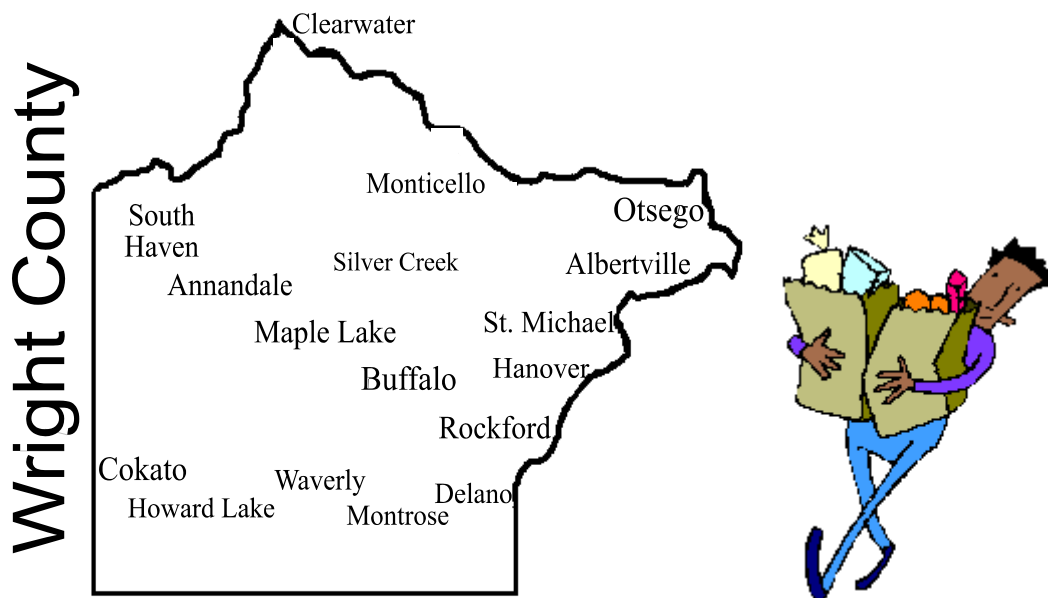


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# Volunteer Opportunities in Wright County

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**ADULT BASIC EDUCATION****(1/04)**

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214 NE 1st Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-8567  
E-Mail: [kmanders@buffalo.k12.mn.us](mailto:kmanders@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****(1/04)**

Centennial Villa Adult Day Center  
Laura Jones, Director  
Denise Karger, Supervisor  
660 Park St E, Suite #4  
Annandale MN 55302  
PHONE: (320) 274-1334  
E-MAIL: [ljones@elimcare.org](mailto:ljones@elimcare.org)  
[dkarger@elimcare.org](mailto:dkarger@elimcare.org)

Buffalo Adult Day Center  
Laura Jones, Director  
Mary Rodeski, Supervisor  
619 Montrose Boulevard South, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-1131, Ext. 265  
E-MAIL: [ljones@elimcare.org](mailto:ljones@elimcare.org)  
[mrodeski@elimcare.org](mailto: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)

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF WRIGHT COUNTY****(1/04)**

PHONE: 1-800-ACS-2345 or 1-800-227-2345  
Attn: Wright County - 3316 W. 66<sup>th</sup> St., Minneapolis MN 55435  
Website: [www.cancer.org](http://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)

**ANNANDALE SCHOOLS - DISTRICT 876**

(1/04)

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 Robin Spaulding Volunteer Coordinator at Bendix Elementary, at 320-274-8218. Email: [rcaldonspaulding@annandale.k12.mn.us](mailto:rcaldonspaulding@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](mailto:mbarkleybrown@annandale.k12.mn.us) or Pam Wurm , Email: [pwurm@annandale.k12.mn.us](mailto:pwurm@annandale.k12.mn.us) or telephone them at (320) 274-8226, Ext. 323. (Y, A, SC)

