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A Step Ahead Foundation

"Volunteer opportunities include baking cookies for our clinics during the holiday season, preparing hygiene bags, accompanying staff to community outreach events including health fairs, Partners in Prevention trainings, etc. We also welcome donations at all times of hygiene products, travel-sized toiletries, and other personal care items such as nail products, lip balm and deodorant."

Boys & Girls Clubs

Our Clubs are open Monday-Friday from 2-8 p.m. We are always looking for caring adults and groups to provide mentoring, tutoring, coaching, snack/meal preparation, vocational training, fundraising support, donor thank you's, and instruction in special subjects such as robotics or crafts.

Church Health

Current volunteer opportunities are listed at churchhealth.org/volunteer. Idlewild members can organize a "Mission Day" at Church Health. We invite your members to choose a day to bring a group of volunteers or a Sunday School class to tour Church Health and then assist in projects ranging from preparing items for a community cooking class, preparing mailings, assisting nutrition services, and a variety of special events. During November and December, Idlewild members are invited to participate in our Christmas card project. Volunteers can also assist in our Child Life activities at The Well.

Community Alliance for the Homeless

Volunteers are always needed for our county-wide events including the Point in Time Count/Project Homeless Connect (January) and Symposium on Ending Homelessness (August) or to pack backpacks with donated supplies. We are always accepting donations of snacks, hygiene items, bottled water or juice boxes, backpacks, wipes, socks, hats, gloves, etc. These backpacks are given out by local outreach workers to individuals that are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. We are also accepting hot/cold meals to distribute to individuals and families staying in emergency shelter or outside.

Community Legal Center

The CLC continues to need volunteer attorneys to handle civil matters such as uncontested divorces, consumer issues, conservatorships, and landlord-tenant disputes. We also routinely need volunteer attorneys to take on full immigration cases or serve as a Guardian ad Litem in Probate Court for an immigrant child. If bilingual, Idlewild members can support the CLC by providing translation or interpretation services to attorneys working with Spanish-speaking clients. Additionally, we always need volunteers to assist with various administrative and fundraising tasks.



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Door of Hope

Door of Hope has been the benefactor for the Wine on the River Festival for the last two years and counting. We could utilize volunteer support for this event.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen and its associated ministries can always use volunteer help on Sundays and, of course, sandwiches! Our Clothes Closet is in constant need of the materials necessary for hygiene kits (disposable razors, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc), especially travel-sized unisex deodorant, and men's pants.

Friends for All

There are many volunteer opportunities for members of the church to participate in the food pantry, congregate meal program and at fundraising events.

Hope House

Idlewild Presbyterian Church members can get involved with us by volunteering and hosting donation drives. Our volunteer opportunities include reading to our children, rocking babies in our infant room, organizing donations, making food bags for our food pantry, and doing yard work. We are also always looking for people to host donation drives for food, hygiene and cleaning products.

HopeWorks

We have an ongoing need for mentors and faith encouragers.

Hospitality Hub

We would love to have more volunteers! Visit hospitalityhub.org/volunteer.

JIFF

We need continued prayer from your congregation for the challenges we face in working with these young people and our organization can always benefit from additional donations because we cannot do this work without the needed funding. More importantly, we need individuals willing to invest their time in these young people in our Live Life Together program. Volunteers are asked to commit one year, spending a minimum of 4 hours per month in our one-to-one matches. Mentor training is provided by the Grizzlies Foundation. Most of our community volunteers start in the more relaxed group setting until they have had time to get acclimated to the young people they serve. Once they build rapport with a young person in the group they move forward with a one-to-one match. Lastly, we are always looking for individuals who want to volunteer as guest speakers who specialize in certain fields/industries to create opportunities for exposures for our youth.



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Memphis Area Legal Services

Volunteer with the MALS/Idlewild Midtown Legal Clinic!

