page](#).

#### **Berkeley County Library System- Ongoing**

Berkeley County Library System is looking for volunteers to fill the following roles: Scanner- Volunteers will scan Historic Photographs, Documents and Ephemera; Transcriber- volunteers will transcribe cursive writing, line-by-line, in letters and documents (1780-1940's); and Translators- volunteers will translate cursive historic documents. For more information please contact Ramona Grimsley- [ramona.grimsley@berkeleycountysc.gov](mailto:ramona.grimsley@berkeleycountysc.gov).

#### **Dorchester Seniors- Ongoing**

Dorchester Seniors is looking for volunteers to assist with various programs and services including packaging/serving meals, delivering home meals, assisting with activities at the center(s), teaching classes, and sharing talents and time with the seniors. Volunteer roles are available at both the Summerville and St. George locations. For more information please visit the [Dorchester Seniors Volunteer Page](#).

### **Random Acts of Kindness Week- February 12-16, 2024**

Join Trident United Way for our annual Random Acts of Kindness Week! Help collect or donate household, cleaning and everyday supplies to benefit low income or transitioning families in the Tri-County Area. All items will be distributed to agencies serving individuals and families struggling with poverty or transitioning to stable housing. Often times, these essential items are considered “luxury” items for those struggling. To receive more information please complete this [Random Acts of Kindness Interest Form](#) or email [volunteer@tuw.org](mailto:volunteer@tuw.org).

### **Read Across America Day – Friday, March 1, 2024**

Join TUW on March 1, 2024 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Read Across America Day! Volunteers will visit classrooms to share their love of reading with a book (or two) to students in Child Development through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! Volunteers can be as creative as they like using fun props, costumes, backdrops and more! Either way, your reading will help inspire a future generation of readers! [Click here for more information or to sign up and a TUW staff member will contact you soon!](#)

### **Trident United Way’s Days of Caring– It’s Never Too Early to Save the Date: November 20-22, 2024**

Days of Caring is the largest community service day(s) in the Tri-County region, assisting non-profit agencies and schools to build their capacity through volunteers helping to advance their mission, build partnerships, and improve systems. For more information, please visit [www.tuw.org/daysofcaring](http://www.tuw.org/daysofcaring) or email [dayofcaring@tuw.org](mailto:dayofcaring@tuw.org).