

Approved Volunteer Organizations

This list is meant to assist students seeking volunteer opportunities, but does not include all non-profit agencies in the area.

Brighter Tomorrows

<http://www.brightertomorrows.net/volunteer/index.php>

Brighter Tomorrows is one of the largest domestic violence agencies in Dallas County. It has always relied on dedicated and hard-working volunteers to help operate the shelter and assist with programs. All volunteers participate in an 8 hr. volunteer orientation. Some positions may require additional training. Orientations and trainings are scheduled year round. Contact the office at 972-263-3126 to learn more.

Captain Hope's Kids

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

Captain Hope's Kids has one goal in mind, to help those who cannot help themselves, children. Through the collection of donations, supplies and fundraisers, we intend to give homeless children their best chance at living a normal life.

Christian Community Action (CCA)

www.ccahelps.org

CCA is an organization that ministers to the poor by providing comprehensive services that alleviate suffering, bring hope, and change lives.

Attend a Volunteer Training event to learn more about opportunities and sign up for volunteering. Training occurs on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month. RSVP's can be made utilizing the contacts noted below.

To learn about specific volunteer opportunities, please contact

- Volunteer Coordinator 972-219-4307 or e-mail volunteer2@ccahelps.org
- Manager of Volunteer Relations, 972-219-4341 or e-mail volunteer@ccahelps.org

City of Coppell Senior Center

Seniors need help with anything "tech" related, i.e., saving and retrieving contacts on cell phones, sending text messages, working on the computer, the internet, and email, and learning how to use Wii video games.

To learn about specific volunteer opportunities, please contact Ester Moreno, City of Coppell Senior/ Community Center Manager, at 972-462-9596 or emoreno@ci.coppell.tx.us.

City of Coppell Community Programs

www.coppellcommunitygarden.org

- **Youth Action** (Teens at the Coppell Community Garden) Show up on Saturday mornings from 8-10am at the Ground Delivery Garden by the Post Office on Denton Tap. Wear old shoes, and bring gloves and a drink.

- **Coppell Community Garden projects:** individuals or groups of less than ten help with service learning projects.
- **Coppell Nature Park** <http://www.coppellnaturepark.org/index.html>
 - Workdays are announced by Friends of the CNP. For more information on the Friends of the Coppell Nature Park , contact Lou Duggan (louduggan@yahoo.com)
 - Denton Creek Clean-up (a big project for over 60 volunteers on a Saturday morning)
- **Adopt a Location-Litter clean-up** (Campus or parks). Volunteer must be 15 years old for street clean ups with adult supervision.
- **Recycling on School campuses** - Check with your school or develop your plan (the City of Coppell Community Programs Department has example recycling plans for you to use to get started).
- Promotion of recycling at the ball fields or special events

Please contact Amanda Vanhoozier, City of Coppell Community Programs Supervisor, avanhooz@ci.coppell.tx.us or call 972-462-5191 or e-mail kcb@ci.coppell.tx.us for more information.

City of Coppell, Parks and Recreation

Amanda Vanhoozier, Community Programs Supervisor, founder of the Coppell Community Gardens and who works with Keep Coppell Beautiful and Recycling, is the contact for volunteer opportunities with Parks and Recreation. Volunteer opportunities include helping with annual events including the Oaktober Fest in October, Halloween Scare Fair in October, Family Fish event in March, Easter Egg Hunt in April and the Earthfest in April. Please contact Amanda Vanhoozier, avanhooz@ci.coppell.tx.us or call 972-462-5191 or e-mail kcb@ci.coppell.tx.us for more information.

City of Dallas, People Helping People

Yard cleanup for elderly and disabled homeowners. Projects are tailored to the number of volunteers. Projects scheduled 4-6 weeks in advance so need to get an idea of the number of participants and what month to schedule it and then contact Sheila below.

Contact Sheila Wilson at Sheila.wilson@dallascityhall.com or call 214-957-6215.

Coppell Library

Summer Reading Club runs from June 17th-August 5th. Teen volunteers sign up for a single 2 hour shift per week, for a minimum of 3 weeks.

Coppell's Relay for Life®

www.relayforlifecoppell.com

Relay For Life®, the American Cancer Society's signature event, is a fun-filled overnight experience designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer. At Relay, people from within the community gather to celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and to fight back against this disease. Relay participants help raise money and awareness to support the American Cancer Society in its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue.

The 2009 Relay for Life will be held on April 25, 2009.

If you would like to be the student volunteer coordinator for NTH@C, please contact Mike Dunn. For all volunteer opportunities, please contact Mike Dunn at mike@teamdunn.com

Family Gateway Shelter – Dallas

<http://www.familygateway.org>

Family Gateway provides comprehensive services to families in crisis: counseling, transitional housing, job search and placement assistance, and community transition services. The program offers training and counseling which are intended to restore dignity, stability and self-sufficiency to the family unit. All programs and environments are designed to create an atmosphere of emotional, social and economic empowerment.

