

VOLUNTEER CONNECTION VC

Holiday Volunteer Opportunity and Donation Guide



Our mission is to engage people as volunteers and strengthen volunteer-based programs, improving the quality of life in Boulder County.

Please support Volunteer Connection's efforts to provide holiday volunteer opportunities and alternative giving solutions this holiday season. Donate online at www.volunteerconnection.net.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Meal Cooks, runners & servers. Spend a holiday meal with the clients at the Boulder Carriage House. Volunteers are needed to help cook, run & serve a holiday meal for our homeless clients. Holiday meal is December 23rd, 11:30-1:30.

Carriage House, Tara Flanagan volunteercoordinator@bouldercarriagehouse.org

Make Christmas presents for the homeless. The Boulder Carriage House is in need of volunteers to collect and prepare items for Christmas stockings for our homeless clients. Great family project!

Carriage House, Tara Flanagan volunteercoordinator@bouldercarriagehouse.org

Cocoa with Santa Helpers. Volunteers are needed each Saturday starting after Thanksgiving and continuing through Christmas. Cocoa with Santa takes place at the Pearl Street Mall Kiosk from 11-2 pm. 2-3 volunteers are needed on each Saturday. This is a fun opportunity for high school students & possibly middle school students accompanied by an adult.

Carriage House, Tara Flanagan volunteercoordinator@bouldercarriagehouse.org


Holiday Food Basket Volunteers. Assist in the receiving of donations, stocking shelves and organizing food as well as giving out food to families. Volunteers are needed Monday – Friday mornings and/or afternoons between now and 1/2/09.

Emergency Family Assistance, Shalon Atwood, 303.951.7663, volunteercoordinator@efaa.org

Bell Ringers. 500 volunteers are needed to staff the bell-ringing kettles at local stores in Longmont. Stores include Albertsons, Hobby Lobby, King Soopers, Safeway, Twin Peaks Mall, and WalMart. One or two hour shifts are available beginning in November and continuing through December. This is a great project for service groups, businesses, churches, schools and families.

OUR Center, Nancy Glenn, 303.651.9524, tnglenn@comcast.net





Gift Wrappers. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Pearl Street. Gift wrap for customers and all tips go to BCAP! Each shift needs 2 volunteers (and no more than 2—sorry, space is limited behind the counter). Must be 18 or older to participate or with a supervising adult. Volunteers are needed every day from December 12th through December 24th; Shifts are: 10 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 4 pm; 4 pm to 7 pm; and 7 pm to 9 pm.

Boulder County AIDS Project, Glen Dobbs, 303-444-6121 ext. 112, giftwrap@bcap.org

Adopt-A-Family & Sponsor Programs

December Sponsorship Program. During the December Holidays, There With Care has volunteers sponsor each active family with a Holiday meal and/or gifts. Volunteers are welcome to do both a meal and gifts or one of each. These meals can be purchased from a local Safeway, King Soopers, or Whole Foods. The meals range in price from \$45-\$75 which includes a turkey or ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, and a pie. Volunteers are encouraged to deliver the meal to the family the day before the December Holiday(s) or the day of the holiday, December 24th or 25th. As for the gifts, we ask that the volunteer provide three gifts for each person in the family (including the parents). We ask that you use your discretion with the price of each gift. As a suggestion, we ask you get one practical gift (i.e. winter boots, gas card, etc), one educational gift (backpack, book, etc). and one fun gift (gift card to Starbucks, basketball, etc). All gifts and meals are tax deductible.

There With Care, Beanie Brady, 303.447.2273, beanie@therewithcare.org

Family Self Sufficiency. FSS has a holiday gift sponsor program where donors adopt an FSS family and purchase gifts from the family's wish list. Donors can contact FSS for an application form and for more information. We also accept gift cards, non-perishable food, or cash donations at any time.

Family Self Sufficiency. Katie Frye. 303-441-3923. kfrye@bouldercounty.org

“I Have a Dream” Foundation. Each holiday season, community members “adopt” the low-income families in our program to provide gifts for them. The size of families range from two to ten members and each family submits a “wish list” of gift ideas that range from \$10-30 per gift. This year all six of our classes will be eligible for the Adopt-a-Family program and we anticipate participation from over 200 families! Families are from Boulder, Longmont and Lafayette.

“I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County, Wendy Gordon, 303. 444.3636 x 10, wendy.gordon@ihadboulder.org

Donations & Drives

Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP). Food Bank & Client Needs: Food Bank items include 10 lb turkeys, canned cranberry sauce, canned yams, Hamburger and Tuna Helper, peanut butter, boxed cereals, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste and laundry detergent. Clients need gift cards for \$15 or \$25 to Target, King Soopers, Albertson's, and Safeway.

Dates Accepting Donations: Nov. 7 - Feb. 1, 2009

Drop Off Location: 2118 14th St., Boulder, CO

Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP), Sarah Annecone, 303.444.6121 x 109, sarah@bcap.org

Chinook Clubhouse. We would greatly appreciate Christmas decorations and gifts adults.

Dates Accepting Donations: Now – Dec. 25

Drop Off Location: 1441 Broadway, Boulder, CO

Chinook Clubhouse, Lisa Solheim, 303.440.4842, lsolheim@mhcbbc.org

Emergency Family Assistance. Donations are being accepted for the following items: canned protein, pasta, cereal, hearty soups, dinner rolls, citrus, cake mix and toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper and laundry soap.

Dates Accepting Donations: All year – Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9-4pm, Wed. 12-4pm

Drop Off Location: 1575 Yarmouth Ave (West Side), Boulder, CO

Emergency Family Assistance, Liz Rowland, 303.951.7667. liz@efaa.org

SOS Outreach. We aim to build character and self-esteem in youth through snowsports and the SOS curriculum. Thank you to everyone who helped us serve 3,019 participants nationwide during the 2007-2008 season! We are currently in need of new/good shape soft gear: hats, winter coats, winter pants, gloves, goggles, as well as new/good shape hard gear: snowboards, bindings, snowboarding boots, skis, ski boots and helmets.

Dates Accepting Donations: Now – Feb. 2009

Drop Off Location: Volunteer Connection, 2885 Aurora Ave., Ste 32, Boulder, CO

SOS Outreach, Brian Phipps, 970.926.9292 x 106, bphipps@sosoutreach.org