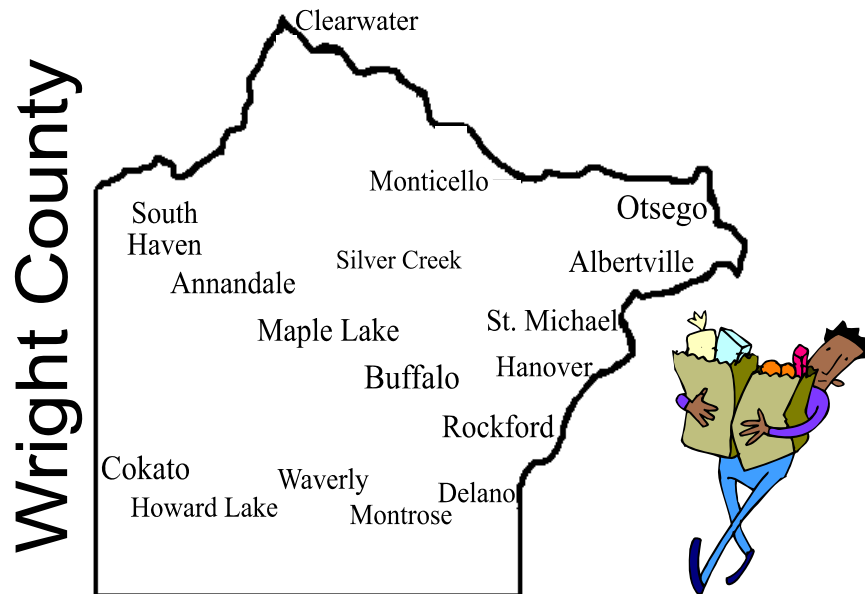


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ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (3/09)

Contact the Adult Basic Education Coordinator
214 NE 1st Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313
PHONE: 763-682-8792
Website: www.buffalo.k12.mn.us

Volunteer tutors are needed and trained to teach adults to read or to teach English as a second language to immigrants and refugees. You will be asked to commit one or two hours a week on a one-to-one basis to tutoring. Hours are flexible. No previous teaching experience required--just a willingness to help others. (A, SC)

ADULT DAY CENTERS (3/09)

Buffalo Adult Day Center
Mary Rodeski, Director
613 Montrose Blvd., Buffalo, MN 55313
Website: www.elimcare.org
PHONE: 763-684-0803
E-MAIL: ljones@elimcare.org
mrodeski@elimcare.org

The Centers are non-profit organizations designed for adults, primarily the elderly, who due to health needs require supervised care.

Volunteers are needed to share their time and talents, assisting with activities, board games, cards, crafts, ceramics, woodworking, baking, reading, and participating with outings. Time: flexible. (Y, A, SC)

ALS ASSOCIATION, MN CHAPTER (3/09)

The ALS Association, Minnesota Chapter
333 N. Washington Avenue, Suite 105
Minneapolis MN 55401
CONTACT: Stephanie Manthei
PHONE: 612 672-0484 or Toll Free 1-888-672-0484
E-Mail: Stephanie@alsmn.org
Website: www.alsmn.org

Volunteer for a Person with ALS

ALS (commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) causes a paralyzing condition that makes doing common daily tasks difficult or impossible. Help a person with ALS by volunteering to serve in their home with one of these tasks; cleaning, errands, gardening, household chores, light maintenance, meals, pet care, scrapbooking, visiting, yard work or shoveling. The day, time frequency and location for this position are flexible and can work around a volunteer's needs.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

PHONE: 1-800-ACS-2345 or 1-800-227-2345
Attn: Wright County – 2520 Pilot Knob Road, Mendota Heights, MN 55120
Website: www.cancer.org

Volunteers can help the American Cancer Society work toward our mission of eliminating cancer. We rely on volunteers in your community. You truly make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families. Opportunities are available, both short-term and ongoing throughout the year, in areas of advocacy (patient rights), breast cancer early detection, colorectal cancer education, employee wellness, patient

services, prostate cancer education, tobacco control, volunteer involvement, income development (Relay for Life, Daffodil Days, Golf Pass, Golf Tournaments, Speciality Parties, World's Largest Garage Sale, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, etc.) and more. (Y, A, SC)

ANIMAL HUMANE SOCIETY (3/09)

Ann Drager, Volunteer Coordinator

Shelter and Mailing Address: 4375 Highway 55 SE, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: 763-432-4875

The Humane Society of Wright County is a federally tax-exempt organization under IRC Section 501 (c) (3). Since its inception, the Society has worked to foster responsible and beneficial relationships between all living creatures through care, education, advocacy, and intervention.

The Society has many different volunteer opportunities including: Publicity, Foster Care, Public Speaking, Adoption Days, Fundraising, Money Jar Collection, Grant Writing, Teaching, Laundry, Research, Shelter Work, Cruelty Investigation, Pet Encounter Therapy, Event Planning, Photography, Administrative Work, and many more opportunities are available. (A, SC)

ANNANDALE SCHOOLS - DISTRICT 876 (3/09)

Bendix Elementary, 655 East Park Street

Middle School, 125 North Cherry Avenue - PHONE: (320) 274-8226

High School, 655 Park Street East, Box 190 - PHONE: (320) 274-8208

Annandale, MN 55302

Annandale Schools need "Helping Hands" for a variety of projects for the school. Please call Gena Rosnow Volunteer Coordinator at Bendix Elementary, at 320-274-8218. Email: grosnow@annandale.k12.mn.us (A, SC)

Annandale Youth First, Inc. - Volunteers needed for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, supervision of youth activities, community input and special events. Contact Mary Barkley-Brown, Email: mbarkleybrown@annandale.k12.mn.us or Pam Wurm, Email: pwurm@annandale.k12.mn.us or telephone them at (320) 274-0636. (Y, A, SC)

ARC CENTRAL MN (3/09)

Arc Central MN Regional Office

6112 322nd Street

St. Cloud MN 56303

PHONE: 320 240-9550 OR 1-800-775-3196

FAX: 320 240-9315

E-Mail: arcentral5@aol.com

Website: www.thearcofminnesota.org/cenmn.htm

State Website: www.thearcofminnesota.org

How would you like to become involved? We will customize your volunteer work to your schedule, your interest, and your unique situation. There are many opportunities for individuals or organizations to be involved with Arc by sharing your time and talents. Some of our needs include, membership processing, fundraising, office mailings, local committees and serving as a member of the Arc Central MN Board of Directors.

BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER (3/09)

Eric Nagel, Director
206 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313
PHONE: 763-682-6036
E-Mail: eric.nagel@ci.buffalo.mn.us
Website: www.ci.buffalo.mn.us (Go to "Adult and Senior Programs")

Buffalo Community Center has many volunteer opportunities available. We serve the area senior population 5 days a week and need help with such things as classes, receptionists, kitchen help and crafting centerpieces. Call Eric at (763) 682-6036 and get involved with your community.
(Y, A, SC)

BUFFALO COMMUNITY THEATER (3/09)

P.O. Box 23, Buffalo MN 55313
PHONE: (763) 682-9454
E-Mail: mail@buffalocommunitytheater.com
Website: www.buffalocommunitytheater.com

Buffalo Community Theater (BCT) has a variety of opportunities for those who wish to share their diverse talents with the community. We are searching for talented people to help with: pit, lighting, set, painting, costumes, props, ushering, sound and hospitality. Please contact BCT if you are interested.
(Y,A,SC)

BUFFALO, HANOVER, MONTROSE SCHOOLS - DISTRICT 877 (3/09)

Community Partnerships/Communications Coordinator, Laura Barta
301 2nd Ave. NE, Buffalo, MN 55313
PHONE: 763-682-8783 (Buffalo)
E-Mail: lbarta@buffalo.k12.mn.us
Website: www.buffalo.k12.mn.us

This volunteer opportunity includes classroom help such as listening to children read, or reading to the children; working with students individually and with small groups; one-time field days and mini-classes. Share your interests, talents, or skills in the classroom; or volunteer to take projects to do in your home.
(Y, A, SC)

CAMP COURAGE (3/09)

8046 83rd St. N.W., Maple Lake, MN 55358
Kurt Wiger, Volunteer Coordinator - (763) 588-0811
PHONE: 320-963-3121 (Camp Courage)
E-MAIL: kurt.wiger@courage.org
Website: www.couragecamps.org

Enjoy camping activities and working with people? We need your volunteer support at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minnesota. Volunteers assist campers who have physical disabilities or sensory impairments in fun and exciting summer programs. Campers participate in a group setting with communication classes, sports, crafts, baking, nature programs, swimming, field trips, camping, horseback riding, canoeing fishing and more. (Y, A, SC)

CAMP FRIENDSHIP/FRIENDSHIP VENTURES (3/09)

10509 108th Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302

PHONE: 320-274-8376 or 952-852-0101(metro number)

WEBSITE: www.friendshipventures.org

E-MAIL: fv@friendshipventures.org

Camp Friendship, located on beautiful Clearwater Lake, is looking for volunteers of all ages beginning immediately. Individuals or groups are welcome.

Friendship Ventures has opportunities for involvement in many areas. Volunteering is an excellent way for people of all ages to make new friends, have fun, and make memories. Volunteer options include counselors, travel guides, office support, housekeeping support, special events, maintenance and ground support, committee development, seasonal projects, and more. Participation in our nationally recognized Youth Leadership Program is available for young adults age 14 and older.

Our positions are flexible and will provide a positive impact on a child or adult using our services. Volunteering will help you develop a better understanding of people with developmental disabilities and, in turn, support the continuation and expansion of the Friendship Ventures programs. (Y, A, SC)

CENTRAL MN COUNCIL ON AGING (3/09)

1301 West St. Germain St., Ste. 101, St. Cloud MN 56301-3456

PHONE: (320) 253-9349 or 1-800-333-2433

E-MAIL: lori@cmcoa.org

Website: www.cmcoa.org

Volunteers are needed to help with health insurance counseling. Volunteers will have a rewarding and challenging opportunity to work with top level professionals as well as assuring the rights of Medicare beneficiaries to access their benefits from Medicare, private insurance companies and other public and private programs. This is very challenging volunteer work but the rewards have our volunteers coming back year after year. Most volunteers work in their own communities in senior centers or community locations. (A, SC)

CHURCHES (3/09)

Have various volunteer opportunities. Check with your local church.

COKATO HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM (3/09)

Michael Worcester, Director of Museum

175 W 4th Street, Box 686, Cokato, MN 55321

PHONE: 320-286-2427 E-mail: Cokatomuseum@embarqmail.com

Website: www.cokato.mn.us/cmhs/index.html

The Cokato Museum is a local history museum which shows the settling of Cokato and surrounding area. Volunteers are needed and welcome for a variety of projects. Volunteers may specify their interests and talents. (Y, A, SC)

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES - WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

Jane Stevenson, County Coordinator

1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN. 55313-1736

PHONE: (763) 682-7520 E-Mail: Jane.Stevenson@co.wright.mn.us

Interested persons of all ages needed to work with local community collaborative councils to be involved with all aspects of the council from looking at needs assessments, identifying local resources, to planning

and implementing community activities. Your council needs your involvement to help create a healthy community where all members are respected and valued. (Y, A, SC)

For more information, contact:

Mary Barkley-Brown, Annandale - (320) 274-8226, ext. 2323

E-Mail: mbarkleybrown@annandale.k12.mn.us

Suzanne O'Dell, Buffalo - (763) 682-8407 - E-Mail: sodell@buffalo.k12.mn.us

Leslie Arnold, Dassel-Cokato - (320) 286-4100, Ext. 1033 - E-Mail: leslie.arnold@dc.k12.mn.us

Sarah Miller, Delano - (763) 972-3365 ext. 2118 - E-Mail: smiller@msn.com

Kathy Simonson, Elk River - (763) 241-3400, ext. 5580 - E-Mail: ksimonson@elkriver.k12.mn.us

Margaret Marketon, Howard Lake, Waverly, Winsted - (320) 543-3521 - E-Mail: mamcedir@hlww.k12.mn.us

Nicole Wilke, Maple Lake - (320) 963-7538 - E-Mail: nwilke@annandale.k12.mn.us

Duane Gates, Monticello - (763) 271-0326 - E-Mail: duane.gates@monticello.k12.mn.us

Marsha White, Rockford - (763) 477-4563 - E-Mail: whitem@rockford.k12.mn.us

Sandy Greninger, St. Michael, Albertville - (763) 497-6546, ext. 4146 - E-Mail: sandyg@STMA.k12.mn.us

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

Annandale - 320-274-3058

Buffalo - 763-682-8751

Cokato - 320-286-4120

Delano - 763-972-6210

Howard Lake-320-543-3600

Maple Lake - 320-963-5991

Monticello - 763-271-2030

Rockford - 763-477-4563

St. Michael/Albertville - 763-497-6550

Community Education can use volunteers in various ways such as advisory/task force members, teachers of a craft or skill, helpers in school lunch rooms, or helpers in class for reading, school-age child care programs, early childhood family education activities, adults with special needs, youth development and youth service. (A, SC)

CRISIS NURSERY SERVICES (3/09)

Diane Coffield, Program Coordinator

9766 Fallon Avenue NE, Suite 104

Monticello MN 55362

763-271-1681 Crisis Line

800-965-1430 Long Distance

763-271-1680 Business Line

Website: www.pathinc.org

E-Mail: dcoffield@pathinc.org

The Crisis Nursery serving Wright County is a program under the partnership of PATH (Professional Association of Treatment Homes) and the Wright County Human Services Agency. We are committed to preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening and empowering children and families to achieve lifelong success.