**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS MENTORING PROGRAM**

(9/04)

Wright County Family Services Collaborative  
Carrie Lindquist, Wright County Coordinator  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Minneapolis  
Attention: Wright County Program  
2550 University Avenue #410N  
St. Paul MN 55114  
PHONE: (763) 242-2557 or toll free at (866) 789-2557  
E-Mail: [clindquist@bigstwincities.org](mailto:clindquist@bigstwincities.org)  
WEBSITE: [www.bigstwincities.org](http://www.bigstwincities.org)

Volunteers are needed to be a mentor...role model...friend to children between the ages of 7 and 15 who could use some additional adult support and/or friendship. Training and support is provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters. You can go biking, shoot hoops, bake cookies, wash the dog, visit a zoo, or attend agency sponsored events. (A, SC)

**BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER**

(1/04)

Jennifer Spado, Director  
206 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-6036  
E-Mail: [popularstreet@juno.com](mailto:popularstreet@juno.com)  
Website: [www.ci.buffalo.mn.us](http://www.ci.buffalo.mn.us)

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 Jennifer at 763 682-6036 and get involved with your community.  
(Y, A, SC)

### **BUFFALO COMMUNITY THEATER**

(1/04)

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

(1/04)

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](mailto:lbarta@buffalo.k12.mn.us)  
Website: [www.buffalo.k12.mn.us](http://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**

(1/04)

8046 83rd St. N.W., Maple Lake, MN 55358  
Denise Saylor, Volunteer Coordinator  
PHONE: 320-963-3121  
E-MAIL: [courageZ@lkdllink.net](mailto:courageZ@lkdllink.net)  
Website: [www.couragecamps.org](http://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. We also have opportunities for you to share your love of nature with school children during the year. (Y, A, SC)

**CAMP FRIENDSHIP/FRIENDSHIP VENTURES**

(1/04)

Catherine Barbre  
10509 108th Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302  
PHONE: 320-274-8376 or 952-852-0101(metro number)  
E-MAIL: [fv@friendshipventures.org](mailto: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)

**CHURCHES**

(1/04)

Have various volunteer opportunities. Check with your local church.

**COKATO HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM**

(1/04)

Michael Worcester, Director of Museum  
175 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Box 686, Cokato, MN 55321  
PHONE: 320-286-2427 E-mail: [Cokatomuseum@cmgate.com](mailto:Cokatomuseum@cmgate.com)  
Website: [www.cokato.mn.us/cmhs/index.html](http://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**

(1/04)

Jane Stevenson, County Coordinator  
1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN. 55313-1736  
PHONE: (763) 682-7520 E-Mail: [Jane.Stevenson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto: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. 323 (E-Mail: mbarkleybrown@annandale.k12.mn.us

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

Wendy Seefeldt, Dassel-Cokato - (320) 286-2129 (E-Mail: wseefeldt@mawseco.k12.mn.us

Faith Meyerson, Delano - (763) 972-3365 ext. 5541 (E-Mail: fifiville@msn.com

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

Shirley Olson, Howard Lake, Waverly, Winsted - (320) 543-352 (E-Mail: ILOVEMN@AOL.com

Kim Brown, Maple Lake - (320) 963-7538 (E-Mail: kbrown@maplelake.k12.mn.us

Gloria Colbenson, Monticello - (763) 271-0326 (E-Mail: gloria.colbenson@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

(1/04)

Annandale - 320-274-3058

Buffalo - 763-682-8782

Cokato - 320-286-4120

Delano - 763-972-2440

Howard Lake-320-543-3600/763-658-4633/or  
1-800-450-3407

Maple Lake - 320-963-5991

Monticello - 763-271-0320

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 - CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

(1/04)

Diane Coffield, Director

908 Commercial Drive

Buffalo, MN 55313

763-682-2231

E-Mail: dcoffield@chsm.com

Breanne Borrell, Family Advocate

908 Commercial Drive

Buffalo MN 55313

Ph. 763-682-7410

Long Distance: 1-800-965-1430

E-Mail: bborrell@chsm.com

The Crisis Nursery Program of Wright County is a partnership of the Children's Home Society of Minnesota and the Wright County Human Services Agency. We are committed to helping children thrive and to building and sustaining safe, loving families by providing high quality, community-based crisis nursery and family support services.

