

volunteer opportunities

Headline.....

Protecting our Shoreline

While we are at no immediate risk of tar balls or an oil slick showing up on our shores, Sarasota County continues preparations to respond to oil product and injured wildlife if the time comes.

The county is currently developing a list of volunteers that will be at the ready if oil begins to appear on our beaches. The volunteers will be asked to monitor an area of beach should the oil reach our shores but will not be cleaning up oil or handling wildlife.

Interested volunteers should contact Keri Nelson at kfnelson@scgov.net, write "Oil Response Volunteer" in the subject line, and include full contact information.

Save Our Seabirds (SOS) is a not for profit rescue, rehabilitation facility dedicated to the release of wild birds and the education of visitors to the facility. SOS is also the state of Florida's only oiled wildlife mobile response unit. This unit is fit to go anywhere needed in the case of an oiled wildlife event.

If you'd like to help by donating you can do so at their website. Note the list of day-to-day items needed on the organizational wish list or to help with oiled wildlife specific supplies you can check out that link on the home page as well.

Lastly if you would like to volunteer to help at the sanctuary, call them to talk with a volunteer coordinator.

> Save Our Seabirds
1708 Ken Thompson Pkwy, Sarasota
941-388-3010
www.saveourseabirds.org

You may also contact the Friendship Volunteer Center of Sarasota to volunteer with the Save our Seabirds organization: 953-5965.

For more information about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, visit scgov.net or call 861-5000.

Give a Little Bit of Your Time and Make a BIG Difference in Someone's Life...

Drivers Needed

Whether it's giving a ride to the beauty shop, to pick up a much-needed prescription or the week's groceries, to attend a class or see a show, or to be on time for a doctor's appointment; it feels great to be able to give back. For those who have a little extra time, this is an efficient, caring, and fun way to help someone in our own community. Become an ITNSarasota volunteer driver and make THE difference in the life of another.

Flexible, personalized scheduling allows you to give as much or as little of your time as you can. Experience the joy of positively contributing to the lives of others.

For information on becoming a volunteer driver, contact ben.petro@itnsarasota.org or call 941-364-7530.

Adult Ed needs you

Sarasota's ACEC Program needs volunteers. ACEC stands for Adult & Community Education Center. Have you ever thought of being a Classroom Aide? How about helping with: Marketing? Art Projects? Office Support? Teaching? They have something for everyone...

Frequently Asked Questions about ACEC:

Q. Is the Adult & Community Education Center a division of the public school district?

A. Yes, we are a division of the County School District, specializing in adult enrichment and community education.

Q. What kind of Volunteer Opportunities are available at ACEC?

A. They have volunteer positions in these categories:

- Classroom Aide (Technology, Art, Language)
- General Office Support
- Registration Assistant
- Fundraising
- Virtual Volunteer
- Website Design
- Brochures/Flyers
- E-Newsletters
- Artistic/Creative Projects

Q. What are the benefits/rewards of volunteering with ACEC?

A. Volunteering with ACEC is a great way to gain experience and networking opportunities in the field of education and to build/add to your resume.

Q. What is the application process like?

A. The application process takes about a week to complete. They require potential volunteers to fill out an application with basic contact information, interests, and availability. This can be filled out online or picked up at their office (1086 S. Shade Ave).

After receiving your application, they'll set up an interview to help them place you in a position suitable to your time and talents. They also require a background check, which is mandatory for anyone volunteering with the School System.

If you'd like more info on ACEC's volunteer program, fill out the "Contact Us" form on their website and their Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch. You may also fill out an "Application Form" on the site and they'll contact you for an interview. Visit www.acec-sarasota.com.

A Library wants to Book some Volunteers

Alice Jones is the new North Sarasota Library Volunteer Coordinator. She is recruiting volunteers to be part of the library volunteer team. If you have time to volunteer, contact her at 861-1360. Find volunteer forms at www.sunecat.co.sarasota.fl.us/Volunteers/Volunteers.aspx.

Help the Girls in Green

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. is seeking volunteers to help complete short 20-minute phone interviews of applicants who want to become volunteers for the organization. Phone interviews can be made any time and place that is convenient for the interviewer. Some training is required and will be provided by the organization.

It is preferred that the potential volunteer interviewer have a background in either human resources, social work, education, child and family services, or law enforcement. For more information, contact Amanda Jacob, director of volunteer management, at 239-561-1800, ext. 406 or at amandaj@gsgcf.org.



Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA and serves over 11,200 girls in ten counties including: Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, and Collier. For information about the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, visit www.gsgcf.org.

Furry Friends need Volunteers

Honor Sanctuary Animal Rescue (HSAR) rescues, cares for and adopts cats and dogs, puppies and kittens throughout Manatee and Sarasota counties.

They're in need of many volunteers for projects such as:

■ Nate's Place – Dog and Cat Adoption Center, 8435 Cooper Creek Blvd. needs Greeters, Adoption Counselors, Kitty Kuddlers, Puppy Squad, Cleaning and Feeding Crew, Data Entry for electronic medical records, and VetTechs.

■ The Dog Ranch, 5401 Lorraine Road, Bradenton needs Cleaning Crew, Feeding Crew and Dog Park Rangers...for the many dogs there.

■ The Paws Attic Thrift Shoppe, 3518 53rd Ave. West, Bradenton needs store personnel.

If you can help at any of these locations, contact Cam McCarthy, Volunteer Coordinator, email: cam_mccarthy@tampabay.rr.com or call 941-302-0933.

Honor Sanctuary Animal Rescue, 8435 Cooper Creek Blvd., Sarasota. Please visit our website: www.HonorSanctuary.org.

RSVP Manatee County

The mission of RSVP is to engage individuals age 55 and older to utilize their skills and lifetime experience through volunteer service in Manatee County.

To ask about any of these volunteer positions, contact Matt at RSVP by calling 941-751-6430 or by emailing mkeegan@friendshipcenters.org.



RSVP Volunteer Opportunities:

■ Doggie Foster Home – Volunteers needed to foster dogs in their homes or donate funds for those who can.

■ Website Design – The position will focus on Internet web design, development and start up. The web will have basic info already to "paste" onto the web page. The layout is the key item as well as additional pages which will need layout design. The volunteer needs to be computer/www/Internet tech/web layout knowledgeable. Work from home with personal computer. Flexible schedule.

■ Mentoring – There are currently 32 boys ages 6-18 ready to be matched with a mentor. There are many options available to mentors, such as the Bigs-in-School Program where the volunteer/mentor meets with the student in school for one hour per week, or the traditional Community-Based Program where the volunteer/mentor meets with the child outside of school.

■ RSVP Office Opportunities: Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and is located at 10311 Malachite Drive, Lakewood Ranch.

■ Resource Developer – Marketing or fundraising experience, able to talk to business and major donors to develop partnerships. Fundraising event planning, willing to meet periodically at council meetings every other month or on an as-needed basis.

■ Recruiter/Community Events Volunteer – Help RSVP recruit new volunteers by attending social clubs and organizational meetings, community events and any other places that may be suitable to recruit and encouraging people to volunteer through RSVP. Training provided.

To inquire, ask questions or if you would like to be involved with RSVP but don't see a job that fits, call 941-751-6430 or email at mkeegan@friendshipcenters.org and ask for Matt. ☺