Memphis Child Advocacy

Idlewild members can help the Memphis CAC in many ways, including in-kind donations. Our needs fluctuate in terms of supplies and services needed by the center at any given point in time. We have a wish list, updated frequently, that can be found at www.MemphisCAC.org/wishlist-bear-donations. We also accept donations of new teddy bears for the children we serve. The Memphis CAC also has a group of in-kind donors called The Padrinos (padrino means Godparent in Spanish). These donors have agreed to be contacted when we have a family facing a special crisis. We reach out with the family's needs and Padrinos members respond by purchasing items for the family. We also use volunteers for special projects and fundraisers. For more information about volunteering, joining the Padrinos, or in-kind giving, contact Kate Hackett at (901) 888-4359 or khackett@MemphisCAC.org.

Memphis Teacher Residency

Other needs that Idlewild members could assist MTR with include the following: adopt an MTR teacher's classroom; volunteer at MLI's annual Memphis Literacy Conference (Sept. 20-21 2024); hold a supply drive to provide supplies for MTR teachers' classrooms; serve as advocates for MTR in the community; be prayer partners with us as we strive to express Christian love in equal education.

Mid-South Food Bank

Volunteers are always needed to sort and pack food in the warehouse. We also need volunteers to help with special events or work in the office. We invite any Idlewild groups or individuals to tour our warehouse, or take advantage of our meeting rooms, which are available at no charge (though a donation of food, funds or volunteers is always welcome).

MIFA

With our Meals On Wheels Program we have a goal of an additional 15 new volunteers per month. We always welcome new individuals, families, and groups to help us meet the increased service goals and needs in our community. Volunteers are also needed for our community engagement opportunities: Senior birthdays, holiday, and Pet Food gift bag assembly days are opportunities for individuals, families, clubs, groups, classroom, and college groups. Skilled volunteers are needed for the Annual Holiday Card Campaign, Mlphone Buddy and Ombudsman programs. Our MIFA Ambassador Program gives volunteers the opportunity to tell the MIFA story to new community partners at community events, conferences, and special programs where the voice of a volunteer provides a unique perspective on serving our vulnerable neighbors and older adults.



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Multinational Memphis

(1) We ALWAYS need volunteers – especially for our Afterschools ARTs program – Monday through Thursday, 3:00–5:30, but volunteers only need to be there 4:30–5:30. (2) We also always need folks to sponsor a child for Christmas–getting them a coat, pair of shoes, pair of socks, and a toy.

Neighborhood Christian Centers

NCC is looking for literacy volunteers to support our elementary students across our site locations. Volunteers would support our elementary students on their reading and literacy goals. If you are interested in serving as a literacy volunteer, please contact Pamela Cox at pcox@ncclife.org.

Play Where You Stay

We accept gently used or new soccer equipment (soccer cleats, balls, goals, vesting bibs, shin guards, etc.). By sharing our work to your community of church members you can help amplify our profile by bringing followers to our social media (@playwhereustay) or help us find additional supporters and sponsors (www.playwhereyoustay.org/sponsors/). In addition, there are opportunities for Idlewild members to volunteer as coaches, neighborhood/field supporters (including providing water and snacks at Game Day), fans and mentors (helping with transportation or college preparations and goals). We would be thrilled to share more about Play Where You Stay at any Idlewild program or Sunday School class.

Porter Leath

Books from Birth (BfB) offers a wide array of opportunities to volunteer and to make a difference. Volunteers help enroll children by inputting data into the Imagination Library system, and also contact participating families to maintain current records. BfB strives to increase initial enrollments and also strives to keep a child enrolled, without interruption, until he or she reaches age 5. BfB invites volunteers to attend community fairs, festivals and literacy fairs which afford BfB the opportunity to enroll new families and visit with families who already participate in the Imagination Library. BfB team members are delighted to attend events that Idlewild may plan for its members and the community, where there would be an opportunity to interact with families of children in the age range that BfB serves. Idlewild members are also welcome to volunteer in Porter-Leath Preschool classrooms throughout the year. Volunteers read to students, help during classroom activities and can assist during lunch time. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday during the school year, any time between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. This summer, PL Preschool is hosting a STEM camp for children ages 3 through rising 2nd graders. These camps are a wonderful opportunity for our STEM-focused community members to engage with children through our robust camp curriculum. Interested volunteers should contact Angela Meekins at ameekins@porterleath.org.