Volunteer opportunities exist in providing short term (up to 72 hours) in a licensed shelter home or daycare (up to five days at one time) in a licensed child care home setting for children in need of temporary, safe, and nurturing atmosphere. Volunteers are also needed to help with outreach,

marketing, fundraising and clerical tasks. (A, SC)

**CROSSROADS ANIMAL SHELTER**

(1/04)

Karla Heeter, President

2800 10<sup>th</sup> St SE

P.O. Box 571

Buffalo, MN 55313

763 - 684-1234

Website: [www.crossroadsshelter.org](http://www.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 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**

(9/04)

Gail Sinkel, Coordinator

234 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., P. O. Box 462, Delano, MN 55328

PHONE: 763-972-0574

E-Mail: [senior@delano.mn.us](mailto:senior@delano.mn.us)

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)

**EXPANDED ADVENTURES PROGRAM**

(1/04)

Attention: Leslie Arnold

Cokato Community Education, P.O. Box 1400, Cokato MN 55321

PHONE: 320-286-4120

Adults with expertise in a wide range of areas (i.e. games; reading; hiking; fishing; extreme sports; computer; wood working; cooking; etc.) are needed to lead small youth group activities.

Leaders spend from a few days to several months working with youth interested in expanding their horizons. Activities are extra-curricular type opportunities for youth not interested in other school and community sponsored events.

Activities are held throughout the year in Cokato, Dassel and the surrounding rural areas. (A, SC)

## **FAITH IN ACTION OF WRIGHT COUNTY**

(1/04)

Michelle Loes, Program Director  
Faith in Action of Wright County, P.O. Box 613, Buffalo MN 55313  
PHONE: (763) 234-3586  
E-Mail: [fiawc@hotmail.com](mailto:fiawc@hotmail.com)

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 Michelle Loes at (763) 234-3586. (A, SC)

## **FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM**

(1/04)

Diane Shuck  
P.O. Box 78  
Sunburg, MN 56289  
PHONE: 320-264-5545  
E-Mail: [dshuck@LSSMN.org](mailto:dshuck@LSSMN.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**

(3/04)

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

### **\*ANNANDALE (2-04)**

- 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)
- **Emergency calls only**, 320-274-5745, Renee Logeais, Coordinator.

- Served three to six times a year.
- 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. 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 (2-04)**

- Local Churches coordinate the program. Located in Lakeview Mall, 15 1st Ave S., Buffalo, MN
- Mailing Address: **PO Box 222**, Buffalo, MN.
- Friday 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday & 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.

#### **CLEARWATER (2-04)**

- 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 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00 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.

#### **DELANO (2-04)**

- 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: **216 South 5<sup>th</sup> St.**, Delano, MN 55328
- Volunteers from churches will staff the shelf.
- Call Barb Merriman 763-972-2077, Bess Warne 763-972-3085, Mary Olson 763-479-1718, Helen Gardner 763-972-2831
- People will be serviced once a month.
- Available for all **Delano area** residents in need of emergency food.

#### **\*ELK RIVER (2-04)**

- 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.
- Call 763-441-1020.
- Available to Wright County Residents if they have an **Elk River/Otsego** address and are in need of emergency food.

#### **HANOVER (2-04)**

- 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 on Tuesday, 12 - 2 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's of the month, 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Friday 12:00 - 2:00.
- Call 763-498-7558, or 763-498-8311.
- For afternoon, evening, or weekend access, call 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 (2-04)**

- 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 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., and 6 - 7:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 - 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 763-295-2217. Hours: Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday 1-3 p.m., Saturday 10-12 a.m.
- Clothing available to **anyone** in need-everyone welcome-Cost is \$2.00 a bag or individual prices for larger items.