Volunteers are needed to assist staff with outreach, marketing, fundraising and clerical tasks. Also needed are Overnight Care Providers to provide short term (up to 72 hours) in a licensed child foster care home or Day Care Providers (up to five days and/or evenings at one time) in a licensed child care home setting both for children 0-12 years of age in need of temporary, safe and nurturing care. (A, SC)

CROSSROADS ANIMAL SHELTER (3/09)

2800 10th St SE, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 684-1234
FAX: (763) 684-0663
Website: www.crossroadsshelter.org
E-Mail: info@crossroadsshelter.org

Our Mission Statement:

Crossroads Animal Shelter provides a comprehensive and compassionate service to the people of the Wright County area through protection, care, shelter, placement and education for the dignity and well being of all animals.

Hardworking and dedicated volunteers are needed to help with our new shelter by donation time or money. Hundreds of homeless and neglected animals from the Wright County area are already being served through continuous in-home foster care and adoption placements.

Helping with fund raising event, educational offerings, computer data work, foster care, telephone calling, daily cat cage care, along with a variety of other miscellaneous errands, wish lists (kitty litter, paper towels, liquid soap, bleach, etc.) and tasks are all volunteer opportunities for you to explore.

The animals are waiting to hear from you ! (Y, A, SC)

DELANO AREA SENIOR CENTER (3/09)

Gail Sinkel, Coordinator
234 2nd St. N., P. O. Box 462, Delano, MN 55328
PHONE: 763-972-0574
E-Mail: g.sinkel@delano.mn.us
Website: www.delano.mn.us/sitepages/pid40.php

Volunteers needed for noon meal preparation (setting tables, kitchen help, etc.). Volunteers, with their own cars, needed for driving seniors to doctors appointments (mileage reimbursed). Volunteers needed for special events - holidays, decorating, entertaining. Volunteer receptionists needed. Also, volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors.

Donations needed to help offset the operating costs of using a 13-passenger van to transport area Seniors to the Delano Senior Center, shopping, doctor appointments, etc. (A, SC)

FAITH IN ACTION OF WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

Hannah Lefstad, Program Director
Allison Moser, Volunteer Coordinator
Faith in Action of Wright County, P.O. Box 613, Buffalo MN 55313
PHONE: (763) 234-3586
WEBSITE: www.faithinactionwc.com
E-Mail: servantfia@earthlink.net

Faith in Action is a coalition of congregations, community organizations, and social agencies dedicated to helping people maintain their independence by providing assistance with their everyday activities. Volunteers are needed for: transportation, grocery shopping assistance, respite, light household chores and yard work, friendly visiting, and telephone reassurance. For more information, contact Hannah Lefstad or Allison Moser at (763) 234-3586. (A, SC)

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM (3/09)

Kate Lecher

590 Park Street, Ste. 406, St. Paul MN 55103
PHONE: (651) 310 9447 or toll free (888) 205-3770
E-Mail: kate.lecher@lssmn.org
Website: www.mnseniorcorps.org

Are you 60 years of age or older? Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to help future generations and build stronger communities? We have special opportunities in schools and other settings for you to help young people grow and gain confidence. By volunteering, you will receive: Non-taxable stipend, transportation and meal allowances, annual physical, accident and personal liability insurance and time off and recognition. As a volunteer, you can make a difference in the lives of your neighbors and feel better about yourself physically and mentally. (SC)

FOOD SHELVES - CLOTHING CENTERS IN WRIGHT COUNTY (4/09)

All area food shelves can use volunteers to help distribute food or help to keep shelves full by making donations.

***ANNANDALE (4/09)**

- Local Churches Coordinate the Program. The food shelf is located in the Midtown Plaza, intersection of Cherry Ave. and Highway 55, (across from Am-Pride) Annandale, MN 55302.
- Mailing address is **P.O. Box 94**, Annandale.
- Hours are Tuesday 3:30 - 5 p.m., Wednesday evening 5 - 7 p.m., and Friday 8:30 - 11 a.m. (come early).
- Phone: 320-274-FOOD (3663). **Emergency calls only**, 320-274-7155, Jean & Ed Skomoroh, Coordinator.
- Served up to 6 times per year or as necessary.
- Available to **Annandale, Maple Lake, South Haven, and Silver Creek -in Annandale School district** residents in need of emergency food.
- ***We Care We Share** - This is a free store in Annandale open to anyone in need 320-274-8881. They have mainly clothes, some household items, and may be able to get other items, for people in need. Clients need no ID; just come in and take what they need. It is located on the corner of Highway 55 and Cherry Ave. in Annandale by the food shelf. Hours are Tuesday 3 - 5 p.m., Wednesday 5 - 7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. FREE will offering is asked.

BUFFALO (4/09)

- Local Churches coordinate the program. Located in 301 12th Ave So, Buffalo, MN (3 blocks East of Super America.)
- Mailing Address: PO Box 222, Buffalo, MN. Website: www.buffalofoodshelf.com
- Friday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday 5:30 - 8 p.m. & Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Call 763-684-1699 (leave message and they will return phone call).
- Available to Buffalo area residents ONLY in need of food. Address verification required, dated in the last 30 days.

CLEARWATER - CLEAR LAKE (4/09)

- Clearwater Lions'/Lioness' Community Building, East Hwy 75 - come to fill out application.
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 324, Clearwater, MN 55320.
- Open every Tuesday 9 - 11 a.m. and Tuesday 6 - 8 p.m. and Wed. 3-5 p.m.
- Emergency Help: Call 320-558-2954 to leave name and phone number. Pam will return your call.
- Available to Clearwater and Clear Lake area residents in need of emergency help.

***COKATO 4/09)**

- Located at 395 Broadway South, Cokato, MN 55321. The Cokato Area Food Shelf is available for residents in the Dassel/Cokato area. To sign up, they need to call Elim Mission Church at 320-286-2662 Monday through Thursday. Pick up is Friday morning at 9:30. The church office is open 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday –Thursday, but they must call by Thursday at noon to sign up for that Friday's pick up. It's for emergency use only and proof of residence and children's birth certificates may be required. Use is limited to monthly, with six uses total. After which they are required to meet with one of the area pastors before receiving more help.
- Save & Share Thrift Shop – Hours: Thursday 1 -7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. These shop hours are for BOTH donation drop off and shopping. Located at 511 Cokato St. W. (behind the Grounds). (There is a donation asked for items, yet at a reduced price). If you have donation of larger quantity items call (320) 286-5895 to make an appointment.

DELANO (4/09)

- The Delano Helping Hands Food shelf is now open Thursday from 2 - 4 p.m. and one evening per month, the 3rd Thursday,

from 5 - 7 p.m.

- The food shelf is located at 140 Elm Avenue (the former Community Ed Building).
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 122, Delano, MN 55328.
- Volunteers from churches will staff the shelf.
- Call Sandy at 763-972-3723 or Jeanie at 763-972-3360.
- People will be serviced once a month.
- Available for all Delano area residents in need of emergency food.

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***ELK RIVER (4/09)**

- Through CAER - a helping hand agency. 19279 Watson St. Elk River, MN 55330.
- Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday 5 - 7 p.m., and Thursday 6 - 8 p.m. On ALL days, MUST arrive 1 hour before closing IF food is needed.
- Call 763-441-1020. FAX 763-441-1377. Website: www.caerfoodshelf.org
- Available to Wright County Residents if they have an Elk River/Otsego address and are in need of emergency food. Address verification required, dated in the last 30 days.

