On Going Volunteer Opportunities

Mobile Canteen
We need your hands and your hearts. If your church, business, or other organization can commit one day a month, you can help us in winning the fight against hunger. We provide the vehicle, the food and locations to serve the hungry, all we need is your support.

Days & Times: Lunch servings 11a-1p, Dinner servings 5-7p
Qualifications: Must have food handler’s card. Volunteers 16 & over.
Number of Volunteers needed: 3-5 per outing

Soup Kitchen Serving & Clean-Up
We need volunteers to assist serving dinner in our Soup Kitchen Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. All volunteers who assist in the kitchen must have their food handler’s card. Those who do not have their card can assist in cleaning up around the kitchen during and after the meal.

Days: Dinner – Monday-Saturday, Breakfast – Sunday-Friday
Time: Dinner – 4:30-6:00p, Breakfast – 7:30-9:00a
Qualifications: Someone who can commit to a regular basis is preferred. No one under the age of 16, but those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Must possess food handler’s card to work in the kitchen.

Number of volunteers needed: 4 per shift is optimal

Food Pantry Assistance
Assist in sorting and packaging donations from Food Lion and Panera to distribute through our Pantry.

Dates: Monday-Friday
Time: Monday 9:00a-12:00p (Food Lion & Panera)
       Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:30a-12:00p (Food Lion only)
       Thursday 10a-11a (Food Lion & Panera)
Qualifications: Volunteers high school and older. Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Number of volunteers needed: 1-2

H.O.P.E. Village – House Cleaning
We are looking for volunteers to be on call to help us clean and prepare housing units for a new families. Usually would receive about a week’s notice.

Date: On going, would need to be on call
Time: 9a-3p (flexible within these hours)
Qualifications: Youth volunteers are welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

Number of volunteers needed: 4-5
Kroc Center: Homework Help
Assist elementary school students with their homework as part of structured after-school program.

**Days:** Monday-Friday  
**Time:** 3:00-4:30p  
**Qualifications:** 16 & up only. Volunteers between the ages of 16 & 17 must have signed consent from their parent to volunteer unsupervised. All volunteers must undergo a background check and take Safe from Harm training before volunteering. Must be able to commit to 3 months.  
**Number of volunteers needed:** 3-6 per evening

Kroc Center: Teen/Tween Room Assistant
Work with staff member to supervise overall activities and behavior of teens who utilize the teen space. Play video games, board games and participate in general fellowship with teenage visitors to the center. Assist with homework if teens request help.

**Teen:**  
**Days:** Monday-Friday 3:00-4:30p, Saturday & Sunday 2:00-6:00p  
**Hours will vary seasonally.**  
**Qualifications:** 18 & over. All volunteers must undergo a background check and take Safe from Harm training before volunteering. Must be able to commit to 3 months.  
**Number of volunteers needed:** 1 per shift

**Tween:**  
**Days:** Monday-Friday 4:45-8:15p, Saturday 9:00a-1:00p  
**Hours will vary seasonally.**  
**Qualifications:** 16 & up only. Volunteers between the ages of 16 & 17 must have signed consent from their parent to volunteer unsupervised. All volunteers must undergo a background check and take Safe from Harm training before volunteering. Must be able to commit to 3 months.  
**Number of volunteers needed:** 1 per shift

Non-Specific Opportunities

**Administration:** Provide assistance including coordination and production of bulk mailings, answering telephones and data entry.

**Building & Grounds Maintenance:** Volunteers are needed to complete yard work, painting, plumbing, electrical work and other handy-man tasks.

**Emergency Disaster Services:** We are in the beginning stages of training for teams of volunteers to assist us in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Food service, canteen workers, and skilled labor teams are just a few of the volunteer corps we are looking to build.
Seasonal Opportunities

**Kettle Krush 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run**
The Kettle Krush is our annual 5k fundraiser to support the Red Kettle Program – because “need knows no season”. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, course set up, course monitoring, as well as, breaking down the event.
**Day:** Annually on a Saturday in early spring
**Qualifications:** Minimum age is 16 for volunteering unless they are with a parent. Then 12 or 13 is the minimum and they need to remain with a parent at all times.
**Number of volunteers needed:** 125

**Write Stuff Campaign**
Volunteers are needed throughout the month of August to help pick up, sort and distribute donations of school supplies. Backpacks are distributed the last full week of the month.
**Day:** Throughout August
**Qualifications:** Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
**Number of volunteers needed:** Sorting/Packing – 12 per day, Distribution – 30 per day

**Angel Tree Intake**
We are looking for individuals to help us at our Christmas sign up events to help screen and assign appointments at our Christmas depot in mid-December. Volunteers are needed to help sign up families for the Angel Tree program. Volunteers will verify client personal information and assist them in filling out the appropriate form to sign up their families.
**Days:** Ongoing August through December
**Qualifications:** 18 & over only for registration, a limited number of youth can assist as “runners” of information but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
**Number of Volunteers Needed:** 8-12 per sign-up event

**Thanksgiving**
Here at The Salvation Army we take our Thanksgiving mission on the road. We will be preparing and packing food boxes and taking them into the community. We are looking for volunteers to help pack the food boxes and use their vehicles to take them to the locations we are serving at. Locations will include low income housing, veterans, disability and senior living facilities.
**Days:** Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving morning
**Qualifications:** This is a family friendly volunteer event, however, it is recommended that volunteers be 6 or older. All children and youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
**Number of Volunteers Needed:** Wednesday – 75, Thanksgiving Day – 150
Red Kettle Ringing
The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign enables The Salvation Army to provide food, toys and clothing to thousands of people during the Christmas season in Hampton Roads and helps Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.

Days: Volunteers are needed daily at a variety of locations throughout Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. Beginning the first Saturday of November, shifts are available Monday – Saturday. Minimum of 4 hours per shift.

Stockings
Volunteer groups needed to fill over 10,000 Christmas stockings for children ages 6 – 11. Stockings can be picked up starting in October.

Angel Tree
You can choose to be a public Angel Tree partner or a Private Angel Tree partner. As a Public Angel Tree Partner you agree to set up a Christmas tree in your public business establishment and display the Angels for employees and/or the general public to adopt. As a Private Angel Tree Partner you agree to set up a Christmas tree in your private office and display Angels for employees to adopt.

Christmas Depot
This is our biggest volunteer need of the year! Assist in distributing clothes, toys and food to families in Hampton Roads just in time for Christmas.

Angel Tree Volunteers are needed daily the Monday after Thanksgiving to sort donations as they come in to our warehouse. 10 max per day, 18 & up only, prefer volunteers who can commit to the full season.

Warehouse Set-Up: The first 2 Saturdays of December help set-up the warehouse, pack food bags and sort donations. 75 volunteer max, Ages 10 & up, youth must be supervised at all times.

Distribution: 300 volunteers are needed each day for the week to distribute gifts to thousands of families. Ages 18 & up only.