

Current Volunteer Opportunities



**American
Red Cross**

[American Red Cross](#)

4737 B, University Dr, Durham, NC 27707

Fleet Volunteer - Help coordinate the scheduling, utilization, maintenance, and documentation of American Red Cross vehicles to ensure the organization has a fully operational and deployable fleet. Ensure timely preventative maintenance. Keep fleet clean. Communicate with Facilities staff and advise on process improvements.

Requirements:

- Valid NC driver's license
- Safe driving record
- Logistical, organizational, and communication skills

Transportation Specialist - Transport blood and blood products from blood distribution center to local hospitals. Drive in a safe and responsible manner. Complete required paperwork and obtain signatures. Communicate and share feedback between Red Cross personnel and customers.

Requirements:

- Valid Driver's License (North Carolina)
- 3 years driving experience
- Ability to verify safe driving record
- Ability to lift 50 lbs



CRAYONS²
CALCULATORS

[Crayons2Calculators](#)

808 Bacon St, Durham, NC 27703

School Supply Packager (on pause) - Do you get excited by new school supplies? Want to support K-12 students and educators in Durham?

Crayons 2 Calculators is a nonprofit organization committed to getting Durham Public Schools teachers and students the (free!) school supplies they deserve! Teachers submit their supply orders, and dedicated School Supply Packagers work behind the scenes to package each order with care and compassion.

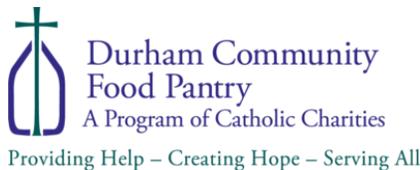


[Duke Hospital Auxiliary Gift Store](#)
2301 Erwin Rd, Durham, NC 27707

Gift Store Volunteer (on pause) - Duke Hospital Gift Store Volunteers assist Duke Hospital patients, visitors, and staff by providing retail therapy as respite. They must be comfortable in a hospital setting and learning a Point-of-Sale system.

Requirements:

- Welcoming disposition
- Walk short distances
- Stand in 4-hour increments



[Durham Community Food Pantry](#)
2020 Chapel Hill Rd #30, Durham, NC 27707

Pantry Volunteer - As a Durham Community Food Pantry volunteer, you are part of a collaborative effort to end food insecurity in Durham and Orange counties. Roles vary day-by-day, as described below:

- *Monday*: Building non-perishable boxes of food for distribution [standing, lifting is optional]
- *Tuesday*: Sorting produce, food drive materials, deli, dessert, break, and other items for distribution [standing, sorting]
- *Wednesday/Thursday*: *Servicing* clients with food distribution: car loader, runner, warehouse organization [walking, light lifting, car loading involves 15lbs lifting]
- *Wednesday*: Sorting boxes, recycling, warehouse cleanup and produce box-making [standing]



[Durham Public Schools Foundation](#)
300 N Roxboro St, Durham, NC 27701

Elementary School Tutor (Hybrid In-Person and Virtual)

Do you love working with kids? Are you passionate about education equity? Want to support local Durham Public Schools students?

The Durham Public Schools Foundation is seeking 15 volunteers to serve in Elementary partner schools.

Volunteers will:

- Serve 3.5 hours per week (1.5 hours of planning time, tutoring two students twice a week for 30 min each)
- Have access to technology for virtual tutoring (3 days virtually) and have access to transportation for in-person tutoring (every 4th day in person)
- Pass a DPS background check
- Attend St. Augustine Literacy Project's tutoring training
- Commit to tutor for a full semester
- Optional: ability to help students with homework or projects once a week during homework club
- Bilingual English/Spanish is a plus
- Scheduling is flexible to work around volunteer availability: generally, afternoons, evenings, or weekends.



[Durham Rescue Mission](#)
Multiple Locations

GED Tutor - GED Tutors empower Durham Rescue Mission residents to receive their GED certificates. Volunteers will help residents work through test preparation materials, offer constructive feedback, and provide encouragement and one-on-one support.

Meal Server - Meal Servers will care for Durham Rescue Mission residents by cooking in the kitchen, setting up the dining room, serving food, and cleaning up after the meal. Meals are served both at the men's campus and women/children's campus. Volunteers should be able to stand for extended periods of time.

Thrift Store Volunteer - Volunteers will assist with Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store operations: greeting and interacting with customers, organizing inventory, and checking out customers. Volunteers must be able to stand for extended periods of time.

Warehouse Volunteer - Volunteer helps process donations: sorting, tagging, and preparing inventory to be sent to Durham Rescue Mission thrift stores. Volunteer must be able to stand for at least two hours.



Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina
2700 Angier Ave A, Durham, NC 27703

Warehouse Projects - Projects vary based on what is in the warehouse at the time. Generally, you will be determining whether food is safe or unsafe and then putting it in family-sized containers. Projects typically include building food boxes, sorting and repackaging of produce, groceries, bulk dry items like pasta or rice, or labeling food containers.

Requirements:

- Standing for periods of time
- Repetitive movements, such as bending over, moving bags, packing product
- Lifting 5-35 pounds
- **!! All projects can be accommodated to your needs!!** If you are uncomfortable or unable to do a project, let us know and we can assist you!



Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
Multiple Locations

Geer Street Learning Garden Helper – 110 E. Geer Street, Durham, NC 27701
Tuesday and Thursday mornings (2-3 hours)

You can help Geer Street Learning Garden produce fresh, locally grown food to the immediate community members that might otherwise have less access to healthy food options!

Tasks vary with the day and season. Typically, this includes weeding, planting, and other jobs necessary for the garden to thrive. Plan to wear closed toed shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. We will supply gloves and all other necessary garden equipment.

Lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying; use of garden tools such as rakes, shovels, and clippers/pruners.

Child Food Hub Helpers – 2436 South Miami Blvd, Durham, NC, 27703
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings (10am – noon)

With the power of volunteers like you, the Child Food Hub provides food to families and young people who may not be able to access all the healthy food they need on a regular basis.

Volunteers form an assembly line that includes canned vegetables, fruit, pasta, beans, and rice. The number of boxes packed will vary based on various factors but can range between 20-30 boxes per hour. Volunteers will be assigned to certain tasks to complete the packing process. Subject to change due to number of volunteers present.

Standing, some lifting, and reaching required.



[Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry](#)

2504 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27704

Traffic Control – Wednesday afternoons, 1 – 3pm. Volunteers ensure a steady flow of traffic for those coming to the food pantry.

Food Distribution Assistant – Volunteers work in 2-hour shifts to help bag, box, or distribute food.

- *Monday:* Sort donated food; fill bags with shelf-stable items.
 - *Tuesday and Wednesday AM:* Sort and store donated foods; fill boxes with fresh produce.
 - *Wednesday PM:* Load bags and boxes into the trunks of cars of those coming to the food pantry.
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[Meals on Wheels Durham](#)

2522 Ross Rd., Durham, NC 27703

Meal Delivery Driver - Delivering 5-10 lb boxes to seniors throughout the Durham area. Routes usually have 8-16 stops and take about an hour to complete. Each client receives at least one box of food, a bag of fruit and additional requested items such as Ensure and Pet Food. Drivers utilize our app, “Mobile Meals”, to communicate with MOWD staff about client concerns and record undeliverable stops. Additional information will be sent to the volunteer’s email provided the night prior to shift.

Meal Delivery Helper - Think air traffic control. This position is in the middle of all the excitement! The expedite is responsible for adding items to the carts for the loaders to bring to volunteers. Routes are built based on the route card (provided). Inside helpers also assist with

organizing miscellaneous items such as fruit, pet food, ensure, and the occasional seasonal goodies. This role requires communication skills and attention to detail.

Meal Delivery Loader - Loaders are the connecting puzzle piece for drivers! As drivers arrive at the building, a text message is sent to the expediter. The expediter then communicates which routes have arrived at the loaders (you!). Loaders then utilize MOWD provided carts to bring the routes to volunteer driver vehicles. This is a smooth process that requires energy and attention to detail!

Meal Delivery Unloader - Unloaders will arrive at the MOWD office at 8am prior to our delivery truck arriving. Unloaders will be grouped together to unload 500-700 boxes weighing 5-10lbs. Unloaders work together to unload the vehicle in a timely, safe and fun manner. While boxes are being unloaded, unloaders continue to work together to stage boxes for the day's delivery. This is a more labor-intensive volunteer opportunity that will replace your gym session for the day! This position requires determination and strong communication skills to work with a highly diverse group of people!

Remote Wellness Caller - Wellness Calls are so important to client well-being. These calls are used to communicate with clients on days we are not delivering to them. This is a great way to build relationships and is one of our most COVID-friendly volunteer opportunities.

- *Wednesday Wellness Calls:* On Wednesday, you will be collecting information from clients regarding their weekly delivery. It is so important for MOWD to know if clients can be home and to remind clients the importance of being home during their delivery! This directly supports our ability to order the correct amount of food while also ensuring as many of our current clients are being served the best way possible! This is also the last day our clients can cancel their meals.
- *Friday Wellness Calls:* Think of this as 'FUN Friday!'. On Friday you will be connecting with clients and checking in on them. This is a great way to encourage relationship building and is something that our clients look forward to!