HANOVER (4/09)

- The Hanover area food shelf is open to anyone in the Hanover area. The food shelf operates from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11024 Church St. N.E., Hanover, MN 55341 and is open: 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month - 5 - 7 p.m., Tuesday - 12 noon - 2 p.m., Wednesday - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Friday 12 noon - 2 p.m.
- Call, or 763-498-8311 - FAX 763-498-7558. Website: <http://www.stpaulsinhanover.org/food.htm>
- For afternoon, evening, or weekend access, call 763-420-2836 (Helen).
- Available to residents in Albertville, part of Corcoran, Hanover, Loretto, Rockford, and St. Michael areas only and in need of emergency food

***MONTICELLO (4/09)**

- THROUGH CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES - the emergency food shelf is located at 215 Cedar (Old Fire Hall) in Monticello. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1220, Monticello, MN.
- This is done by appointment. You must call 763-295-4031.
- Open: Monday 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 6 - 7:30 p.m.; Friday 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Will look at every situation.
- Food shelf available to Monticello and Silver Creek that are in Monticello School Area residents only and if in need of emergency food.
- Clothing * - Building 213 Cedar Street (next door to food shelf), Call 763-295-4031. Hours: Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday 1-3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-12 noon.
- Clothing available to anyone in need - everyone welcome - Cost is \$3.00 a bag or individual prices for larger items.

***WAVERLY (4/09)**

- Through Wright Community Action Agency.
- Located in Community Action Building, 5th St. and Elm Ave. Waverly, MN 55390.
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 787, Maple Lake, MN 55390.
- Contact person: Shirley Legatt 763-658-4414.
- On emergency basis - 3 days supply - 3 meals a day.
- Eligible 3 - 4 times a year depending on circumstances.
- Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Main Office is in Maple Lake, PO Box 787 - Phone: 320-963-6500 - Shirley Legatt.
- Available to Howard Lake, Montrose, and Waverly area. Others towns may be served depending on individual situation.
- Clothing* - Building 5th St. and Elm Ave. Waverly, MN - Call 763-658-4414.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

(Food amounts given away depend on what is available at the FOOD SHELVES,
and how often per year depends on the situation.)

* Have clothing or other items and open to ANYONE.

FUNCTIONAL INDUSTRIES INC. (3/09)

Buffalo Corporate Office

1803 Hwy. 25 N., Box 336
Buffalo, MN 55313
763-682-4336
Website: www.functionalindustries.org

Functional Industries Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1973 in Wright County to provide training and employment to persons who are disabled. It is the philosophy of FII to provide services in a supportive environment for developmentally disabled, mentally and physically challenged individuals that focus on activities which enable persons served to develop to their fullest potential and earn an income.

Volunteers are needed to develop ways and means of improving job performance, developing projects for times of work shortages, technical/manufacturing advice, teaching classes, fundraising, and numerous other activities. (Y, A, SC)

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF GREATER MINNEAPOLIS (3/09)

Wendy Walton (763) 971-4031
5601 Brooklyn Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55429
PHONE: 763-535-4602/1-800-548-5250 - Toll Free
FAX: 763-535-7524
INTERNET: wendy.walton@GirlScoutsMpls.org

Adult volunteers (18 years or older) are needed to help lead Girl Scout troops in Albertville, Annandale, Buffalo, Delano, Hanover, Howard Lake, Maple Lake, Montrose, Rockford, St. Michael and Waverly. Through informal education that helps them develop, girls from ages 5 through 17 learn, have fun, gain confidence, and contribute to the community.

Volunteer positions are also available for recruiting, training, and supporting leaders and other volunteers. The time commitment for leading a Girl Scout troop is very flexible. Public Relations, organizing files and records, coaching sports teams, planning and implementing events, programs including the cookie sale are additional opportunities available to women and men "to help girls grow strong".

Free training is provided and ongoing help is available through written materials and support from other volunteers and Girl Scout staff. (A, SC)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

c/o Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, 701 2nd Street N., St. Cloud MN 56303
PHONE: 1-888-656-8890
WEBSITE: www.centralminnesotahabitat.org
E-Mail: habitat@cmhfh.org

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds simple, affordable homes in partnership with families. The partnership consists of volunteers who make up the chapter and the sweat equity owner. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, family selection and support, site selection, church relations, professional carpenters and contractors, and building volunteers. Habitat group meets the first Thursday of the month at Buffalo Library.

*This chapter of Habitat for Humanity is part of the Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity St. Cloud, which serves the counties of Benton, Stearns, Sherburne and Wright.

HEAD START (WRIGHT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION) (3/09)

Cindy Boman, Head Start Manager
Wright County Community Action, Box 787/130 West Division Street, Maple Lake, MN 55358
PHONE: 320-963-6500 FAX: 320-963-5745
WEBSITE: www.wccaweb.com
E-Mail: cboman@wccaweb.com

A Federally and State funded program for 3-5 year old children from income eligible families. Up to 10% of enrollment placements may be for children whose families are over the federal income guidelines. Children and families with special needs are encouraged to apply. Need volunteers to assist in the center as an aide or by sharing a special talent with class. Also needed are people willing to accompany children on bus route. There are eleven center locations in Wright and Western Hennepin County. (A, SC)

HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS (3/09)

Please see:

- Cokato Historical Society
- Minnesota Pioneer Park
- Rockford Area Historical Society
- Wright County Historical Society

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES (3/09)

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are opportunities for you to volunteer. Please see the Area Food Shelf list; Salvation Army; Toys for Tots at P. O. Box 1226, Monticello, MN 55362; and local civic groups in your town.

HOSPICE (3/09)

Monticello (North Hospice)
Lori Honold, Hospice/Volunteer Coordinator
3500 France Avenue North, Suite 101, Robbinsdale, MN 55422
PHONE: (763) 520-4305
WEBSITE: www.northmemorial.com
E-Mail: lori.honold@northmemorial.com

Volunteers 18 years of age or older must meet the requirements of an 24-hour training course which includes grief support and bereavement and instruction in physical, emotional and spiritual support of patients and their families dealing with a terminal illness. Volunteers throughout the service area (30 mile radius from Monticello) are important to the program. Classes held at North Memorial Hospital. Volunteers also develop and manage fund raising projects, community outreach, public relations events, and the Newsletter. Training sessions held bi-annually in spring and fall. (A,SC)

Buffalo

Allina Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care
Ann Lutgen, Volunteer Coordinator
1055 Westgate Drive, Ste. 100
St. Paul MN 55114
PHONE: 612 262-7058 or 612-262-7108
E-Mail: ann.lutgen@allina.com
Website: www.allina.com/ahs/hchs.nsf/page/volunteering

Guardian Angels Elim Hospice
300 Catlin Street, Suite 115
Buffalo MN 55313
Sandy Baret
PHONE: (763) 682-2726

