

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



Connecting compassion with needs; inspiring growth with dignity.



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COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

Go to our website to fill out the volunteer form!

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Reasons to Volunteer

1. Be of service to your community
2. Learn or increase a new skill
3. Gain personal rewards and sense of achievement
4. Meet a diverse range of people
5. Enhance Career Opportunities
6. Develop Leadership skills



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"Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak and the wrong. Sometime in your life you will have been all of these."

- Dr. Robert H. Goddard

The Broome County Council of Churches wants our volunteers to use their expertise and interests to serve those in need.

Some programs will require:

Orientation

Training

Background checks

The Broome County Council of Churches is a vital part of our surrounding community. We would like you to help us help others.

The Broome County Council of Churches provides services for the sick and injured, the elderly, youth, prisoners, the poor, hungry and homeless.

Hospital Ministry Program

A Hospital Ministry Volunteer would offer emotional and/or spiritual support for patients and their families. The pastoral volunteer needs to be adept in interpersonal listening skills to be open to the diversity of faiths and to be sensitive to the necessity for confidentiality.

The Hospital Ministry does have stricter requirements. You will need the following before becoming a volunteer for this program:

- At least two references
- 50 hours per year minimum commitment
- vehicle registration
- an interview
- a no-cost initial health assessment after the interview which includes a drug test

"Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark"...Tagore

Faith In Action Volunteers

Faith in Action Volunteers serves over 400 registered clients with 300 active, trained volunteer caregivers. Here are some of the Volunteer Opportunities:

Caregivers assist their clients with transportation, grocery shopping, respite care and visits.

Drivers are needed to transport clients to medical appointments, grocery stores, and other shopping. Mini-bus drivers also needed.

Healthier Lifestyle Mentoring project assists clients with learning to live healthier by menu planning, healthy food choices and exercise.

Senior Living Ministry serves nine local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Clergy and lay ministers facilitate worship services at these homes.

The "Ramp It Up" Wheel Chair Ramp Building Program is being scheduled again for the summer of 2010. Your youth group (ages 13 and over) can be a part of this opportunity to work together to serve others, learn skills, have fun and meet new people.

Attendance at a 90-minute orientation is required for *Faith in Action* Volunteers.

Jail Ministry Program

The Jail Ministry team is comprised of two full-time staff persons and nearly 100 volunteers who minister to the needs of those who are incarcerated or recently released, and their families.

Program volunteers will require a Jail ID and Security Clearance. Some volunteer opportunities:

Worship services, Bible study and support groups inside the facility.

Family Literacy Program: assists inmates as they read children's books to their family which are recorded and then mailed to the children.

One-on-one visitation: to help inmates discover the tools necessary to facilitate change.

Parenting classes: to help inmates learn tools to help them become more effective parents.

Reentry Program: individuals, local agencies & congregations to partner to provide opportunities to aid in life skills, recovery and intervention for those recently released, as well as their families.

Christmas Project: help to sort, wrap and deliver gifts to inmate's children as well as sort and wrap gifts for the inmates themselves.

CHOW Program

The CHOW (Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse) Program offers food assistance to individuals and families in Broome County. Here are some of the Volunteer Opportunities:

Office: Assist in the referral office answering phones. Need to be available on a regular basis.

Warehouse: Sort food, restock shelves, take inventory, clean coolers, and assist drivers in delivering and picking up food.

Drivers: Drive CHOW and Broome Bounty trucks, pick up and deliver food and accurately record what is picked up and delivered. Valid Driving License required.

CHOW Farm: Clearing land in Conklin. Plowing and planting in the spring and fall, maintenance of crops throughout the growing season, and harvesting of crops in Conklin & Endwell.

CHOW Promotions: Assist in various food drives and CHOW promotions. Most promotions are generally one day and involve simple tasks.

The Council is always looking for volunteers who can do administrative work.