There are many volunteer opportunities at Family Gateway to fit your interests and talents! The following are some of the ways our volunteers have helped us in the past:

- Create a fun arts & crafts activity, help school-aged children with homework, or read a story
- Provide parties and entertainment for holidays, special events, etc.
- Help prepare and/or serve meals to families.
- Sponsor donation drives at school.
- Organize a fundraising event such as a bake sale, community garage sale or auction.
- Help with the collection and organization of holiday gifts for families.
- Sort donations & greet customers at Family Treasures Resale Shop

For more information about volunteering at Family Gateway, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 214.741.6515, ext. 207 or email volunteercoordinator@familygateway.org

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

www.lls.org/ntx/volunteer

One person can make a difference! YOU can be that person! Volunteers play a key role in helping to propel the Society in its relentless quest for a CURE. We value our volunteers and couldn't do much without them! We invite you to join us!

The North Texas chapter has a variety of volunteer opportunities, from helping out at the Society office with administrative tasks, to lending a hand at special events. To view upcoming events: www.lls.org/ntx/volunteer or contact Leah Wetzi at 972-354-8308

For more information on upcoming Team In Training volunteer work, contact: Charlyn Maloy/TNT Alumni at charmalo@yahoo.com or 214-773-4748.

Metrocrest Social Services

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

The mission of *Metrocrest Social Services* is to provide short-term, emergency services to improve life situations of residents in Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Addison, Coppell and ZIP Code 75287 in Denton County.

On Wednesdays, a volunteer shift of 2 to 3 people is needed from 5 to 7pm. To volunteer, contact *Dana Wilson, Director of Special Programs & Volunteers*, at 972-446-2100, ext. 19) to sign up on a first-come basis. Many volunteers are needed during set-up for Thanksgiving and Christmas (groups of no more than 10-15 students); holiday sign-up will begin in mid-September.

Operation Kindness

<http://www.operationkindness.org>

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the oldest and largest no-kill shelter in North Texas. We have saved more than 45,000 animals since our inception. We care for an average of 150-200 animals on a day-to-day basis, with another 60-80 animals in foster homes. More than 2,500 dogs and cats are adopted from Operation Kindness each year.

Operation Kindness has requirements by the age of the volunteer and other guidelines to become a volunteer. Please refer to this Web page:

<http://www.operationkindness.org/involved/index.php>

for specific information on how to become a volunteer so you can help the animals and have fun!

Special Olympics

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

Volunteer with CISD classmates who are participating in the Special Olympics. Sports include bocce, soccer, track & field, bowling and more. You can volunteer to help at weekly training sessions and at the actual Special Olympics events which are held throughout the school year.

All volunteers must complete a *Class A Volunteer Application* for the safety of the athletes; the form is available on the Web site. For more information on Coppell ISD's role in the Special Olympics and to volunteer, please contact: Angela Campbell at 214-496-6956 or acampbell@coppellisd.com.

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital – Dallas

<http://www.tsrhc.org>

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia.

Texas Scottish Rite's *Child Life Program* allows groups to come in three times a day, one hour at a time, to perform for some of our patients or do an arts and crafts activity. The times are 10:30, 2:30, and 6:30 Monday-Thursday and 10:30 and 2:30 on Friday and Saturday. Groups of no more than 15 people at a time are preferred so that there are not more volunteers than patients. Activities are booked at least 2 weeks in advance and no more than 3 months out.

For more information, please contact Kate Bailey via e-mail Kate.Bailey@tsrh.org, or at 214-559-8523.

Town Center Elementary - Coppell

Mentoring opportunities are available during Wednesday mornings. Volunteers will assist children with pre-planned activities. If you are interested, please contact Kim Wootton at New Tech High@Coppell.

Vista Ridge Rehab Facility

Please contact Lakisha Watson at 972-906-9789 or lwatson@rehabprotherapy.com for volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Center of North Texas

<http://www.volunteernorthtexas.org/volunteercenter>

The Volunteer Center of North Texas is an organization that helps people help others in North Texas. The Center's volunteer opportunities include schools, health and human service agencies, arts and cultural institutions, faith-based organizations, and any Tax-Supported Entities or Organizations with a 501(c)3 Status.

Please refer to the Volunteer Center's list of many approved agencies:

<http://www.volunteernorthtexas.org/VolunteerCenter/Volunteers/Links+To+Agencies.htm>

YMCA – Coppell

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Halloween party on October 23rd from 2-9 pm; help is needed to set up the party, work the bounce house, games, etc.
- Book fair being held the 1st 2 weeks in December; help straighten the books, be the cashier, etc.
- Cleaning the equipment. You can wear ipods while working.
- Club Y (elementary aged children) during the day on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday from 3:30-6:30pm, and Saturday 9am -1pm. Also Childwatch (younger children) Monday-Fridays from 3:30-6:00pm, and Saturday 9am-1pm. Contact: Rhyann Jennings - rhyannj.coppell@ymcadallas.org

For more information and to volunteer, contact Tia Dalley at the YMCA: 972-393-5121.