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice volunteers are needed to help critically ill patients in your area. You can make a difference in the lives of others by giving a few hours a week and providing companionship and visiting, respite and errands. Volunteers with specific skills such as hair cutting and pet therapy are also needed. Eighteen hours of free training is provided for this rewarding opportunity. To receive an information packet, please call Allina Hospice and Palliative Care at 651-262-7108. (A, SC)

HOSPITALS (3/09)

BUFFALO HOSPITAL

Mona Ramsdell, Volunteer Services Supervisor - 763-684-7107
303 Catlin Street, Buffalo, MN 55313
E-Mail: mona.ramsdell@allina.com
WEBSITE: www.buffalohospital.org

Volunteers perform a number of important services from staffing the hospital gift shop to helping patients, families and community members. Areas of service include, clerical, craft groups, general tours, gift shop, greeter/emergency department, mail/flower/meal delivery, volunteer grandmas or volunteer companions, taking a tape/book cart to patient's rooms and special events. (A, SC)

MONTICELLO-BIG LAKE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Volunteer Contact Person: Marlene Stumpf-Johnson, 763-271-2293
1013 Hart Boulevard/Box 480, Monticello, MN 55362
WEBSITE: www.mblch.com

Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital is moving forward with it's mission to provide patient-centered care and superior customer service by engaging the caring energy of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities available are: Mobility Assistants, Hospitality Desk, Gift Shop Sales, Van Driver, Shopping Assistants, Bingo Assistants, Musicians, Card Game Instructors, Photographers, Popcorn Sales, Nail Care Assistant, Pastoral Care and Office duties. (A, SC)

HOWARD LAKE-WAVERLY-WINSTED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2687 (3/09)

Pam Henry-Neaton, Volunteer Coordinator
Box 708, Howard Lake, MN 55349
PHONE: 320-543-3600
FAX: 320-543-3590
WEBSITE: www.hlww.k12.mn.us

Numerous volunteer opportunities are available in classrooms or at home. Classroom includes working with individuals or small groups: share your interests, hobbies or talents. Home opportunities include bulletin board preparation, making flashcards, etc.... (Y, A, SC)

MADD - WRIGHT COUNTY CHAPTER 110 (3/09)

MADD - Wright County - P. O. Box 362, Buffalo, MN 55313
MADD - State of Minnesota, 155 South Wabasha St., Suite 104, St. Paul MN 55107

CONTACT: Sue Klugow
PHONE: 320-543-1114 or E-Mail: wright.mn@madd.org
WEBSITE: www.maddmn.org
E-MAIL: mn.state@madd.org

MADD offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for you to get involved, such as: Learn more about how to influence legislation and law enforcement at national, state and local levels; Lend a shoulder - Become trained to provide emotional support to victims of drunk driving crashes and to guide victims through the criminal justice system; Help a victim be heard. Send victims "We Care" cards; Work with local restaurants and drinking establishments to use "Designate a Driver" programs; Utilize your office skills - stuff envelopes, make phone calls, and work at booths such as County and State Fairs and at schools; Take the lead - lend your leadership skills as a community action team coordinator or a chapter, state or national officer. (Y, A, SC)

MAPLE LAKE COMMUNITY CARE (3/09)

Celeste Dahlstrom, Program Supervisor/Coordinator
Maple Lake Schools, Box 820, Maple Lake, MN 55358
PHONE: 320-963-6600; FAX: 320-963-3170
E-Mail: dahlstromc@maplelake.k12.mn.us

Community Care is a network of volunteers providing assistance to their children and neighbors in Maple Lake. Within the community, we connect volunteers to needs such as planting trees, maintaining playgrounds and the flower gardens around school. In our schools, we arrange for costumed storytellers once a week, office assistance and library helpers, classroom speakers and many other volunteer activities. Irish mentors (teens helping youth) are a group of juniors and seniors that volunteer their time to work on projects involving elementary students, high school students and community members. Volunteers needed for special events, such as: Halloween carnival, Book Fair, Santa Secret Shop, Grandparent Day, Garage Sale, Fun Nights, high school dances, and the school store

Community Care seeks to draw our community closer together through the helping hands we extend to one another. This program has been designed to help residents of Maple Lake without regard to age or income. (Y, A, SC)

MEALS ON WHEELS (3/09)

ANNANDALE: Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Annandale
Box K -30 Cedar St. E. Annandale, MN 55302
PHONE: (320) 274-3891 (Renee Logeais & Roxanne Huff)
Five days per week Weekend meals available- frozen
Will deliver in Annandale city
Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

BUFFALO: Through Lake Ridge Care Center -310 Lake Blvd. (55313)
PHONE: (763) 682-1434 Ext. 39 **FAX:** 763-682-6419
Seven days per week
Will deliver within city limits
Cost: \$3.75

Frozen meals can be obtain at the Buffalo Dining Site 763-682-6036
Cost: \$3.75 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Buffalo
206 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: 763-682-6036

Five days per week Weekend meals available- frozen

Will deliver in Buffalo city

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

CLEARWATER:

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Becker

12115 Rye Street, Apt 101, Becker, MN 55308

PHONE: (763)261- 4466

Depending on where you live determines hot/frozen meals and days of the week

availability. Our goal is to get hot meals to as many people as possible

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

COKATO:

Through Cokato Manor Inc. Nursing Home-182 Sunset Ave, Cokato, MN 55321

PHONE: (320) 286-2158 **FAX:** 320-286-2031

Seven days per week

Will deliver within city limits only

Cost: \$6.23

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Cokato

440 2nd Street North, Apartment Bldg., Cokato, MN 55321

PHONE: (320) 286-2758

Five days per week Weekend meals available- frozen

Will deliver in Cokato city

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

DELANO:

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Delano

234 2nd St. N. P.O. Box 462, Delano, MN 55328

Gail Sinkel, Coordinator

PHONE: (763) 972-0574 **FAX:** 972-6174

Five days per week (Weekend frozen meals available-2 day notification to register)

Will deliver in rural area-3 miles radius of Delano (longer distances are short term delivery only).

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior.

HANOVER:

Call Joyce Flury at the Crow River Area Senior Center

PHONE: (763) 493-2711

Tuesday-Friday at 12:00 noon by resident volunteers. In town only.

Cost: \$3.50

HOWARD LAKE:

Through Howard Lake Good Samaritan Center -413-13th Ave., P.O. Box CC 55349

PHONE: (320) 543-3800 **FAX:** 320-543-2305

Six days per week (Monday through Saturday)

Will deliver six miles out of town

Cost: \$4.00

MAPLE LAKE:

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Maple Manor

555 2nd St. W. (55358) (LuAnne, Co-ordinator)

PHONE:(320)963-5771 - Five days per week (Monday through Friday)

Weekend meals available - Frozen

In town only -10:30-1:00

Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior.

MONTICELLO:

Through Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital Dist.

