

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

C (Central), MB (Miami Beach), ND (North Dade), SD (South Dade)

Youth, Teens and Young Adults

BUDDY UP

Be a Big Brother/Big Sister to a child with a serious illness or their sibling, provide respite care, deliver meals, babysitting and many other volunteer opportunities thru Chai Lifeline. TLC required. Call Ellen Weiss 305-956-9990.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE J

Tutor after school, be a docent at the children's museum, help with preschool, be a story reader and more at the Alper JCC. (SD) Call 305-271-9000 x233.

ADVISORS WANTED

Become a youth advisor with B'nai Brith Youth Organizations and make a difference in the lives of teenagers. Must be 21 years old. Must be willing to make ongoing commitment. (SD) Call Ben Rancman 305-596-7005.

YACHAD

This national Jewish council for disabilities provides social, recreational, and educational programs for developmentally challenged young adults. Meets monthly on Sundays. (MB) Call Tzippi Rosen 561-364-1416.

TEACHER AIDE

Assist students with remedial reading and math at Beth Jacob High School for girls. (ND) Call Sarah Gross 305- 957-1670.

HOWDY PARTNER

The Association for Special Jewish Education is looking for people interested in becoming a buddy to a young adult with developmental disabilities living in a residential home. Call Charlotte Kleinman 305-279-8150.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Huggers, and more for a variety of events organized by Special Olympics. Call 305-935-4733.

KIDDY CARE

The Michael-Ann Russell JCC infant daycare center needs volunteers to assist teachers. Must love babies and young children. (ND) Call 305-932-4200.

ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL JEWISH EDUCATION

Helpers need for holiday celebrations, special events, artist to help student with crafts, B'nai Mitzvahs, meetings and more for young adults with developmental disabilities. Call Charlotte Kleinman at 305-305-279-8150.

SPECIAL KIDS

Volunteer to work with learning disabled children in the Keshet program. Both in and out of the classroom, support work for teachers, office work or with the children of the program. (ND) Call Eileen Ginzburg at 305-792-7060.

FOR KIDS ONLY

Storytellers, tutors, reading buddies, after school clubs, special events, homework helpers and more. Hebrew Academy (MB) Call Ami Eskanos at 305-532-6421 x105.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS

Be a classroom assistant for preschool and Kindergarten children at Toras Emes day school. (ND) Call Naomi Bloom at 305-947-4007.

SPECIAL MENSCHEN

Volunteers needed for Jewish students with emotional and behavioral problems. Tutor, assist teachers, be a reading buddy, help with sports activities, lead prayers, and more at Neytz haChochma. (ND) Call Dr. Dolly Aizenman at 305-945-7443.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Be a friend to special needs children and their families. Visit, play games, share holiday celebrations, attend special events together and more. (SD) Call Nehama Harlig at 305-270-9400.

Seniors

TWO'S COMPANY

Be a friendly visitor and reach out to an elderly person in need of a companion. Screening required, training provided. Call Barbara Davis at 786-866-2206.

THERAPUTIC RECREATION ASSISTANT

Bingo, dominoes, knitting, discussion groups arts & crafts, play the piano and/or teach ceramic at the Miami Jewish Health Systems. Bilingual Spanish /English helpful. (C) Call Susan Willenborg at 305-751-8626.

KIBBITZ & RIDE

Use your driving skills to help frail elderly get to various places. Must have own car, insurance and excellent driving record. Call Barbara Davis at 786-866-2206.

ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT

Assist the Activities Director with her daily activities and those of the residents for senior living facility. Tasks are diverse and challenging, yet rewarding. Requires patience, kindness, acceptance and willingness to work with seniors. Knowledge of computer a plus. (ND) Contact Nadine Silverman by email at ns1153@aol.com.

ACTIVITIES & MORE

Assist patients and other residents with arts & crafts activities at a residential adult facility. Maria Merchadies at Parke Plaza (ND) Call 305-949-2626.

LET'S PARTY

Opportunities available to entertain and share your musical or acting talents with residents at Federation Gardens. Anytime OK but especially for holidays and parties (SD) Call Ilana Weinberg at 305-279-1708.

SOUTH BEACH HAPPENINGS

Volunteers needed at the MB Senior Center to assist in a variety of ways with programs for the elderly. (MB) Call Joyce Kagan at 305-673-6060.

HONORING OUR ELDERLY

Help with numerous activities and visit with the elderly residents at Hebrew Home for Aged. Flexible. (MB) 305-672-6464 or (ND) Call 305-947-3445.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Drivers needed to deliver food packages to homebound elderly thru Jewish Community Services. (MB/ND) Call Ellie Shapiro at 305-899-8301.

MORE THAN JUST A CHAT

Friendly visitors, entertainers, clowns, pets & their owners, participate & organize activities and more for elderly residents at Miami Jewish Health Systems. (C) Call Susan Willenborg at 305-751-8626.

WHAT'S TO EAT

Help serve meals to seniors at one of the various congregate Jewish Community Services meal sites. (MB/ND/SD) Call Ellie Shapiro at 305-899-1587.

