

A Guide to Volunteering in Jessamine County 2007

Listed here are various service organizations in Jessamine County that have a regular need for volunteers. In addition to their contact information you will find a brief description of the organization and some of the needs volunteers can help with. Those interested should note that each organization sets its own requirements for screening, training, and volunteer service. The contact person should be able to offer you complete details. Also, please note: this list was first compiled and distributed in 2007 and may not contain every opportunity for volunteer service in the county. If you know of an organization that is not included here, but should be, please email Christa Klosterman at cklosterman@alltel.net or call First Church of the Nazarene at 859.887.2494. Now that you know some of our communities needs, go out and find a place to make a difference!

"Only a life lived for others is a life worth while" -*Albert Einstein*

Organization	Contact Information	Description of Organization	Description of Volunteer Possibilities
All God's Children	Beth Kitts (221-3156) Joan Prigge PO Box 932 Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.881.5010 BethKitts@uky.edu joanprigge@aol.com www.allgodschildreninc.org	Provides care and support to young mothers (ages 14-18) and their children and families. Through Christ-centered ministries, offers safe, temporary shelter and programs which address physical, emotional, education and spiritual needs. Offers sufficient support and life skills so that young women can move beyond challenging circumstances to become loving parents and productive citizens.	Food Service, help with special events, Fundraising, Bible Studies, Transportation, Maintenance/Construction, Data entry, Teaching, Landscaping, Babysitting, special skills
Asbury College Equine Program	Harold Rainwater Asbury College Equine Program One Macklem Drive Wilmore, KY 40390 harold.rainwater@asbury.edu	The Equine Program serves Asbury College and the community of Central Kentucky through classes, special needs programs, and camps.	Help with horses, provide service to people needing assistance, provide program support.
Bluegrass Community Action	Carolyn Cobb 200 S. Main Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.885.3512 Carolyn.Cobb@bgcap.org	Helps people come out of poverty and become self sufficient through help with food, medical assistance, and help with housing.	Help in the winter with Christmas program, food baskets, computer work, data entry
Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center	Leeann Hayslett PO Box 194 Nicholasville, KY 40340	Provides 24-hour crisis line, hospital and court advocacy, crisis intervention counseling, long-term therapy, and information and community referral to victims of sexual assault as well as family members and friends.	Offer valuable direct services to those impacted by sexual assault.
Camp Nelson Historical Park/ White House	Alice Hamilton www.campnelson.org 859.881.5716	Civil War Historical site. A major base of operations for the Union Army. The site serves the Commonwealth as an education resource that tells the story of a working quartermaster depot and the efforts of African-Americans to fight for their freedom.	Volunteers would be trained to be docents. Interest in history of the area is a plus, but not needed. Park is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm. Those interested would be required to work a two hour period a week.

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Churches		Many volunteer opportunities are available through our local churches. A list of all Jessamine County Churches can be found each week in the Jessamine Journal.	
Community Service Center of Wilmore-High Bridge	Connie Sunda 335 E. Main Street PO Box 52 Wilmore, KY 40390 859.858.2819 Csunda1@windstream.net	Non-profit organization offering help with basic needs to members of the community when resources are available. Includes a thrift store.	Working in thrift store, organizing food pantry, delivering meals, helping those with odd household jobs, providing help with transportation, other options as needs arise.
Grace Happens, Inc.	Mary Henderson, Director PO Box 733 Nicholasville, KY 40340 859.433.8112 gracehappens4u@gmail.com	Nonprofit, faith-based recovery home for women with addictions.	Group facilitators, supervisors, "odd job" specialists, clerical, fundraising, grounds keeping.
Habitat for Humanity	Brad Allred 317 N. Main Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.881.1906 859.881.0045(ReStore) habitatinfo@windstream.net	A local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Housing organization. Partners with people to build and renovate decent, affordable housing which are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest.	Help with home builds (at least one a year) and home repair. Constant volunteer opportunities on the ReStore Staff include pick-up crews, customer service, stocking, pricing, and displaying merchandise. For the ReStore, contact Ron Bishoff 859.881.0045.
Hospice of the Bluegrass, Jessamine County	Turner West 109 Shannon Parkway Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.887.2696 859.855.1474 (fax) TWest@hospicebg.org www.hospicebg.org	Provides interdisciplinary health and support services for terminally ill patients of all ages in their home or a long-term care facility.	Work with patients providing emotional support and practical assistance to patient/family. Work with Hospice staff providing administrative/clerical assistance, computer work, filing and answering phones. Work with Daniel's Care for pediatric patients and their families.
Jessamine County Adult Education	Joann Caras 501 E. Maple St Nicholasville, KY 40356 887.9052 Joann.caras@jessamine.kyschools.us Jessamine.k12.ky.us (Click on Schools then Adult Education)	To assist adult residents of Jessamine County in acquiring essential, academic, and life skills through learner centered services that promote personal independence, economic stability and individual quality of life.	Help students acquire GED (reading, writing, math, social studies, and science); teaching people to read.

