

Community Outreach

These are some of the organizations in the area where volunteers are needed. In addition, local churches, schools, care facilities, historical sites, and service organizations oftentimes need volunteers. If you are aware of an organization that needs volunteers and you would like to have it added to the list, please contact one of the RBHOO Board Members.

American Red Cross

Volunteers lead the Red Cross mission in preparedness, prevention, and response to emergencies. No matter your interests, skills, or schedule, you can make a significant contribution to your community and help people in their moments of greatest need.

Big Brothers Big Sister of East Tennessee

Provides mentoring services for youth ages 6 – 15.

Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs offers a safe and encouraging place to go during out of school time to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates are trained community volunteers appointed by district court judges to speak for the best interests of children who are brought before the court for reasons of abuse or neglect. Volunteers are required to attend 30 hours of pre-service training and to attend in service training. Must be 21 years of age and pass a criminal record check. There are other volunteer opportunities in fund-raising, grant writing, clerical work.

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority

Community Action Agency serving six rural Appalachian counties, including Monroe County. Provides several educational programs, including Head Start and Upward Bound, as well as after school tutoring in both Madisonville and Sweetwater. A Neighborhood Service Center is located at 884 Englewood Road in Madisonville. The Center distributes clothing and USDA commodity and other food and provides some utility assistance. The Center also provides prescription medicines and dental assistance.

Monroe County Schools Resource Center

Provides through the Monroe County Schools referral and information services, parenting classes, resource library for parents, Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, Santa's Helper Project (this is the

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Angel Tree Project coordinated with United Way). Volunteers assist with the Backpack Program by filling and delivering the back packs to the schools, assisting with the Santa's Helper Program, and reading to preschool age children in the Muffins with Mom's Program.

Fort Loudon Association

Provides support to the Fort Loudoun State Historic Area. Volunteers assist in fundraising activities and assist at the annual Trade Faire.

Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County

Provides food, utility assistance, prescription drug help, and overall basic needs for citizens of Loudon County. Purchases food for the Back Pack Buddies Program. Volunteers may handle intake, fundraising, clerical, and pantry work.

Hugs for our Soldiers

Sends care packages to deployed troops. Provides welcome home packages to returning soldiers. Supports military families in need. Volunteers put packages together, place labels in boxes, ship shipments, recycle books and magazines in the neighborhood to send to troops; volunteers are needed to help with the webpage, grant writing and for fundraising. Current needs are for travel size toiletries.

Iva's Place

Domestic Violence Crisis Center offering a hotline, shelter, court advocacy, education and training. Provides immediate access to shelter, clothing, food, medical and counseling services to women and their dependent children in crisis. Volunteers needed for office work, transportation, crisis line, event planning, soup kitchen, maintenance, speaking, interpreting.

Keep Monroe Beautiful

Provides information on recycling, beautification, and conservation; provides clean ups at rivers, parks, roadsides and provides trash bags and trashcans for local activities. Volunteers help with clean up, clerical work, grant writing, fundraising. RBHOO organizes Highway 72 clean-up activities. Website has a list of recycling centers and what may be dropped off.

Meals on Wheels – Cora Veal Senior Center

This is the "Senior Nutrition Program" run by the Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority

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McNabb Center

The McNabb Center is the region's leading nonprofit provider of mental health, substance use, social and victim services. By focusing on an individual's "*Well Mind, Well Being*," we provide a quality and compassionate approach to care from infancy through adulthood. Since 1948, the Center has proudly served individuals with the most needs and fewest resources. The McNabb Center delivers support to more than 36,750 people throughout East Tennessee each year.

Monroe Council for the Arts

Serves Monroe County and the surrounding counties of East Tennessee. In addition to offering an annual performing season, MACA works with area schools, churches, and civic organizations to provide arts education programs, artist residencies and more. Volunteers are needed to help with clerical activities and to sell tickets.

Monroe County Friends of Animals

Local spay/neuter program; supports Monroe County government and other groups in providing shelter, food, care, education and health services for stray animals; prevention of cruelty to dogs and cats, and supports Monroe County Animal Shelter

Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts

Supports arts education and provides performing artists to the community. Volunteers are needed for special events

Tellico Village Computer Users Club

Collects used computer equipment and refurbishes and provides to students and nonprofit organizations. Volunteers needed to donate computer equipment and accessories (monitors, CPUs, keyboards, cables, external hard drives, etc.), to work on refurbishing equipment, installing programs, and for administrative clerical work

United Way

Volunteers needed for fund-raising; United Way will coordinate volunteers with various agencies. There is an Annual Day of Caring when volunteers assist nonprofit agencies with special projects.