1013 Hart Blvd., Monticello, MN 55362

PHONE: (763) 271-2336 **FAX:** 271-2345

Five days per week (Monday through Friday)

Will deliver three miles from hospital

Cost: \$6.32

Frozen meals can be obtain at the Monticello Dining Site 763- 295-2000
Cost: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older) \$5.75 if not a senior

Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Monticello
505 Walnut Street, Suite 3, Monticello, MN 55362 (in the Community Center)
PHONE: 763-295-2000
Five days per week Weekend meals available- frozen
Will deliver in Monticello city
Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

MONTROSE: Through Red's Cafe in Montrose-221 Nelson Blvd. P.O. Box 335, Montrose, MN 55363
PHONE: (763) 675-3511
Five days per week (Monday through Friday)
Primarily city limits and Waverly city limits
Cost: \$5.00

OTSEGO Through Elk River Senior Dining
PHONE: (763) 441-6288
Will deliver if close to Elk River - Weekend meals available- frozen
Cost: \$3.25 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior

ROCKFORD: Through Delano Area Senior Dining Site 234 2nd St. N, P.O. Box, 462, Delano, MN 55328
PHONE: (763) 972-0574 (Gail Sinkel Coordinator)
Five days per week
(Weekend frozen meals available)(2 day notice to register)
Will deliver in rural area - 3 mile radius (longer distances short term delivery only)
Cost: Suggested contribution \$3.25-\$6.50 (if 60 years or older) \$6.50 if not a senior.

ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE: Call Joyce Flury at the Crow River Area Senior Center
PHONE: (763) 493-2711
Five days per week (T, W, Th, F)
In town only
Cost: \$3.50

WAVERLY: Through Red's Cafe in Montrose-221 Nelson Blvd. Montrose, MN 55363
PHONE: (763) 675-3511
Five days per week (Monday through Friday)
Primarily Montrose city limits and Waverly city limits
Cost: \$5.00

MINNESOTA PIONEER PARK (3/09)

Kitty Pallies

725 Pioneer Park Trail (East of Annandale on Highway 55), Annandale, MN 55302

PHONE: 320-274-8489

HOURS: Tuesdays - Fridays - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Weekends (Sat./Sun.) - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

E-Mail: pioneerp@lakedalelink.net

Website: www.pioneerpark.org

MN Pioneer Park is a non-profit organization. It is an educational, interpretive historic museum. It is dedicated to the preservation of Minnesota heritage and the natural environment.

Volunteers are needed for office work, to guide school children, visiting on field trips, and on special event days. Young people such as 4-H, Scout troops, etc., can help out at our special events. We can also use volunteers for general clean-up. For those interested, costumes are provided by the Park. For more details, call the Park Tuesday through Friday. (Y, A, SC)

MONTICELLO SENIOR CENTER (3/09)

Pam Loidolt, Director

505 Walnut St., Suite 3, Monticello, MN 55362-8830

PHONE: 763-295-2000 FAX: 763-271-7118

E-Mail: pam.loidolt@ci.monticello.mn.us

Website: www.ci.monticello.mn.us (click on "Community Services")

Volunteers are needed to answer phones and be volunteer receptionists; to escort trips; to help with various fund raising events such as a pie and ice cream social; to help with special events such as seasonal parties; to help with the monthly dinner; to take blood pressures of center participants; to lead activities at the center; to provide entertainment. Need volunteers to assist with dining program, setting up, serving meals, and receptionist. (Y, A, SC)

NURSING HOMES IN WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

Homes for people in need of nursing care. Services will vary from home to home.

ANNANDALE CARE CENTER

Connie Allen, Social Services Director (320) 274-7218 and Volunteer Coordinator,

Nita Cherry (320) 274-2591, Linda Schmitz, Activity Director (320) 274-2598

500 Park Street East, Annandale, MN 55302

WEBSITE: www.ahcsmn.org

Volunteers are continually needed to help in many different job opportunities, so please call and we will find a volunteer job which you will enjoy and which will enhance the quality of life for our residents. (Y-12 years of age or older, A, SC)

LAKE RIDGE CARE CENTER

Lisa Stidham, Activity and Volunteer Coordinator

310 Lake Boulevard, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: 763-682-1434, Ext. 15

FAX: 763-682-2973

WEBSITE: www.elimcare.org

E-Mail: lstidham@elimcare.org

We would like volunteers to help with special programs. We continue to need coffee shop volunteers and people to visit residents, special music and craft skills. Young volunteer groups welcome with adult supervision. (A, SC)

PARK VIEW CARE CENTER

Barb Anderley, Activity Director

200 Park Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: 763-682-1131

Website: www.elimcare.org

E-Mail: banderley@elimcare.org

Care Center is continually in need of volunteers to help in the neighborhoods, assist residents to and from meals, visit residents and do manicures, assist with group activities, deliver mail and numerous other rewarding tasks. (A, SC)

COKATO MANOR

Joy Marshal, Activity Director
182 Sunset Avenue, Cokato, MN 55321
PHONE: 320-286-2158
Website: www.cokato-senior-care.org

Need volunteers to help with special activities or projects and to visit the residents. (Y-any age 4th grade & up, A, SC)

GOLDEN LIVING CENTER - DELANO

Kara Reiser, Activity Director
433 County Road 30, Delano, MN 55328
PHONE: 763-972-2987
WEBSITE: www.goldenlivingcenters.com
E-Mail: kara.reiser@goldenliving.com

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Bingo, special activities, mending, decorating, crafts, one-to-one visiting, going with residents on outings, dining room hostesses & musicians during meals and a variety of other services. (A, SC)

HOWARD LAKE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Amanda, Activities Director
413 13th Avenue/Box CC, Howard Lake, MN 55349
PHONE: 320-543-3800
WEBSITE : www.good-sam.com

Volunteers are needed to visit residents, assist with escorting, hospitality, reading, card and letter writing, water pitchers, special events, outings, games, musical entertainment, typing, clerical assistance, and general maintenance. Also need drivers to transport volunteers who serve the center. (Y, A, SC)

MONTICELLO-BIG LAKE COMMUNITY NURSING HOME

Marlene Stumpf-Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator
1104 River Street, Monticello, MN 55362
PHONE: 763-271-2293
Website: www.mblch.com
E-Mail: mstumpfj@mblch.com

Volunteers needed to assist in reading, letter writing, Bingo, manicures, hair care, outing volunteers, make popcorn, room-to-room visitors, game and card players, musical entertainment, shopping, special activities and a variety of other services. (Y, A, SC)

**OPENING DOORS/COMMUNITY ED PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
WITH DISABILITIES (3/09)**

Sandy Nybakken, Coordinator
301 NE 2nd Ave. Buffalo, MN 55313
PHONE: 763-682-8793/682-8770
E-Mail: snybakke@buffalo.k12.mn.us FAX: 763-682-8474

This volunteer opportunity involves assisting individuals with physical and/or developmental challenges to participate in Community Education classes and events. The program serves the Becker, Big Lake, Buffalo, Howard Lake-Waverly and Monticello School Districts.

