

Mission Volunteer Opportunities



City of Brunswick, Minor Major Home Repair Program

Major and minor repair work for low to moderate income homeowners to help them remain in their own homes. All materials & tools supplied

1 – 2 months lead time preferred to identify appropriate project

Weekend opportunities available

Department of Natural Resources, Marine Extension Service

Oyster shell bagging and reef building

Bagging groups should be 14-15 years old and above

9:30-11:30 week days

Manna House

Soup kitchen serving 7 days a week

Can only accommodate small groups up to 10

Servers /clean up

Boys and Girls Club

Weekdays 9:30-12:00 or 1:00-5:00

Interact with children in programs planned by agency staff OR present your own program, game, worship service to groups of children (30 minutes per group selected by age and gender), landscaping, painting, crafts – agency materials or bring your own

Magnolia Manor

9 AM – 6PM (9:30-12:00 or 2:15-4:30 preferred times) 95 residents

Weekend opportunities available with notice

Patient visitation; present monthly birthday party, play, dramatic readings or songfest; help build birdhouses, paint mural on hall walls; play bingo, cards, checkers with residents; open to your ideas

Hospice of the Golden Isles

Landscape, gardening, yard clean up

No indoor work available

Weekdays 7:00-3:30

Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation – State Historic Site

Rice plantation 1807-1915, becoming a dairy farm in 1942

Volunteer opportunities available Tuesdays through Saturdays

Trail clearing and maintenance; assist with maintaining 7 historic structures

Groups of 12 or more will need to supply equipment depending on project

Morningstar Youth Estate Center

Residential facility for boys and girls ages 7 – 18.

These youth are developmentally delayed with severe emotional and/or behavioral disorders. Saturday volunteer projects may be available. Small to medium groups preferred.

Beautification project with emphasis on planting and yard work. Planting a Pumpkin Patch in July. Painting, construction projects for skilled workers, adopt a highway clean up (all safety and other equipment supplied), trail maintenance, campus yard maintenance/clean up, cook outs, pizza parties, ice cream socials, interact with youth in sports games, entertainment programs.

Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitors Center

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 7:30 – 5:00

Groups of 15 or less

Trash pick up along causeway; 1 ½ mile nature trail maintenance, grounds clean up; clean visitors center displays

Ferry trip to Sapelo Island for tour may be able to be arranged on certain days upon completion of volunteer project

Fort Frederica National Monument, National Park Service

Limb clean up; grounds maintenance; prep and paint handrails, street signs, carriages throughout the park; assemble picnic tables. (tools, equipment provided)

Audio tour of Fort Frederica available to group at no cost at end of mission task

Group size less than 20 most efficient.

weekend opportunities may be available in addition to normal business hours

Safe Harbor Center

Safe Harbor provides an array of services including a residential shelter for children, street outreach program for runaway and homeless youth and children's advocacy center. Services are provided to children from birth to 18, but primarily serve middle and high school aged children. Projects include landscaping, cleaning, organizing, painting, recreation games, cook outs, assembling supply kits, arts and crafts. Volunteer opportunities are available Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00. Small to medium size groups are most efficient. Contact: Hillary Johnston 912-267-6000

C. I. A. Sports Club

Christ centered children's sports ministry intentional in building relationships as Jesus did.

Build relationships with the children during a 4 day camp (Mondays through Thursdays 8:00-1:00). Help teach campers about Jesus, character, excellence and teamwork.

Various sports activities offered along with small group devotion times.

Day camp dates usually May to August

Volunteers are to be 15 years of age or older.

School year program: 2:00-6:00 Monday through Thursday. Help with homework; physical activity; devotions. Basketball program in evenings. 5:30-8:00.

Operation Bed Spread

A project to improve the quality of life for local families by providing beds through the love of Jesus Christ. Begun by a Men's Bible Study group at a local United Methodist Church. Donations of beds and bedding materials are received and distributed to those in need. Needs are assessed through school social workers and others. Bible Study members deliver the beds – along with a child's book and a prayer for and with the family.

Volunteer duties: sort and make packages of bedding items (already cleaned); assist in warehouse – moving beds, keeping inventory in order.

Monday – Wednesdays

The Farm at Oatland North

Rescue sanctuary for abused, neglected or abandoned animals.

Clean up grounds; fence repair. The Farm will supply needed equipment as necessary.

Volunteers bring gloves. All work outdoors. Many animals throughout the grounds.

Maximum group size – 20

Hours and days flexible

Heather House of Glynn

Residential treatment program for women 18 years and older.

Weekends may be available

Small groups only

Lay tile, refinish wood flooring, mow yard

www.heatherhouseofglynn.com

Keep Golden Isles Beautiful

Roadway, beaches, parks clean ups – good environmental education

Weekend projects available

St. Marks Towers

Apartment complex for independent living, low income adults age 62+

All ages welcome

Weekend opportunities available

Music, arts and crafts, cook out, manicures, visitation, reading to the residents, croquet, cookie baking, bingo, maintenance assistance i.e. pressure washing decks, build a ramp. Open to your ideas.

Driftwood Education Center

A nonprofit education center working with approx. 6,000 students a year. Overnight educational trips are offered that meet national education standards and provide hands-on experiences many schools cannot such as first sighting of the ocean to team building to meeting a vulture. With this kind of experiential teaching, Driftwood is always looking for volunteers for numerous activities from rebuilding the alligator enclosure to creating new team building environment.

Rebuilding Together of Glynn County

Helping to rebuild a better Brunswick. Home repair, gardening, lawn maintenance, small construction projects. Variety of opportunities depending on mission team's experience and goals.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Help to restock shelves; prepare inventory for distribution

Small groups only 10-15

Weekdays. 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

International Seafarers

Painting, power washing, gardening, assist with preparing for fundraisers, stuffing ditty bags (seasonal)

<http://www.seafarerscenter.org/>

Group maximum of 25

Weekdays

FaithWorks

Weekdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Food drive: Collect food at a local grocery store for the FaithWorks food bank serving roughly 2,000 people a month. After the food is collected, return to the food pantry for a tour.

Weekday mornings

Vacation Bible School for local children: Create an interactive event for children living in public housing in Brunswick. Groups can create their own games, crafts, songs, provide snacks, etc.

The children are shy at first but very grateful - and lovable!