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Refugee Empowerment Program

We welcome members to volunteer with our adult education and after-school enrichment programs, which operate Monday – Thursday in the morning, late afternoon, and evening times. We could also use support gathering school supplies and rain gear for students before the start of the upcoming academic year.

Rise Foundation

See our website to learn more and volunteer!

Room in the Inn

Our social media is updated weekly for 'Things we need Thursdays'. And, an Amazon Wishlist is always available on our website under the 'volunteer' tab. Many opportunities exist for volunteers to get involved with Room in the Inn – Memphis. Of course, hosting during the winter is an incredible way to help and get to know the guests. We also have a volunteer tab on our website with current opportunities: ritimemphis.org/volunteer

Samaritan Counseling Centers

SCC always welcomes volunteers for our fundraising or educational events. This can include direct support at events, fundraising ideas/suggestions, in-kind gifts, etc. In 2024, we will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn series and would love to have the involvement of IPC members in the planning and implementation of these events. Further, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, SCC has always operated with a bare bones budget. We operate frugally so that our resources can be directed towards those most in need of receiving our services. Each of our four locations/sites is provided by supporting congregations. However, we supply, furnish, decorate, paint and manage each site. We always have a need for updated office equipment (copiers, computers, etc.), office supplies, therapist office/site furniture (chairs, sofas, desks, decorations, etc.), etc. Donations of these items have always been a way to better manage our financial resources.

SuCasa

A key element of our mission is the connections that are created in our programming. Through the use of volunteers in all aspects of our programming, whether in our event/fundraising efforts or through direct involvement with our families in our programs, our volunteers often report changes in their perspectives about immigrants and even immigrant policy. They become advocates with real stories to tell about the intrinsic value our immigrant neighbors bring to Memphis, which is a critical element that allows our city to grow and improve. We consistently hear from volunteers who speak about coming to our programming to "give" but who feel as if they received much more than they would have imagined. For us, volunteer engagement is critical because it creates the relational connections in which progress is made through the whole community.



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Sunshine & Daisy

We would love to have increased volunteers, especially people who are willing to join us on the bus, take food to the Warrior Center, and provide administrative support. We need someone who can visualize improvements for food display on the bus and someone who can build the shelving. Non-perishable food drives are extremely beneficial to everything we do and we would love to have families at Idlewild provide toys for our holiday toy drive.

Thistle & Bee

Seeing as our model is currently dependent on donations, we are always looking for household items and donations available for survivors. We also are always looking for members of the community who have success stories in recovery to engage the residents in a speaker meeting. Additionally, we are always looking for pro-bono services in the form of art therapies, knitting, yoga, or other activities that are nourishing for the mind, body, and spirit. Clothes, paper towels, toilet paper, new bed sheets, etc. are always welcome! If someone is interested in spending time with survivors and working with them on life skills such as cooking classes, we are in dire need of a budget-friendly cooking demonstration or consistent class. We are also always open to creativity in engaging with survivors!

World Relief

1. Good Neighbor Team: Help a recent refugee or asylee family or individual adjust to American life by walking alongside them with a group of volunteers. 2. Conversation Partner: Practice conversational English and language skills with an adult refugee or immigrant 3. Youth Mentor: Build relationships by coming alongside a refugee or immigrant youth ages 15-24 as they navigate life in the U.S. 4. Roadrunner: Serve families and individuals and make friends along the way by providing transportation around Memphis. 5. Resource Coordination: Source needed furniture and household goods and/or support setting up homes for newcomers. 6. Network among Memphis employers who would like to learn more about the advantages of hiring refugees or corporately sponsor various World Relief Memphis programs and events. 7. Advocate: Contact state and national congressional leaders on issues around immigration reform; educate and mobilize your network by hosting an event to educate others on the current issues surrounding refugees and immigrants, inviting them to act. 8. Be a financial partner through donations.

YWCA Greater Memphis

All of our services are free to our participants. We welcome in kind donations such as: paper plates, cups, serving utensils, tissue, paper towel, bathroom trash cans for participants room, teen boys body wash, face towels, twin xl sheets, bed spreads and comforters, bath towels, and small room lockers for participants room, tooth brushes, and tooth paste. As always, volunteers.