Volunteers are needed to: transport and/or accompany adults with disabilities to Community Ed programs, serve in an advisory capacity, share a special interest, talent or hobby, or help with educational, recreational and social activities. There is a great need for "on-call" volunteers, willing to help for special events or one-time classes. This is an excellent way to enrich your own life while enriching the lives of others. (A, SC)

RED CROSS (3/09)

Volunteer Coordinator

American Red Cross - Central MN Chapter (Formerly Wright County Chapter)

1301 West St. Germain, St. Cloud, MN 56301

PHONE: (320) 251-7641 or 1-800-560-7641

WEBSITE: www.cenmnredcross.org

E:MAIL: scott@cenmnredcross.org

The American Red Cross Central Mn Chapter, located in St. Cloud with a branch office in Monticello MN. We have several volunteer opportunities such as: serving as a Disaster Action Team Member; assisting with fundraising activities, miscellaneous office assistance; local blood drives; Health and Safety instructors; and Armed Forces Emergency Service volunteers. For more information, please see our website at www.cenmnredcross.org. (Y, A, SC)

RIVERS OF HOPE (3/09)

P.O. Box 511, Monticello, MN 55362

763-295-3433 (24/7 Hour Crisis Line) or 1-800-439-2642

WEBSITE: www.riversofhope.org

E-Mail: info@riversofhope.org

Rivers of Hope is a community domestic abuse advocacy organization serving Wright and Sherburne Counties. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to assist with child care, transportation, advocacy, office work, fund raising, safe homes, translator services (Spanish), computer projects, special events and support group facilitation. Training will be provided. (Y, A, SC)

ROCKFORD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (3/09)

Rebecca Mavencamp, Museum Coordinator

8131 Bridge St., Box 186, Rockford, MN 55373

PHONE: 763-477-5383

E-Mail : storkhouse@cityofrockford.org

Website: www.rockfordmnhistory.org

The Rockford Area Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose focus is the care and interpretation of local Rockford history through the Ames-Florida-Stork House, a house/museum built in 1860. Volunteers are needed for gardening, light housework, inputting computer data, minor house maintenance, research, office work, event planning and guiding tours. Training is provided when needed. (Y, A, SC)

SALVATION ARMY (3/09)

Brenden Tesch

c/o Wright County Human Services Agency, 1004 Commercial Drive; Buffalo, MN 55313

HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00-4:30
PHONE: 763-682-8941 OR 1-800-362-3667, Ext. 8941

In Wright County we have a Service Extension which provides emergency assist to local families for their basic needs - food, clothing, vouchers for gas, etc. Local monies are needed to keep our local Service Extension operating. (A, SC)

Volunteer members needed. Meetings are held bi-monthly over noon hour to discuss projects and needs.

Volunteers needed between Thanksgiving and Christmas to assist as bell ringers for the annual red kettle campaign. Ringers needed in Buffalo and Monticello.

We provide meals, shelter and emergency assistance to Wright County residence and travelers going through Wright County. (A, SC)

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (3/09)

Kristin Brovold
Wright County Human Services Agency, 1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313-1736
PHONE: 763-682-7504/1-800-362-3667, ext. 7504 E-MAIL: Kristin.Brovold@co.wright.mn.us

The Senior Companion Program is a stipend volunteer program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, where men and women, age 60 and over who meet income guidelines, help adults with special needs on a one-to-one regular basis averaging 15-20 hours a week. Companions offer their friendship and support by being there to listen, assisting with groceries, offering encouragement and visiting with people who might otherwise be isolated, helping with government forms, being a friend and caring. Volunteers receive a stipend of \$2.65 an hour, transportation allowance, meal allowance, annual physical, accident insurance, sick pay, vacation pay and the personal benefit of helping others. (SC)

SENIOR CONNECTIONS - MAPLE LAKE (3/09)

Ginger O'Loughlin
602 4TH St. W., Maple Lake MN 55358
(320) 963-5302 or (320) 963-3170
E-Mail: gingero@lakedalelink.net

Activities include: reading, story telling, social gatherings, dinners, interviews, demonstrations and celebrations. *No one is too old or too young, too fast or too slow to have a valuable purpose.* Call and become involved with others, both young and old, while enriching and enjoying another generation.
(A, Y, SC)

SENIOR DINING (3/09)

Serve well balanced nutritious meals to senior citizens. Another important aspect of this meal is the socialization for the people. We have six sites in the County that can use volunteers to assist in the kitchen with dishes or wiping up, cutting cake, and serving. Volunteer help is also needed with special events. Services will range from site to site. Must call between 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. (A, SC)

Annandale	Deb Bohach	City Hall	320-274-3891	10:30 - 1:30
Buffalo	Eric Nagel	206 Central Ave.	763-682-6036	9:00 - 4:00
Cokato	Diana Stalberger	Box 274 Cokato	320-286-2758	9:30 - 1:00

Delano	Gail Sinkel	Delano Sr. Center	763-972-0574	9:00 - 2:30
Maple Lake		555 W. 2nd St.	320-963-5771	8:00 - 1:00
Monticello	Pam Loidolt	Monticello Sr. Ctr.	763-295-2000	9:00 - 1:00

SUNRISE - BUFFALO (3/09)

Marlys Northenscold, Activities Director
 201 1st Street NE, Buffalo, MN 55313
 PHONE: 763-682-5489
 Website : www.sunriseseniorliving.com
 E-Mail: buffalo.avc@sunriseseniorliving.com

Sunrise-Buffalo is a common sense, non-medical model of a living alternative, which bridges the gap between independent and dependent lifestyles, designed for the elderly.

The staff and residents of Sunrise-Buffalo would appreciate volunteers to teach computer basics and set up programs or Internet in our new computer lab. Share your travels and cultural experiences with us. Bring your hobbies, crafts and collections for our discussion groups. Many residents would also enjoy being an “Adopted Grandparent” with one on one activities such as pet visits, sewing, woodworking, scrap-booking, walking, musical performances, or other interests you have. We encourage individuals and groups to join our Sunrise-Buffalo family. (Y, A, SC)

TAX AIDE VOLUNTEER (3/09)

Robert Post, DC, Tax-Aide
 501 Montrose Blvd S., Buffalo MN 55313-1344
 PHONE: 763-682-2376
 Website: www.aarp.org/foundation

The AARP Tax-Aide program is seeking volunteers. As the nation’s largest, free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, serving taxpayers with middle-to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older, we are constantly recruiting individuals with a background in marketing and public relations as well as those with computer skills to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. Our volunteer force includes individuals of all ages, races, ethnic groups, income levels and educational backgrounds. Some volunteers needed are: counselors, instructors, local coordinators, marketing coordinators, district coordinators and technology specialists. Call above number for more information. (A, SC)

TRANSPORTATION-WRIGHT COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES (3/09)

Kathy DeMars, Transportation Coordinator
 Wright County Human Services Agency
 1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313-1736
 PHONE: 763-682-7487/1-800-362-3667, ext. 7487
 E-Mail: Kathy.DeMars@co.wright.mn.us
 Website: www.co.wright.mn.us - under “Social Services”

Drivers are needed to provide transportation to senior citizens and clients of Wright County Human Services Agency who have no other means of transportation to medical appointments and pharmacies.