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Jessamine County Environmental Services	Johnetta Ogden (881-4465) c/o Jessamine County Fiscal Court 101 North Main Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.885.4500 www.jessamineco.com		Help keep county roads clean and beautiful by “adopting a road” and picking up litter. Bags will be provided and county employees will be responsible for retrieving all bags when complete.
Jessamine County Food Pantry	Megan Bales c/o Nicholasville Christian Church 104 S. 2 nd Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.885.4679 Pooh41589@yahoo.com	Serves nearly 300 Jessamine County families with a box of food items each month.	Help is needed the second and third week of the month to unload food items, make boxes, fill boxes, check in clients and deliver food to cars.
Jessamine County Homemakers	Marissa Avil Jessamine County Family and Consumer Science Agent 205 S. First Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.885.4811	Open to all people, providing educational opportunities and volunteer service in the community.	Volunteer for community projects each year and work with schools, local government, and churches.
Jessamine County Schools	Teresa Walters, District Volunteer Contact 871 Wilmore Road Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.885.4179 x126 www.jessamine.k12.ky.us Teresa.walters@jessamine.kyschools.us (At the school level, contact the Family Resource/Youth Service Center Director)	Serves more than 7,000 students in preschool through 12 th grade in 5 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools, the Jessamine Early Learning Village, Providence School, and the Jessamine Career and Technology Center. Mission is to challenge every student, every day, to think, learn and perform at high levels.	In the Classroom: assist teachers with activities, school events, and special projects; help absent students make up work; read to or with a student; tutor; assist with health issues and drug/alcohol/tobacco awareness; share about your career; help with clerical duties in the classroom. In the Community: Chaperone field trips or school dances; plant a school vegetable or flower garden; mentor; help with fundraising; serve as assistant coach for school sports; donate skills in instructional or presentation setting; join PTO/PTA, Boosters, Club Sponsors; serve on school committees. Many additional opportunities.

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Jessamine County Senior Citizens Center	Amanda Johnson, Director 111 Hoover Drive Nicholasville, KY 40356 (behind Warner Elementary on Maple St.) 859.885.9102 amandajohnson@bgcap.org	Provides a variety of services for seniors age 60 and over. Goal is to enhance the quality of life of seniors by providing services that promote healthy aging and independent living.	Help with the distribution of food commodities and delivery of meals to homebound seniors.
Thomson Hood Veterans Center	Tammy Barker, Volunteer Coordinator 100 Veterans Drive Wilmore, KY 40390 859.858.2814 Tammy.Barker@ky.gov	Long term care facility for veterans in Kentucky. Provide top notch nursing home facilities for Kentucky's 367,000 eligible veterans to maintain a standard of excellence in the provision of long term care for Kentucky Veterans. Serving those who have served the Commonwealth and our great nation.	Work in gift shop, provide activities for residents (games, crafts, library), help escort veterans to medical appointments, one on one visitation, teen volunteer program.
Wesley Village	Alan Beuscher, VP for New Initiatives 1125 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390 abeuscher@wvillage.org	A senior living community in which close to 150 residents live in independent patio homes through skilled nursing care apartments	Our mission is to help residents "celebrate Life in Christian Love," so volunteer help always appreciated in a wide variety of activities from working in a resident's vegetable garden to becoming a companion for someone who needs memory care.
YMCA	Suzan Johnson, Volunteer Contact 220 East Maple St Nicholasville, KY 40356 859.885.5013 x100 sjohnson@ymcaofcentralky.org	The YMCA is devoted to building strong kids, strong families and a strong community by providing programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.	Coaching sports (t-ball, soccer, basketball, gymnastics, coach pitch baseball, flag football), teach swim lessons, refereeing, reading books to children, helping with homework, teaching arts and crafts, teaching a foreign language, mentoring, cleaning up building and grounds