**\*ROCKFORD** (not a foodshelf) (2-04)

- **Rock Bottom Thrift Store\*** - Located in Rockford Mall. Mailing address: 8900 Walnut St. Rockford, MN 55373. Available to **anyone** in need-everyone welcome. Thrift store has clothing, furniture and other household items.
- Phone: 763-477-5100. Eligible depending on circumstances.
- Hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10 am. - 5 pm.

**\*WAVERLY** (2-04)

- 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 55358.
- 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 p.m.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Elm Ave. Waverly, MN - Call 763-658-4414.  
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

(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.

**FRIEND TO FRIEND MENTORING PROGRAM**

(1/04)

Program Coordinator  
Friend to Friend Mentoring Program  
Box 904, Cokato, MN 55321  
PHONE: 320-212-7901  
E-Mail: [mentorship@ll.net](mailto:mentorship@ll.net)

Friend to Friend serves youth ages 6-14 in the Cokato and Dassel area. Our mentors plan both educational and “fun” activities to do with their youth partner and strive to build character and develop talents.

Volunteer mentors must be able to provide time on a regular basis. We also need more males to serve as role models for youth men. E-mentoring is available for those who travel yet choose to stay in touch with their mentor.

We provide training, orientation and support. “Choose to make a difference for our youth.”  
Become a mentor today!. (A, SC)

**FUNCTIONAL INDUSTRIES INC.**

(1/04)

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763-682-4336, ext. 23  
E-Mail: [cblonigen@functionalindustries.org](mailto:cblonigen@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**

(1/04)

Pam Johnson, Field Manager - (763) 971-4031  
5601 Brooklyn Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55429  
PHONE: 763-535-4602/1-800-548-5250 - Toll Free  
FAX: 763-535-7524  
INTERNET: [pjohnson@GirlScoutsMpls.org](mailto:pjohnson@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**

(1/04)

Warren Myhre, Chairperson  
Wright County Habitat for Humanity/P.O. Box 125, Buffalo MN 55313  
PHONE: 763 682-1500

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)****(1/04)**

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

E-Mail: [cboman@kdllink.net](mailto:cboman@kdllink.net)

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 classroom as an aide or by sharing a special talent with class. Also needed are people willing to accompany children on bus route. Thirteen center locations in Wright and Western Hennepin County. (A, SC)

**HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS****(1/04)**

Please see:

Cokato Historical Society

Minnesota Pioneer Park

Rockford Area Historical Society

Wright County Historical Society

**HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES****(1/04)**

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****(1/04)**Monticello (North Hospice)

Lori Honold, Hospice/Volunteer Coordinator

3300 Oakdale Avenue North, Room 436 Robbinsdale, MN 55422

PHONE: (763) 520-4305

E-Mail: [lori.honold@northmemorial.com](mailto: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 Hospice and Palliative Care)

Maria Attema, Hospice Community Representative

2750 Arthur Street, Roseville MN 55113

PHONE: 651 241-4108

E-Mail: [maria.attema@allina.com](mailto:maria.attema@allina.com)

Website: [www.allina.com/ahs/hchs.nsf/page/volunteering](http://www.allina.com/ahs/hchs.nsf/page/volunteering)

### Hospice Volunteers

Volunteers serve seriously ill patients and families in their area of preference including Wright County and the surrounding area. Activities include, respite, support and companionship with patients and families a few hours a week. Free training is provided for this rewarding and meaningful opportunity. Please call for more information. (A, SC)

## **HOSPITALS**

(1/04)

### BUFFALO HOSPITAL (1/04)

Kris Wurtzberger, Volunteer Services Supervisor - 763-682-7751

303 Catlin Street, Buffalo, MN 55313

E-Mail: [kristine.wurtzberger@allina.com](mailto:kristine.wurtzberger@allina.com)

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 (1/04)

Volunteer Contact Person: Kathy Peterson, 763-263-8162 or Karen at 763-271-2270

1013 Hart Boulevard/Box 480, Monticello, MN 55362

Hospital Auxilians staff the information desk, handle special sewing projects, shop for nursing home residents, play the organ, accordion or piano during meals or sing-alongs, help maintain the plants in the residents' rooms, and help with crafts and games.