TEACHER POWER

Do you have a special talent you can share with others? Teach a class or lead a discussion group with seniors. (MB) Call Joyce Kagan at 305-673-6060 or Stella Davidovic at 305-531-2722.

FUN & GAMES

Socialize with seniors at the Gelber adult daycare facility by playing games, helping with projects, arts & crafts, singing, etc. (SD) Call Rachel Menton at 305-270-2979.

TRADITION

Wheel Jewish residents and help celebrate Shabbat at Villa Maria nursing home. (ND) Friday mornings for 2 hours. Call Father Trevor Smith at 305-891-8850-x5233.

ACTIVITIES GALORE

Help with numerous recreational activities at Hampton Court nursing facility. Yiddish, Russian and Spanish also helpful. (ND) Call Mary Gross at 305-354-8800.

RIGHTFULLY SO

Volunteers needed to assist Holocaust survivors fill out reparations forms and provide information. (ND) Call 305-933-9820.

SENIORS GALORE

Participate in numerous activities with the elderly at Palm Garden nursing and rehab center. ND Call 305-935-4827.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Join other volunteers as a group to read, sing, or just visit with residents at the Miami Jewish Health Systems. Meets the first Thursday of every month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. (C) Call Susan Willenborg at 305-751-8626.

PUBLIX, WINN DIXIE OR...

Why not pick up groceries for someone homebound while you shop for yourself? (ND/MB) Call Ellie Shapiro at 305-899-8301.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Sing, dance, play the piano and more during lunch at a congregate meal site. (ND/MB) Call Ellie Shapiro at 305-899-8301.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE

From the comfort of your own home call homebound elderly who need a friendly voice thru Jewish Community Services. Call Barbara Davis at 786-866-2206.

SO MUCH TO DO

Assist with numerous special events and activities (current events, word games trivia, and more) at The Palace at Kendall Nursing Home. (SD) Call Debbie Horvitz at 305-271-2225.

COMPUTER MAVENS

Help residents of Federation Housing learn basic computer skills, explore the web, learn e-mail and develop confidence. (MB) Call Stella Davidovic at 305-531-2722 or (SD) Irene Medovoy at 305-274-3574.

GOOD SHABBOS

Parke Plaza retirement facility needs a volunteer to lead Saturday class/service for large number of Jewish residents either in the morning or afternoon. (ND) Call Laterra at 305-949-2626.

RUSSIAN TEA ROOM

Russian speaking volunteers needed to interact and visit with patients of the Hebrew Home North (ND) Call Saymore Lark at 305-917-1800.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT

Miss your grandparents? Share special events and holidays, make friendly visits, play games, tell stories, send cards and more with residents at the Miami Jewish Health Systems. (C) Call Susan Willenborg at 305-751-8626.

OMBUDSMAN

Advocates for the elderly to investigate complaints of resident care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities and to inspect such facilities. Training provided. (ND) Call Ramon Keppis 786-336-1418; (SD) Call Debbi Sokolow or Sara Celis at 888-831-0404 or 305-663-2085.

STAYING BUSY

Assist with activities for the elderly at Miami Gardens Care Center. (ND) Call the Activities Director at 305-651-9690.

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP

Federation Towers needs volunteers to do some shopping of elderly residents. Must have own transportation. (MB) Call Stella Davidovic at 305-531-2722.

ADMIRING OUR ELDERS

Visit & participate in activities with residents of Sinai Plaza. (ND) Call Diane Bader at 305-981-1804 or email dbader@hebrewhomes.org.

Community

MIAMI JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Various volunteer positions needed to help with for the annual film festival Jan 24-Feb. 1, 2009. Contact Ellen Wedner film festival director to get more details on how you can get involved. Call 305-573-6477 or e-mail miamijewishff@hotmail.com.

JVERT

Be part of the Jewish Volunteer Emergency Response Team and be prepared to respond and assist in the event of an emergency or disaster. Call Lori Drutz, JVC Director, at 305-576-4000 x414.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Volunteer at a critical time in someone's life by providing emotional support or respite to the family. Douglas Gardens Hospice. (C) Call Mary Kenerk at 305-762-3883.

IN THEIR MEMORY

Guides and docents needed to educate visitors at the Holocaust Memorial (MB). Call Sharon Horowitz at 305-538-1663.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Get involved in creating the local chapter and plan programs and events. Call Conrad Koller at 954-457-9766.

REACH OUT

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation seeks volunteers willing to make a commitment to help meet the needs & safeguard the freedom of all Jewish people. There are a variety of committees, special events, & leadership trainings to meet your interests. Call the Jewish Volunteer Center at 305-576-4000 x414.

FAMILIES OF GAY HELPLINE

Respond to calls and provide information and referral services. Training provided, ongoing commitment required. Call David Saltman at Jewish Community Services 305-899-1587

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

Volunteer to work and live in Israel on an army base or hospital. Must be 18 years old or older and willing to make a 3 week commitment. Call Volunteers For Israel at 212-643-4848; 1-800-2ISRAEL or e-mail vol4israel@aol.com.

CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS

Preserve, educate, document and research the stories of the Holocaust. Opportunities include interviewing survivors, proofreading testimonials, translating, auditing/editing tapes, participating in student awareness days, and much more. Training provided. (ND) Call Meryl Safirsten at 954-929-5690 or e-mail info@hdec.org

POLITICAL JUNKIES

Learn what's going on and advocate on behalf of important issues that impact the Jewish community with the American Jewish Committee. (SD) Call Adele Mann at 305-670-1121.

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

Choose from over 80 different areas at Mt. Sinai Hospital to give your time. Visit hospital patients to provide some cheering up or help rehab. patients with an arts & crafts project (MB) Call Edie Shapiro at 305-674-2121.

MUSEUM FRIENDS

Be a docent, take oral histories, help research and prepare exhibits and so much more Jewish Museum of Florida. Training provided. (MB) Call Joanne Arnowitz at 305-672-5044.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Feed the homeless the 1st & 4th Mondays of every month with members of Temple Israel. Call Karen Raley at 305-573-5900. Or, team up with Temple Beth Sholom on the 3rd Monday of each month. Call Dr. Sol Lichter 305- 538-7231.

L'CHAIM

The Jewish Hospice a service of Catholic Hospice is looking for volunteers to assist with patient care, bereavement, camp hope for children, fundraising or administration. Various locations, must attend training session and make a one year commitment. Call Theresa Barbieri at 305-822-2380 x220.

KIBBUTZNIKS

Express your love for Israel, learn new skills and experience the chance of a lifetime as a volunteer on a kibbutz. May require physically demanding work. Must make 2 month commitment and be 18 or over. Call Kibbutz Program Center Call 1-800-247-7852 or e-mail at kibbutzdsk@aol.com.

SAY WHAT

Interpreters needed for Red Cross during a disaster. Call Jerry Lipson at 305-644-1200 x281.

GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer in one of 18 countries. No prior experience necessary. Call 1-800-487-1074 or visit www.globalvolunteers.org.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you are interested in reaching out to the non-Jewish community for the holiday season, call Neighbors 4 Neighbors at 305-597-4404 or visit the spirit of the season guide at www.HandsonMiami.org.

TAKE UP A COLLECTION

Lead and/or participate in organizing a drive to collect needed items in the community. As needed. Call Lori Drutz at 305-576-4000.

Behind the scenes

FILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP

Work in a bustling office to update files and enter information into the computer system at Federation. (C) Call Carole Fink at 305-576-4000 x 428.

ALEPH

Reach out to families of Jewish inmates and military personnel , advocate for religious freedom, statistical analysis, write articles and more. Flexible. (MB) Call Rabbi Aaron Lipskar at 305-864-5553.

GO STUFF IT

Hadassah needs help with mailings, phone calls and more - as needed basis. Must be flexible. (C) Call Lori Heiken at 305-576-4447.

ISRAEL IN MIAMI

The Israel Aliyah Center needs an enthusiastic volunteer to help in their office with clerical tasks, phones, copies, etc. (C) Call Nehama at 305-573-2556.

CARING AMBASSADOR

Help the nurses on the units at the Miami Jewish Home & Hospital by assisting with phone calls and greeting visitors on the floor. (C) Call Susan Willenborg at 305-751-8626.

GET THE WORD OUT

Help out in the public relations dept. of Jewish Community Services with graphic arts, marketing and writing projects. (ND) Call 305-899-1587.

RING UP THE SALES

Be a top notch sales person at the Miami Jewish Home & Hospital gift shop. (C) Susan Willenborg 305-751-8626

VIRTUAL GARAGE SALE

Coordinate sales of items online to benefit Jewish Community Services. Call 305-899-1587.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Greater Miami Hillel UM Campus needs volunteers for general office work and data entry, mailings, calls and more. (SD) Call 305-665-6948.

GET FIT TOO

The fitness dept. of the Michael-Ann Russell JCC needs help with general office work. (ND) Call 305-932-4200 x168.

NUMBERS PEOPLE

Be a part of the accounting team at Michael-Ann Russell JCC. (ND) Call Gary Bomzer at 305-932-4200.

COMPUTER SAVVY

Chai Lifeline needs volunteer to help with data entry and other office work. (ND) Call Ellen Weiss at 305-956-9990.

RECEPTIONIST

Handle a four line phone at the Miami Beach Senior Center. (MB) Call Joyce Kagan at 305-673-6060.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Office assistants needed at the Solomon Schechter Day School. (ND) Call Laurie Farber at 305-932-2829.

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT

Help with secretarial duties, phone calls, copying, and more at Jewish Community Services Dadeland office. (SD) Call Linda Weissman at 305-670-1911.

MORE OFFICE HELPERS

Volunteer to help with phones, make files, computer skills helpful and more at Jewish Community Services. (ND) Call 305-933-9820.

BUSY OFFICE

Filing, stuffing envelopes, data entry, and more needed at The Shul. (MB) Call 305-868-1411 x7313.

TYPIST & MORE

Typist, filing, mailings and more needed at the Holocaust Documentation & Education Center.(ND) Call Meryl Safirstein at 954-929-5690.

CLERICAL & MORE

Help with filing, telephone calls, mailings, etc. or with special events at the Alper JCC. (SD) Call 305-271-9000.

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