

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## **After School Program - Atonement Lutheran**

Contact: Atonement Lutheran 343-3155

Volunteers are needed to help with this after school program in North Rapid. You will serve meals, help with homework, play games, and mentor students. This volunteer opportunity begins in October every Tuesday and Friday 3:00 - 6:30 PM.

## **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Black Hills**

Contact: Joie Harding 343-1488 [www.bigmentors.com](http://www.bigmentors.com)

Would you like to take part in a magical relationship? A relationship where transformations can take place before your very eyes? You could be an adult friend who brings a little sunshine into a child's life...sharing little moments and experiences opening up a whole new world to them. To become a volunteer you must go through a screening process which includes: an interview, providing 3 references, proof of driver's license and auto insurance, and being able to commit at least one hour per week during the school year.

## **Black Hills Children's Home**

Contact: Jennifer Eaton or Darla Crown 343-2811

Volunteers can work with children in a supportive mentoring role. An application and background check is required.

## **Rapid City Regional Hospital**

Contact: Volunteer Services at 719-8980 [www.rcrh.org](http://www.rcrh.org)

Ask for a 3 month commitment, usually ask for three references. Volunteers may staff the admissions desk or deliver flowers and other items to patient rooms. Administrative tasks are also available to volunteers.

## **Black Hills Special Services Cooperative**

Contact: Renee Peterson 394-5120

This program has two choices for volunteers. Tutors are needed in an Adult Education (GED Preparation) setting as well as tutors for an after school program for high school students (The Learning Zone). Volunteers should be patient and like people.

## **Black Hills Workshop**

Contact: Michelle Aman 718-6286

The goal of this program is to match people with disabilities with volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include: recreational activities, sports volunteers for the Special Olympics, art and music activities and helping with residential parties, holiday events, etc. Evening and daytime volunteer opportunities are available.

## **Campus Kids**

Contact: Joie Harding 343-1488

Campus Kids is a program of Big Brothers/Big Sisters in which children are mentored on the SDSM&T campus. Beginning in October, children waiting for a Big Brother or Sister are transported to SDSM&T for a meal, homework help, and games on Tuesday nights. One Tuesday a month will be off-site.

## **The Rapid City Club for Boys**

Contact: Mark Cline 343-3500 [www.theclubforboys.com](http://www.theclubforboys.com)

This program needs positive role models (Male and Female) to spend one on one time with boys ages 6 to 17 at our Club. Volunteers are needed for the following jobs, Fun Club supervisor, Hobby Club advisor, mentors, tutors, Shop and Arts and Crafts assistant as well as coaches, referees, score keepers for leagues (football and basketball), game room contest assistant, dart league coordinator, pool league coordinator. If you know how to be a friend then you can do this! Volunteers must fill out an application, have a background check (both forms are available from your Praxis coordinator) and commit to at least 1 hour per week.

### **Corner Stone Rescue Mission**

Contact: Jack Knodell 341-2741

Volunteers would perform reception, kitchen, and computer duties as well as serving food, sorting donations and maintenance work. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

### **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)**

Contact: Chad Catron 394-2203

CASA refers to a Court Appointed Special Advocate - a trained community volunteer appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court. Volunteers work alongside attorneys and social workers as appointed officers of the court. When a CASA volunteer is appointed by a judge, he or she investigates the case by reviewing records and talking with anyone who has information about the child-parents, teachers, neighbors, doctors, school officials, and most important, the child. Volunteers work about **10 to 15 hours a month**. Volunteers can help a child understand the confusing court process, present that child's needs to the judge, and provide continuity for that child whose future is being determined by the court. They also need someone to help with computers. Special Requirements include: Complete interview and background checks, attending **30 hours of training**.

### **English as a Second Language Tutoring**

Contact: Heather Fanin 348-7696

Work with international students, one on one, to help them with their English. You will also be a good resource and friend.

### **First United Methodist Church**

Contact: Lori Miklos 342-4498

Volunteer to help with the kids program on Wednesday nights, and also to help serve a weekly meal.

### **Girls Incorporated**

Contact: Shelly Slack 341-5010

Girls Incorporated is an affiliate of a national network of over 130 organizations, which provide comprehensive programming intended to build girls' capacity for responsible and confident adulthood, economic independence and personal fulfillment. Volunteer opportunities: after school program - working with girls in arts and crafts, computers, science, homework, sports, drug prevention. Special skills of volunteers can be utilized for programming, such as instruction in a special topic or activity, presentation, etc. You must have the desire to work with girls and want to be a positive female role model.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Contact: Heidi or Denise 348-9196 [www.blackhillshabitat.org](http://www.blackhillshabitat.org) (Check website first)

Volunteers needed for hands on construction, materials organization, landscaping, etc. depending on the state of building in progress. There are also administrative opportunities, committee work, and

various office organizational assignments available. Need enthusiasm and a desire to help people have a home of their own.