The Auxiliary makes special purchases for the District's facilities from the proceeds of their various fund raising activities (Spring Ball and other projects).

The Auxiliary represents the Hospital District through their activities with the Bloodmobile, Home Delivered Meals Program, EXPO, Community Errand Service and Golf Tournament. (A, SC)

## **HOWARD LAKE-WAVERLY-WINSTED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2687**

(1/04)

Pam Henry-Neaton, Volunteer Coordinator

Box 708, Howard Lake, MN 55349

PHONE: 320-543-3600

FAX: 320-543-3590

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)

Luci Chorely, President

Director of Business and Volunteer Operations

Eva Forcier, Volunteer Coordinator

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

PHONE: (763) 682-7061 (Office) & (763) 682-1029 (Shelter)

E-Mail: [HSWCShelter@aol.com](mailto:HSWCShelter@aol.com) (Shelter) or [HSWCeva@aol.com](mailto:HSWCeva@aol.com) (Eva Forcier)

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)

**J.O.Y. CENTER (JOURNEY OF YOUTH)****(1/04)**

228 West Broadway, P.O. Box 485, Monticello MN 55362

(763) 271-8092 (Please leave a message)

Volunteers are needed to help ensure child safety, parenting education and security for families experiencing separation, legal separation, dissolution of marriage, joint custody, foster care children, supervised parenting time, visitation and exchange. Training is provided. Please call to get involved.

**MADD - WRIGHT COUNTY CHAPTER 110****(1/04)**

P.O. Box 362, Buffalo, MN 55313

James Quast, President, (763) 682-1099 or 1-877-DOT-MADD

MADD - State of Minnesota

2429 University Avenue N., St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 523-0802; Toll free: 1-800-GET-MADD; FAX (651) 523-0817

E-Mail: [www.mtn.org/maddmn](http://www.mtn.org/maddmn)

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)

Celeste Dahlstrom, Program Supervisor/Coordinator  
Maple Lake Schools, Box 820, Maple Lake, MN 55358  
PHONE: 320-963-6600; FAX: 320-963-3170  
E-Mail: [cdahlstrom@maplelake.k12.mn.us](mailto:cdahlstrom@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****(1/04)**

**ANNANDALE:** Through Catholic Charities Senior Dining Site at Annandale  
Box K -30 Cedar St. E. Annandale, Mn. 55302  
**PHONE:** (320) 274-3891 (Deb Bohach Co-ordinator)  
Five days per week Weekend meals available- frozen  
Will deliver in Annandale  
Cost: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older) \$5.75 if not a senior

**BUFFALO:** Through Lake Ridge Care Center (formerly Ebenezer Covenant Home)-310 Lake Blvd.  
(55313)  
**PHONE:** (763) 682-1434      **FAX:** 763-682-6419  
Seven days per week  
Will deliver within city limits  
Cost: \$4.25

Frozen meals can be obtain at the Buffalo Dining Site 763-682-6036  
Cost: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older) \$5.75 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  
Deliver hot meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and will bring frozen meals for the rest of the week.  
Will deliver within city limits  
Cost: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older)\$5.75 if not a senior

**COKATO:** Through Cokato Manor Inc. Nursing Home-182 Sunset Ave (55321)

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

Seven days per week

Will deliver within city limits only

Cost: \$3.50

**DELANO:** Through Delano Area Senior Dining-205 Bridge Ave E.

P.O. Box 462-(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: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older) \$5.75 if not a senior

**HANOVER:** Through Russell's - 25 Central Ave E. (55376)

**PHONE:** (763) 497-2314

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

If you would like more information call Barb Olson at 763-498-8801.

