

March 2026



Seniors Serve Durham



**The official newsletter of Durham's
Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

From the Desk of Amanda

You are invited to our volunteer recognition event on Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 am at the Nasher Museum of Art. Cindy and I want to thank you for the incredible service you make to our community everyday. Recently, we mailed our active RSVP volunteers a letter inviting you to this event as well as a recognition gift choice. Please [fill out the form](#) and let us know if you can make it. If you did not receive our letter, please let me know. Scroll down for more information about this event!

RSVP Group Volunteer Opportunity

Join fellow RSVP volunteers as we work together to help sort and bundle children's clothes. No heavy lifting and tasks may be completed sitting or standing. The next one is:

Welcome Baby Wednesday, March 18 from 10-12. Please note that we will meet the 3rd Wednesday instead of the 4th. [Sign up here!](#)

If you have not connected with one of our 40+ stations and would like to learn more about volunteering with one of them, please reach out to me or visit [HandsOn Triangle](#). There are many volunteer opportunities out there and I would be happy to help you find a good place to serve!

Reach me by email at amanda@thevolunteercenter.org or by phone at (919) 321-6932. Amanda Stoen



Community Opportunities

Durham Center for Senior Life

Volunteer Role: Event Photography & Storytelling Assistant

Role Summary

The Durham Center for Senior Life is seeking a friendly, reliable volunteer to support the Development team by capturing event photos, helping collect member testimonials, and organizing digital image files. This role helps them preserve stories, celebrate our members, and share the impact of their work with the wider community.

Key Responsibilities

- Take clear, well-lit photos of members, staff, and activities, using basic photography best practices
- Capture short, simple member testimonials using provided questions (photo and/or short video clips)
- Upload and organize photo and video files into folders by event and date
 - Compare event dates with file dates and label folders/files accordingly

Requirements

- Basic understanding of lighting and composition (for example: positioning subjects facing light, avoiding strong backlighting, encouraging natural smiles)
- Comfortable interacting with older adults and giving light direction for photos
- Comfortable using computers and organizing digital files and folders
- Available to attend pre-scheduled events with advance notice

Time Commitment

- Flexible, event-based schedule with advance notice whenever possible.

Impact of This Role

- Your work will help showcase member stories, strengthen community support, and highlight the real-life impact of their programs.

Volunteer!



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RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Join us for a special volunteer appreciation event! The **first 20 volunteers to sign up** will enjoy a guided tour of two extraordinary exhibitions: *Dyani White Hawk: LISTEN* and *Silvia Heyden: Weaving Notes and Nature*. **The tour is complimentary—our thank you to you!**

Cindy and I checked out these exhibits and they are fantastic!

If you are not able to attend the tour, you are welcome to stop by to pick up your recognition gift. Cindy and I will be in the cafe area with some lite bites from 10 am-noon. You can fill out the [form electronically](#) or return the paper form in the self-addressed stamped envelope. We look forward to seeing you!

Nasher Museum of Art

2001 Campus Drive, Durham, NC 27705

Parking information: <https://nasher.duke.edu/visitor-info/location-parking/>



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Families Moving Forward

Rock the Block - April 11, 2026

Rock the Block is their Annual Day of Service at Families Moving Forward! You are invited to come together as a community to help families and share in a day of celebration and collaboration. Volunteers will help renovate and beautify the property for families who call this place home . . . temporarily.

This year's event will be rocking the block April 11th - be sure to save the date to join them! Volunteer opportunities will be available soon; they'll have both indoor and outdoor projects, projects for the handy and not! Join them to help make the FMF facilities look and feel homey.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Maryn Leonard at maryn@fmfnc.org.



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Swim for Charlie

Swim for Charlie equips second grade students in Durham and Orange counties with life-saving water safety skills. Since the program's inception, Swim for Charlie has served 4,500 second grade students – representing 27 schools and 8 host pools.

Volunteer instructors are needed teach second grade Durham Public Schools students basic water safety and swimming skills. Each second grade student has 8 lessons over a 2-week period. Instructors are given a detailed handbook and go through a training session. Laminated teaching aids are available poolside during the lessons.

Instructor requirements are the ability to do a front to back float, a basic (elementary) backstroke, front crawl (freestyle) stroke, and tread water. Instructors should have a desire to teach elementary school children, be patient and kind. Instructors will need to complete a free online Durham Public Schools background check. This is a very rewarding experience for both the second grade students and the instructors.

Volunteer!



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Museum of Durham History

Family Fun Day - April 11, 2026

The Museum of Durham History is hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 11 from 10-2. Volunteers are needed to help make this event possible. Volunteers are needed to help during the event as well as set up and clean up.

You are welcome to bring your family to this engaging and FREE event where you can learn, play and explore Durham's amazing history. Local universities and businesses to set up shop at the Museum for the Science Family Fun Day, part of their public programming for *Made in the Triangle: The Story of RTP!* Each group will have a booth where adults and kids alike can check out their show and tell items — think robots, live bugs, slime and more!

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Erin Smith Lee at manager@modh.org.



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HandsOn Triangle Update

[HandsOn Triangle](#) has changed the login process. Here is a [short video](#) on how to login using the new process. Once you are logged in, HandsOn Triangle should look the same and you can search and respond to volunteer needs as well as enter your volunteer hours. If you need help tracking your volunteer hours, please let me know.

As part of our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant, we are required to report volunteer hours as part of the program. Some of our partner stations use their own volunteer tracking system and that is great! Others do not track hours or they may use HandsOn Triangle for tracking. If you are not sure what your volunteer site uses, check with the volunteer coordinator.

THANK YOU for helping us track volunteer hours and report the impact that YOU make in Durham!

Community Events

March Events:

3/13 - [Seeds Community Workday](#)

3/20 - [Durham Art Walk](#)

3/29 - [Durham Crop Walk](#)

3/29 - [Bull City Food & Beer Experience](#)

Mark your calendars:

2026 - [Retro Film Series](#)

4/16-19 - [Full Frame Documentary Film Festival](#)

4/20-5/7 - [Durham Senior Games](#)



We want to hear from YOU!

The next time you volunteer, take a photo and send it to Amanda Stoen amanda@thevolunteercenter.org.

Thank you for all you do!