### **Head Start-Youth and Family Services**

Contact: Amy Wilman 342-4233

Volunteer opportunities: working with 3-5 year old children in classrooms during the hours of 8-4 on M-F. You will do hands on activities with children. Volunteers are asked to sign a confidentiality agreement and to understand the importance of not sharing information about families outside Head Start. Must be good with small children and have a good sense of humor. Volunteers will be asked to go through an orientation program.

### **Hospice of the Hills**

Contact: Donna at 719-7728 or Barb at 719-7729

Volunteers will work with hospice patients and their families. Volunteers must complete an 8-week training and must complete a criminal background check. Office volunteers are also needed and may not be required to complete the entire training.

### **Humane Society of the Black Hills**

Contact: Stephanie Hilt 394-4170

A community based volunteer program--some of the opportunities include educating the public about better pet responsibility, assisting elderly people in caring for their pets, helping out on special events or direct animal contact such as walking dogs, grooming and bathing. Training is provided!

Volunteers must be dependable, 18 years old and committed to our mission. Also must understand that animals are put to sleep at this shelter.

### **KSLT/KLMP/The Point Radio**

Contact: Angie Foster-Hintz 342-6822

Volunteers are needed at a non-profit radio station to help with administrative duties and answering phones, especially during a yearly fundraising event. You also get the opportunity to see how a radio station is operated!

### **M.E.A.L.S. Program**

Contact: Marcia Mayer 394-6002 ext. 15

The M.E.A.L.S. Program provides hot, nutritious noon meals to senior citizens who are homebound and unable to prepare a meal for themselves. Their program currently serves about 170 homebound seniors in Rapid City. Volunteers may select one day a week (or more), twice a month, or even once a month. Delivering takes 1-2 hours. Routes go out at 10:30am and drivers need a license and proof of insurance. Answering phones, typing and filing also needed.

### **Pennington County Jail**

Contact: Officer Munsch 394-6116

Volunteer opportunities include: conducting discussion groups, showing educational films involving drug and alcohol abuse, conducting physical exercise programs, organizing games (chess and cards) and tournaments. Recreational library volunteers are also needed to exchange books and staff the book carts. A volunteer must complete a criminal history check, sign a confidentiality agreement and be 21 years old.

### **SHARE South Dakota**

Contact: 391-4324

SHARE stands for Self-Help and Resource Exchange and is designed to encourage people to learn what you already know--Volunteers breathe life into communities. Participants pay \$16 and volunteer

two hours of their time for each "SHARE" package of food (worth \$30). Volunteer possibilities: Organizing distribution day volunteers, help in the warehouse on distribution day, bagging produce, volunteering at host sites with registration or distribution and community outreach.

### **SunCatchers Therapeutic Riding Academy**

Contact: [www.suncatchertra.org](http://www.suncatchertra.org)

The SunCatchers Therapeutic Riding Academy has been in operation for eight years and offers sessions to over 100 participants. The organization is in need of volunteers to help during riding sessions to do everything from being a side walker, leading the horses, and grooming and prep. You don't have to be a horseman (or woman!), but might be interested in horses, in helping the disabled, or just being involved in a community project.

### **Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center**

Contact: Lt. Pam Chapman 394-2639 [www.penningtoncountysheriff.com](http://www.penningtoncountysheriff.com)

The JSC is a multi-county, coed detention facility for juveniles ranging in age from 10 to 20 years old. Our primary purpose is to safely and securely provide care and custody for those juveniles placed here by the courts. Volunteers will interact directly with detained juveniles in regular scheduled activities. Volunteer opportunities: Foster Friend, Leisure Time Sport, Library Aid/Reader, Classroom Aid and Tutor. All volunteers will need to be outgoing, have adequate communication skills, be a positive role model and have a desire to interact with adolescent youth. Special Requirements: Must complete criminal records check, sign a confidentiality agreement and be 18 years of age. There is also a 3hr orientation required.

### **Wilson Elementary School**

Contact: Kathy Conlon 394-1837

Wilson has a very diverse mix of children who thrive on the mentorship of Praxis volunteers. Opportunities vary from helping children with specific skills to aiding the teacher with paperwork. Volunteers may also assist the teacher with special science experiments and other enrichment activities. We are looking for people who enjoy working with children and who would like to share their special interests and talents with us.

### **Working Against Violence, Inc.**

Contact: Becky Meyers, Volunteer Coordinator 341-3292

WAVI counts on the support of volunteers to carry out the mission of assisting, sheltering and supporting victims. WAVI provides a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault, three support groups, court advocacy, information and volunteer training plus a 24 hour crisis line. Volunteer opportunities: Crisis Line, Shelter advocates, childcare volunteers, donation assistants, office assistance, receptionist. Volunteers must be dependable, good listeners, good communicators and be committed to the mission of the organization. Training will be provided.

### **YMCA**

Contact: Twila Schmitt 718-9622

Volunteer opportunities include: recreation activities, front desk, youth center, drop off nursery and the weight room. You may also help with outreach, youth sports, adult sports, active older adults or aquatics. You must be able to pass a background investigation. A YMCA membership is included with a 5 hour/week commitment.