Cost: \$3.00

**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 one mile out of town

Cost: \$3.00

**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: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older)\$5.75 if not a senior

**MONTICELLO:** Through Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital Dist.,1013 Hart Blvd. (55362)

**PHONE:** (763) 271-2336      **FAX:** 271-2345 (Pam Loidolt Coordinator)

Five days per week (Monday through Friday)

Will deliver three miles from hospital

Cost: \$4.00

**MONTROSE:** Through Red's Cafe in Montrose-221 Nelson Blvd. P.O.Box 335 (55363)

**PHONE:** (763) 675-3511

Five days per week (Monday through Friday)

Primarily city limits and Waverly city limits

Cost: \$3.50

**OTSEGO :** Through Elk River Senior Dining

**PHONE:** (763) 441-6288

Will deliver if close to Elk River - Weekend meals available- frozen

Cost: \$2.75 if over 60 (\$5.75 if not a senior)

**ROCKFORD:** Through Delano Area Senior Dining Site 205 Bridge Ave E. 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: \$3.00 (if 60 years or older)\$5.75 if not a senior

**ST. MICHAEL-**

**ALBERTVILLE:** Through Russell's - 25 Central Ave E. (55376)

**PHONE:** (763) 497-2314

Five days per week (T, W, Th, F & Sun)

In town only Cost: \$3.00

**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: \$3.50

**MINNESOTA PIONEER PARK**

(1/04)

Terri Ness, Director

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 - 5:00 p.m.

E-Mail: [pioneerp@pioneerpark.org](mailto:pioneerp@pioneerpark.org)

Website: [www.pioneerpark.org](http://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**

(1/04)

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](mailto:pam.loidolt@ci.monticello.mn.us)

Website: [www.ci.monticello.mn.us](http://www.ci.monticello.mn.us)

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**

(1/04)

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  
500 Park Street East, Annandale, MN 55302

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 (formerly Ebenezer Covenant Home) -

Lynn Marquette, Recreation and Volunteer Coordinator  
310 Lake Boulevard, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-1434  
FAX: 763-682-6419

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

Laura Jones, Director Community Outreach  
200 Park Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-1131, ext. 267  
Website: [www.elimcare.org](http://www.elimcare.org)  
E-mail: [ljones@elimcare.org](mailto:ljones@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](http://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)

### DELANO HEALTH CARE CENTER

Karen Koehler, Activity Director

433 County Road 30, Delano, MN 55328  
PHONE: 763-972-2987

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

Susan Breeschoten, Activities Director  
413 13th Avenue/Box CC, Howard Lake, MN 55349  
PHONE: 320-543-3800  
E-Mail: sbreesch@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

Sharon Robideau, Volunteer Services Coordinator  
1104 River Street, Monticello, MN 55362  
PHONE: 763-271-2309

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**

(1/04)

Sandy Nybakken, Coordinator  
301 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-8473/682-8490(Buffalo)  
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**

(1/04)

Contact: Tamara Luhman, Administrative Coordinator  
American Red Cross - Wright County Chapter  
601 Soo Lane  
Buffalo, MN 55313

PHONE: (763) 684-0068

E:MAIL: [arcwright@qwest.net](mailto:arcwright@qwest.net)

website: [www.wrightctyarc.org](http://www.wrightctyarc.org)

The American Red Cross Wright County Chapter has several volunteer opportunities such as: serving as a Disaster Action Team Member; creating comfort kits for victims of fires and other disasters; assisting with fundraising activities, miscellaneous office assistance; local blood drives; Health and Safety instructors; and Armed Forces Emergency Service volunteers. The Chapter is also looking for people with good communication and management skills to serve as Chairpersons or on the Board of Directors. Training provided in all areas.

