

Current Volunteer Opportunities-Seminole Must be 55 or older to volunteer

Virtual Opportunities

* **Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation**- they are not taking patient care volunteers at this time, but they are accepting card cards for people going through cancer treatment. The cards are for adults and if you make any we ask that you make some for veterans and if you speak Spanish then that would be great too. All of these will stay in Seminole County.

* **Take Stock in Children.** Become a Mentor to Seminole County Public Schools high school students. For the Spring semester the mentoring will be virtually for 30minutes on zoom. Required to meet weekly. Signing mentors up for Fall now!

* **Adult Literacy League**-Everything from their orientation and tutoring is on Zoom. You can teach someone to speak English!

* **AdventHealth**- there are many opportunities here. There is digital postcards that will go to Active Military, Health Care workers and First Responders (nothing needed but a computer), No Sew fleece blankets and pillows (that will stay in Seminole County) and sewing fleece gloves, scarves, gaiters and bandanas for active military.

* **StoryCorps**-This opportunity is for Story Tellers (about Vietnam War, Civil Rights Movement, if volunteer gave or received plasma for Covid treatment) and Interviewers that are provided with questions to guide the audio conversation. Currently looking for Interviewers for one of our other programs (FGP) for stories on the Civil Right Movement.

***Transcriptionist:** This volunteer opportunity will listen to the above stories and transcribe them for us. Format will be provided.

****Starting in October****

* **Habitat for Humanity:** The Focus Mentor, as a member of the Financial Focus program, is committed to providing support and resources to those in the preparation process of their homebuyer journey. The Focus Mentor's essential role is to assist participants of the Financial Focus Program by empowering and guiding them to complete their Focus Goals. The Focus Mentor relates to them holistically, respecting the values and individuality of each participant.

Financial Focus Program:

A 7-week financial education course and 6-month mentor program. It is designed to provide financial guidance to help individuals and families qualify for homeownership. Classes will take place on Thursday evenings.

Training: Each Focus Mentor will attend a training session on how to work with people in poverty, how to create SMART Goals, and the Habitat program requirements.

In Person Volunteer Opportunities **(all require masks and may have other precautions in place)**

* **Christian Sharing Center (Longwood)** have many opportunities from the distribution center (need quite a bit of help there), food pantry, thrift store and the OASIS (place where homeless can get a shower and clean clothes. Need volunteers to wash clothes and clean the showers). Saturday hours available for the Thrift Store and Distribution Center.

* **Habitat for Humanity in Seminole and Apopka.** Accepting builders at this time. No volunteers needed for the restore.

* **ChristianHELP (Casselberry).** They have a food pantry, job fairs (every other month) as well as office assistance to help people who are getting food. Spanish helpful, but not required.

* **Veteran's Treatment Court-Sanford. (Veteran's Only)** as you will be a battle buddy (mentor for a Veteran going through Veterans court). The Mentors keep in touch with Mentees while going through this special court session. They do not provide legal advice, counseling or money, just someone to talk to who has "been there". Court is 2 a month on Thursdays and is meeting again. **Background check and fingerprints required**

* **Picnic Project (Sanford) at the First United Methodist Church** (you do not have to be part of the church or Methodist). This is the pantry where my office is. They pack food on Thursdays and then pass out on Friday and Sunday.

****Starting in May****

* **Rusty's Bicycle Recycle (Longwood)-** this organization picks up and restores bicycles to disburse to the community. You will become a mechanic apprentice and or help pick up and drop off bicycles. They have a truck and trailer, so you do not have to use your own vehicle. Volunteers will resume in May and they request all volunteers been fully vaccinated.

****Starting in person in the Fall****

* **Seminole County Public Schools-**There are three opportunities for schools in Seminole County: Idyllwilde (Sanford), Pine Crest (Sanford), Sand Lake (Altamonte Springs).

One opportunity is Reading Accelerated Program (RAP) and that is helping first graders catch up on their reading (30 minutes per student).

Mentoring is another opportunity. For this you will be paired with a student in elementary school and meet with them at lunch. You will work on academic achievement and future goals. You may also be asked to talk about tardiness.

Last is helping out in the classroom. Sometimes students need a little extra help and the teacher cannot provide due to lack of time or too many students.

****SCPS require training and background check with fingerprints to work in the schools****