[Reality Ministries](#)

916 Lamond Avenue, Durham, NC 27701

Activity Companion – Every weekday from 10am-3pm, Reality Ministries welcomes between 25-35 adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities into our community center for a day of programs and activities: exercise, games, arts & crafts, lunch, Bible study, field trips, and more. We also ask Volunteers to join us in our evening groups Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8. Reality sends about four mailings a year. When we send

these, we need volunteers to help label, stuff, and seal. We generally have a three-hour block of time to complete each of these mailings. Volunteers are a crucial presence at Reality through their commitment to building lasting friendships with participants. The hope of these weekly gatherings is to create a meaningful and fun atmosphere for people of all abilities to come together in friendship. It is important to note: Reality Ministries is not a place where volunteers come to do for people with disabilities, rather, it is a place where volunteers come alongside participants to be with them in relationship.

Responsibilities

- *Presence:* First and foremost, volunteers are expected to pursue friendships with Reality participants and other volunteers. Friendship, and the belonging it brings, is at the heart of our community.
- *Communication:* Volunteers commit to reading Reality emails and communicating with staff when you're unable to make your commitment.
- *Consistency:* Volunteers are asked to choose the areas of interest they would like to spend time in. Whatever time you give we just ask for consistency.

Qualifications

- Background check
- Open to befriending people of all abilities



**Reinvestment
PARTNERS**
PEOPLE • PLACES • POLICY

Reinvestment Partners

110 E Geer St, Durham, NC 27701

VITA Tax Preparer (Seasonal) - Use your skills to support low-moderate income households and older adults in the Durham area! The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program is an Internal Revenue Service initiative in the United States that supports free tax preparation service for the underserved.

Schedule

- February - April 15: Fridays (9:00am - 1:00pm), Saturdays (9:00am - 12:30pm)
- Mid-January - April 15: Flexible (remote)

Requirements

- Serve weekly through tax season.
- Experience or expertise in completing state and federal tax returns.
- Volunteers must pass the annual IRS SPEC VITA Advanced Preparer certification test. Training is provided (begins December 2021).
- Ability to sit for extended periods.
- Access to personal computer with secure password protected Wi-Fi

- Proficiency in using a computer for communications and cloud-based programs
- English proficiency, Spanish is a plus



[The Scrap Exchange](#)

2050 Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, NC 27707

Reuse Arts General Volunteer – This is the role for tackling a multitude of projects, including: greeting customers, sorting, packaging, merchandising, creating store displays, and organizing materials, as well as general cleaning, sweeping, and tidying. The materials encountered include: fabric, sewing supplies, kids craft materials, fine art supplies, paper, office supplies, wood, tile, electronics, and much more. Volunteers may specialize in a particular area or help in a broader sense. These volunteers can work in the Reuse Arts Shop, Thrift Store, or both!

Clothes and Shoes Specialist – These volunteers help sort and organize our expansive clothes and shoes sections at the Thrift Store. If you love second-hand fashion or gazing at cozy cat sweaters, this is the position for you!

Book and Media Specialist – We’re looking for bookworms, magazine fanatics, and vinyl aficionados interested in sorting and organizing our media section at the Thrift Store. Do you feel like you were born in the wrong decade? Surround yourself with secondhand books and vinyl records and pretend you weren’t!

Fabric Processor – The Scrap Exchange receives a wide variety of fabric and notions donations. Volunteers who are fiber enthusiasts can measure, roll, and tag yardage. They also help us process yarn, ribbon, quilt scraps, threads, and test sewing machines. The fun never stops!

Hardware Processor – These volunteers help classify, sort, package, and display items that belong in the hardware section. If you care deeply for rivets and circular saws, if nothing in this world makes you happier than working with wrenches and ball-peen hammers, if you dream about copper and stainless steel, then we need your help!

Donations Sorting Processor – Volunteers assist with processing the donations that come in every day. We have many different categories to sort all our donations into, and we need lots of hands to keep up with the materials that arrive! These volunteers should be able to work on their feet and follow detailed directions.

Administration Expert – Do you love computers? Are you an excel specialist? Do databases make your heart sing? We may have some volunteer work available for you.

Paper and Office Processor – These volunteers help us sort and package all the various office and paper crafting supplies that we receive. If you have a love for paper artwork or extreme organizing, this is the area for you!



Urban Community AgriNomics

2080 Sawmill Creek Pkwy, Durham, NC 27712

Farm and Food Distribution Volunteer – Volunteering with UCAN at the Catawba Trail Farm or at our Food Distribution Center will be an experience of a lifetime!

Wednesdays and Sundays, 8:00am – 1:00 pm. Operating power tools, lifting, and standing are helpful but not requirements.

- *Farm:* Pulling weeds, moving mulch, adding soil to beds, harvesting okra, harvesting peanuts, planting weeding, cleaning up front of intergeneration house and other duties as assigned.
- *Food Distribution:* Getting ready and prepacking food for distribution.