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The Volunteer Voice

Ashe County Volunteer Initiative Program

County of Ashe

Note from the Volunteer

Coordinator:

If you would like to receive the Volunteer Voice via email, please contact me either by email:

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(336) 246-2461. Ext 225



Ashe County Partnership for Children- A Safe Home for Everyone is searching for volunteers to provide assistance with administrative work. Volunteer duties will include: answering phones, filing, greeting clients, assembling training material, and other clerical duties. Maintenance volunteers are needed to complete various projects such as: cleaning, sorting, moving furniture, lawn care, and landscaping. Outreach volunteers are needed to organize and implement displays and events to bring awareness of A.S.H.E services to the community. Hotline volunteers are needed to answer hotline calls, complete telephone contact forms within 48 hours. Hotline volunteers requires advocate training, being a active and empathetic listener, being supportive with needs of clients, and be a liaison with A.S.H.E. staff. Threads of Hope volunteers are needed to provide assistance to store manager such as: sorting and steaming clothing items, putting new items out and storing offseason items, window displays, and cleaning. For more information on volunteering, please call: 336-982-8851.

“We make a living
by what we do,
but we make a
life by what we
give”

Winston Churchill

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Volunteers Needed for the February Commodities Distribution

The Ashe County Department of Social Services and Ashe County Partnership for Children is conducting the Commodities Distribution Friday, February 18, 2011 at Ashe Family Central from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. The program helps to supply food for low income families who are in need. They have increased the amount of families they hope to serve from. Volunteers are needed to help put the boxes of food together, help load the boxes in the cars, and clean up. For more information, you can call Ann Cannon (Ashe Family Literacy) at: (336) 982-4311.

Ashe County Children's Christmas Project Update



The Children's Christmas Project, sponsored by the Ashe Baptist Association, went extremely well this past December. There were several donations made to support the project along with agencies, organizations, churches, and individuals sponsoring children in Ashe County who would otherwise not have gifts at Christmas. There were a total of 1,012 children who received sponsorship this Christmas. The Children's Christmas Project has a wonderful group of volunteers who come together at Ashe Family Central to wrap gifts and to help on distribution day. The Ashe County Volunteer Initiative Program would like to say 'Thank You' to all the volunteers who give their time to make the Children's Christmas Project a success.

“In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.”

Flora Edwards

Annual Volunteer Initiative Program Canned Food Drive Update

The Annual Canned Food Drive started in October and ended in mid December. Canned food was donated at the local grocery stores, WCC (Ashe Campus), Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Ashe Memorial Hospital, and United Chemicon. Once all of the food was collected, it was then counted, divided equally, and distributed among five local food banks which included: Ashe Services for Aging, The Sharing Center, Ashe Really Cares, A Safe Home for Everyone, and Ashe Outreach Ministries. The total amount of food collected was 2,834 items. The Ashe County Volunteer Initiative Program also received a community grant from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$500.00 which gave the five food banks \$100.00 each to help replenish their shelves as needed. The Ashe County Volunteer Initiative Program would like to thank the volunteers who helped, locations served as drop-off sites, local media, and everyone within the county who contributed to the success of the Canned Food Drive.

High Country Community Resource Connections For Aging and Disabilities

The High Country Community Resource Connections for Aging and Disabilities is housed at Ashe Services for Aging, and is a coordinated system of information and access for older adults and adults with disabilities seeking long-term services and support. The High Country "CRC" takes the "no wrong door" approach to services. Consumers encounter seamless access to relevant, needed information about services regardless of how or where they encounter the system. For more information, you can call Ashe Services for Aging at (336) 246-2461 and ask to speak to Glenda Luther.

High Country Transitions Program in Need of Volunteers

Transitions volunteers can help by providing friendship, playing cards, running errands, preparing food, providing a respite break for caregivers/ family members etc. Client companionship volunteers will complete a training program so that they will feel confident with helping clients. High Country Transitions is a new program offered by High Country Health Care System Home Health & Hospice that provides no-cost case management and volunteer services to those with life-limiting illnesses. To find out more about how you can volunteer with the High Country Transitions Program, call: 1-877-787-5730.



High Country Hospice in Need of Council Volunteers

Council volunteers are needed to help plan and participate in fundraising events and community awareness campaigns for 2011. Council volunteers meet just once a month for an hour and no training is required. To find out more about how you can become a council member, please call: 336-246-6443 or you can email ccook@hchealth.net.

*“What is the essence of Life? To serve others and to do good.”
Aristotle*

NC Cooperative Extension 4-H Afterschool

The NC Cooperative Extension of Ashe County is in need of volunteers for the 4-H Afterschool Program. Volunteers will be working with elementary and middle school aged children. For more information on volunteering, please contact the site coordinators at: Blue Ridge Elementary- Emily Frezza 336-877-7077, Mountain View Elementary- Rebecca Sullivan 336-982-8441, Westwood Elementary- Rhonda Sullivan 336-877-2968, Ashe County Middle School- Elizabeth King 336-384-1559.



Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class

An Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class will be held at the Senior Center beginning on January 26, 2011. Plan now to join the recreational group exercise and education program designed specifically for people with arthritis and related diseases. The program's multiple components help reduce pain and stiffness, and help maintain or improve mobility, muscle strength and functional ability. Each class includes a variety of exercises that can be performed while sitting down or standing; endurance-building routines; relaxation exercises; and health education topics. Individuals from basic to advanced capabilities will benefit from the program. Classes are on hour in length and meet two times per week on Wednesday and Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Space is limited, so call now to register or for more information, call: 336-246-4347.



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Our Mission

To support and enhance volunteer opportunities and services in Ashe County

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Ashe Services for Aging
 - Ashe County Public Library
 - Ashe Outreach ministries
 - Christmas in July
 - Children's Christmas Project
 - Ashe County Chamber of Commerce
 - Ashe County Volunteer Fire Department
 - After School Programs
 - Ashe Memorial Hospital
 - Guardian Ad Litem program
 - Canned Food Drive
 - NC Cooperative Extension
 - Meals-On-Wheels
 - Blue Ridge Senior Games
 - School Supply Drive
 - Ashe County Free Medical Clinic
 - A Safe Home for Everyone
 - Department of Social Services
 - Ashe County Schools
 - Ashe County Health Forum
 - Ashe County Health Fair
 - National Youth Service Day
 - Homeless Task Force
 - Ashe County Arts Council
 - Ashe Baptist Association
 - High Country Hospice
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