Group Project: "Comfort Kits" are in zip-lock bags containing which include: combs, wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, razors and shaving cream. These kits are then given to disaster victims. (Y, A, SC)

**RIVERS OF HOPE**

(1/04)

P.O. Box 511, Monticello, MN 55362  
763-295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642  
E-Mail: [RiversofHope@charterinternet.net](mailto:RiversofHope@charterinternet.net)

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 and support group facilitation. Training will be provided. (Y, A, SC)

**ROCKFORD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

(1/04)

Wendy Biorn, Museum Coordinator  
8131 Bridge St., Box 186, Rockford, MN 55373  
PHONE: 763-477-5383  
E-Mail: [rahs@uwinternet.com](mailto:rahs@uwinternet.com)  
Website: [www.cityofrockford.org/storkhouse/index.htm](http://www.cityofrockford.org/storkhouse/index.htm)

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

(1/04)

Linda Antl

c/o Wright County Human Services Agency, 10 2nd St. NW - Room 300; Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-7523/1-800-362-3667, Ext. 7523 E-MAIL: Linda.Antl@co.wright.mn.us

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 once a month 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

(1/04)

Jean Fobbe, Resource Coordinator

Wright County Human Services Agency, 1004 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313-1736  
PHONE: 763-682-7486/1-800-362-3667, ext. 7486 E-MAIL: Jeannie.Fobbe@co.wright.mn.us

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 for 10-20 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

(1/04)

Ginger O'Loughlin

602 4<sup>TH</sup> St. W., Maple Lake MN 55358  
(320) 963-5302 or (320) 963-3170

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

(1/04)

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	Jennifer Spado	206 Central Ave.	763-682-6036	9:00 - 4:00
Cokato	Diana Stalberger	Box 274 Cokato	320-286-2758	10:30 - 1:30
Delano	Gail Sinkel	Delano Sr. Center	763-972-0574	9:00 - 2:30
Maple Lake	LuAnn Grant	555 W. 2nd St.	320-963-5771	8:00 - 1:00
Monticello	Pam Loidolt	Monticello Sr. Ctr.	763-295-2000	9:00 - 1:00

### **SERVICE GROUPS OR ASSOCIATIONS**

(1/04)

Volunteer opportunities are available with many service groups or organizations such as: American Legion, Scouts, 4-H, Lions, VFW, etc. For more information please call Resource Coordinator Jean Fobbe, 763-682-7486/1-800-362-3667, Ext. 7486. E-MAIL: Jeannie.Fobbe@co.wright.mn.us

### **SUNRISE - BUFFALO**

(1/04)

Marlys Northenscold, Activities Director  
201 1st Street NE, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-5489

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)

### **SUNRISE COTTAGES FOR MEMORY LOSS**

(1/04)

Vicki Koscianski  
407 8th Street NW, Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE: 763-682-9366

Sunrise Cottages of Buffalo provides a safe environment for people with memory loss. Our programming is specially designed to involve residents in activities they enjoy and can be

successful at. The staff and residents of the Cottages would appreciate volunteers to share their musical talent with us. We also enjoy one on one visits that include reminiscence. Individuals and groups are invited. (A, SC)

**TAX AIDE VOLUNTEER**

(1/04)

Robert Post, DC, Tax-Aide  
501 Montrose Blvd S., Buffalo MN 55313-1344  
PHONE: 763-682-2756

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**

(1/04)

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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**

(1/04)

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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**

(1/04)

Government Center, Room C107  
10 2nd Street NW, Buffalo, MN 55313-1186  
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E-Mail: [wright@extension.umn.edu](mailto: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).

### **WRIGHT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

(1/04)

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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**

(1/04)

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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**

(1/04)

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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**

(1/04)

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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

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

- ▶ Support Groups in Wright County
- ▶ Volunteer Opportunities in Wright County

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

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(Booklets are located under “Human Services”, “Adult Services”)

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