This position requires an individual who is able to be flexible and adjust to emergency situations. He or she should be resourceful and tolerant. Volunteer should have the ability to listen, be responsive to people, and must have respect for confidentiality.

The time commitment of such assignments will vary with each volunteer driver.

Mileage is reimbursed and out-of-pocket expenses (parking and meals outside the county). Training sessions are offered for volunteers personal development/growth. (A, SC)

UNITED FOR YOUTH (3/09)

Suzanne O'Dell, Coordinator for United for Youth and Sidekicks Manager
301 NE Second Avenue
Buffalo, MN 55313
PHONE: 763-682-8789
FAX: 763 682-8795
E-MAIL: sodell@buffalo.k12.mn.us

United for Youth is a community, collaborative youth initiative which focuses on building assets in young people. United for Youth offers opportunities to volunteer on their Board of Directors, which is held the fourth Monday of every other month. United for Youth is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Sidekicks, youth-to-youth school-based mentoring program, offers volunteer opportunities for high school students to mentor elementary students and provide homework assistance to middle school students. (A,SC)

U OF M - MINNESOTA EXTENSION SERVICE - WRIGHT COUNTY (3/09)

Government Center, Room C107
10 2nd Street NW, Buffalo, MN 55313-1186
PHONE: 763-682-7394 (Buffalo)/1-800-362-3667 (Toll Free)/FAX: (763) 682-7913
E-Mail: wright@extension.umn.edu

Provides a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers to receive training and work in specific subject matter areas (horticulture, food safety, agriculture, home economics, budget consultants, 4-H) with a variety of audiences (youth, adult, one-to-one, small groups).

UNITED WAY – Delano/Loretto Area (3/09)

CONTACT: Jen Millard, Executive Director
P.O. Box 578
Delano MN 55328
PHONE: (763) 972-4429
E-Mail: delanolorettouw@yahoo.com

The Delano Loretto Area United Way is in the process of expanding its services and will therefore need a variety of volunteers. We are currently looking for board members to serve on our executive committee. We are also interested in developing a website to broadcast our information and would like to find someone who can keep it updated for us. Our brochures and any other marketing materials need to be updated, so someone with a marketing background would be very much appreciated. If you have other services you think might be able to be utilized by the United Way, please contact us.

WRIGHT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION (3/09)

130 West Division Street, P.O. Box 787, Maple Lake MN 55358
PHONE: (320) 963-6500
FAX: (320) 963-5745
E-Mail: wcca@wccaweb.com

Volunteers are Somebody! Somebody who cares, somebody who devotes time without pay, somebody who praises all, large or small and somebody who has a common bond with others to make things better. If you would like to volunteer, please contact WCCA at above number.

WRIGHT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (3/09)

Curator/Betty Dircks, Sally Stevens/Business Manager, Erin Store/Archivist
2001 Highway 25 North, PO Box 304, Buffalo, MN 55313
PHONE: 763-682-7323 FAX: 763-682-7324
E-Mail: wchsmg@visi.com
Website: www.wrighthistory.org

The Wright County Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibition of materials related to, including but not limited to, the social, cultural, environmental, economic and political history of Wright County. The society's museum exhibits items ranging from a 32 piece one-man-band; stone tools once used by North American Indians; to a 1926 Ford Model T automobile. The museum's reference library and archives houses an extensive photograph, map, genealogical family files, microfilm and book collection.

Volunteers are needed to help at special events, greet visitors, clip and file newspaper articles, fundraising for local needs, data entry, filing, and many other duties. A big learning experience. (Y, A, SC)

WRIGHT COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES (3/09)

Christine Austin-Roehler, Health Educator, (763) 682-7464 E-MAIL: Christine.Austin-Roehler@co.wright.mn.
Jon Young, Health Educator, (763) 682-7507 E-mail: jon.young@co.wright.mn.us
Jill Hylla, Health Educator, Project Northland, 763-682-7354 E-mail: jill.hylla@co.wright.mn.us
Joel Torkelson, Health Educator, (763) 682-7909 E-mail: joel.torkelson@co.wright.mn.us

Public Service Agency. Wright County Human Services Agency exists to ensure the rights of individuals to a social environment which fulfills basic human needs.

Wright County Human Services Agency volunteer opportunities include: Transportation Program - Rides for Senior Citizens and agency clients to medical and necessary business appointments (see Transportation Program entry). Senior Companion Program - a one to one relationship to help against loneliness (see Senior Companion Program). Resource/Special Projects - assist with income tax and state property refunds, office assistance, and miscellaneous needs. Home Care Volunteers are needed for respite care, chore services, 60+ and Healthy Clinics, etc. Serve on agency task force or local Community Based Service Committees. (A, SC)

WRIGHT COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESERVE (3/09)

Brian Johnson
(763) 684-2366
WEBSITE: www.co.wright.mn.us/departmentsheriff/
E-MAIL: bmj7681@co.wright.mn.us

The Wright County Sheriff's Reserve is a volunteer organization for Wright County residents, 21 years and older, who assist Sheriff's deputies at various community events (parades and the County Fair), water patrol, snowmobile safety patrol, crime scene protection, and evidence searches.

Volunteers are occasionally needed to fill openings in the authorized staffing level for Sheriff's Reserve officers. (A)

WRIGHT COUNTY TEEN COURT PROGRAM - COURT SERVICES (3/09)

Karen Determan, Wright County Court Services

10 2nd Street NW

Buffalo MN 55313

(763) 682-7328

WEBSITE: www.co.wright.mn.us/department/courtservices/

E-Mail: karen.determan@county.wright.mn.us

Wright County Teen Court Program allows for teens between the ages of 15 and 18 to be jury members in juvenile court cases. After volunteers attend a training session, they are put into the jury pool. Jurors are drawn at random for the Teen Court sessions which occur one to two times per month. Not all jurors are drawn for each session, so there is not a huge time commitment needed. Training and the court sessions are held after school hours.

This program is a great opportunity for teens to learn about the juvenile court system while being involved in the system in a positive way. It is especially useful to those that may have some interest in the legal field as a potential career, but many volunteers just enjoy being involved in the process. Most schools and churches allow participation in Teen Court to count for required community service hours.

Offenders are screened prior to participating, and their legal charges are what the court considers relatively minor offenses. (Y)

Note: This booklet is updated periodically. If you have any additions or corrections to make, mail them to:

Jennifer Carlson

Wright County Human Services Agency

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Buffalo, MN 55313-1736

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Toll Free: 1-800-362-3667, ext. 8931

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**THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE BOOKLETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
THROUGH
WRIGHT COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES:**

- Services for Seniors in Wright County
- Support Groups in Wright County

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR CURRENT UPDATES ON
THIS BOOKLET:**

Go to: www.co.wright.mn.us

(Booklets are located under “Health, Financial and Social Services”, then see list on right side, “Most Requested Forms”)

Or contact Jennifer Carlson
at 763-682-8931 or 1-800-362-3667, ext. 8931.
E-mail: Jennifer.Carlson@co.wright.mn.us

Community Health: 763-682-7456
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