



AmeriCorps Seniors

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

Virtual Opportunities

* **Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation**-Completing care cards for people going through cancer treatments. The cards are for adults. Some can be for veterans and if you speak Spanish then that would be great too. You can volunteer anywhere in the US and we will send the blank cards to you and pay to send them back to me. All of these will stay in Seminole County.

* **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) and No Sew fleece blankets and pillows (that will stay in Seminole County). We will mail the fleece to you and pay you to send it back. A pattern is provided.

* **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. Also you can live anywhere in the country-just need a computer with a microphone.

***Transcriptionist**: This volunteer opportunity will listen to the above stories and transcribe them for us. Format will be provided, and volunteer can live anywhere in the country.

In Person Volunteer Opportunities

* **Take Stock in Children**. Become a Mentor to Seminole County Public Schools high school students. For the 2021-2022 school year the mentoring will be virtually for 30minutes on zoom. Required to meet weekly unless school is out. Signing mentors up for 2021-2022 now!

***Must live in Seminole County**.

* **Florida Cancer Specialists**. Become a Patient Support Volunteer. Provide patients with blankets, juice, and magazines while they are getting their treatment. Also, assist the nurses in assembling needed supplies so they can just take them to the patients. This requires

orientation, shadowing and at least 6 months of volunteer time. Currently looking for volunteers in Lake Mary clinic.

* **Advent Health Hospital-Altamonte Springs.** There are many opportunities such as Nursing Unit Assistant, Transportation (taking discharged patients to their car by wheelchair, Guest Services (front desk, main lobby, surgical unit) and many more. This will require background check and online orientation.

* **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, clean clothes, and a meal. 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 currently. No volunteers needed for the restore.

* **ChristianHELP (Casselberry).** They have a food pantry and job fairs (every other month). Contact me for more information.

* **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 2X a month on Thursdays and is meeting again. ****Background check and fingerprints required****

* **Adult Literacy League.** You can teach someone to speak English! This opportunity can be zoom or face to face depending on what the tutor and student decide ***Must live in Seminole County.**

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

*** Seminole County Public Schools-There are opportunities for elementary schools in Seminole County:**

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

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

Last is helping in the classroom. Sometimes students need a little extra assistance, and this opportunity helps the teacher to make sure all students are getting what they need.

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

For more information please contact Nicole Preston at npreston@vcifl.org or 407-625-6010.