

Volunteer opportunities



Join us in Doing the **Most Good** for the **Most People** in the **Most Need!**

The rewards of volunteering can be immense for both you as the volunteer and for those on the receiving end. Your kind-hearted donation of time and talents can produce amazing results and change lives.

We encourage individuals and groups of all ages to join in the spirit of giving through volunteering.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

- Mon – Fri between 9am-4pm: Reception Desk - Greet guests, answer phones, give out information on programs/resources available
- Mon – Fri between 9am-4pm: Food Pantry Sorting/Stocking - Sort and organize food, re-stock shelves
- Mon. Wed. and Fri 9am – 2:30pm: Community Noon Meal - Assist with meal prep, wash dishes, general clean up, greet guests, provide background music
- Mon. Wed. and Fri 10am – 2:00pm: Community Food Shelf Sorting/Stocking - Sort/organize food and stock shelves
- **Note: Many other regular volunteer opportunities are listed on our website as well.*

Holiday and Christmas Volunteer Opportunities



Bell Ringing begins November 10 thru December 23 - Join us in making a joyful noise and raise funds for local programs. [Click here for locations.](#)

Wednesday, November 15, 1:30 - 4 pm: Assist with packing of Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thursday, November 16, 9:30 - 5:30pm: Assist with distribution of Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Tuesday, November 21 - Assist with preparation for Thanksgiving Community Meal and Decorations

Wednesday, November 22 - Assist in making Thanksgiving Community Meal a memorable meal for our guests (many different opportunities for individuals, groups and families).

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 7, 9 – 4pm: Assist in sorting and distribution of winter coats and accessories to those in need.

Monday, December 11, 10 - 7pm: Assist in set up and organization of Christmas Toy Shop and Christmas Food Basket Distribution

Tuesday, December 12, 9 - 5pm: Assist in set up and organization of Christmas Toy Shop and Christmas Food Basket Distribution

December continued

Thursday, December 14, 8 - 6pm: Assist with distribution of Toys, Gifts and Food Baskets (many different tasks)

Friday, December 15, 8 - 5pm: Assist with distribution of Toys, Gifts and Food Baskets and Tear down

Friday, December 22, Lunch time meal: Assist in making Christmas Community Meal a celebration for our guests (many different opportunities for individuals, groups and families)

Sunday, December 31, 8:30 – 10:30pm and 10:30 – 12:30: Assist in collecting cash (entrance fee) donations and ring in the New Year during the Traverse City Cherry-T Ball Drop.

Additional ways to help spread the joy of the season:

- Host a counter Red Kettle at your business – you set the dates and length of time (We provide the Red Kettle, locks and securing hardware – base is 6 inches round)
- Team Kettle Ringers – get your team and their families to ring together (Set up a friendly rivalry with a division/department or rival)
- Sponsor a Red Kettle (match donations at a location during a set time)
- Sell Paper Red Kettles for \$1.00 at your business/group
- Roll-up sales at the cash register (dates and times specified by you)
- Host an Online Red Kettle (business or personal)
- Become a [Teen Angel](#) or [Christmas Wish Maker](#) (Adopt a Teen or collect items from our Wish List)
- Sponsor a Thanksgiving or Christmas basket with all the fixings for a struggling family
- Host a Red Kettle Christmas Party (home/group or business)
- Host a Christmas Gift/Coat or Winter Accessory collection

The only limitation to ideas is your imaginations. We would love to work with you on your ideas.

For more information on Other Ways to Help contact: [Ruth Blick](#) at 231.946.4644 ext. 314.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer contact: [Mary Vollink](#) at 231.946.4644 ext. 308.