

PSD Volunteer Drive, 2010: Volunteer Opportunities with Larimer County Agencies

The agencies below have opportunities for individual youth to volunteer during the Volunteer Drive. You need to contact the agency in advance to see if volunteer opportunities are still available. Please do not show up at an agency without calling and speaking with someone from the organization first. If you are having trouble finding an agency to volunteer with please contact the United Way Volunteer Center by dialing 2-1-1 or 407-7066.

HELP International is a humanitarian aid organization which ships needed items throughout the world. Various volunteer opportunities are currently available:

- 1) We would love to have student groups to come to our warehouse to help with the sorting and packing process in preparation for the shipping of aid. We could use up to 15-20 students with a 1 adult volunteer with every 5 students. Each team would be assigned an area to help with. Some areas may use all of the students.
- 2) HELP International, as a humanitarian aid organization, often provides volunteers and traveling teams with life changing opportunities. No one knows that better than our Executive Director, Jean Kaye Wilson and she has lots of stories that need to be shared. In fact, we would love to work with a small team of students who would be able to help get her stories on the web/YouTube/etc. This team of students needs to have a desire to see stories of human need shared as well as the technical and artistic ability to create it.
- 3) HELP at Home, the domestic side of HELP International, works hard on the home front to meet the needs of the homeless/near homeless members of our communities. We would love to partner with students who have a heart for people less fortunate than them. We often need specific articles for distribution that do not come into the warehouse. We could use a large group of students to do collections for specific clothing items, personal hygiene, household supplies or creatively inspired 'kit'. That collection would be held offsite from our warehouse and then delivered to the warehouse.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Cathy Fett at helpint@q.com or call 970-224-2233/970-481-2531. The HELP International Warehouse is located at 629 14th St SW, Loveland, CO 80537.

The Dream Room of Adoption Dreams Come True serves Larimer County residents in need with children from newborn to two years of age. For information, visit <http://www.adoptiondreams.org>. The Dream Room is a baby boutique where families can shop for free for baby clothing, diapers, accessories, cribs, and more. One of the biggest ongoing needs is disposable diapers in sizes newborn to five.

We would appreciate students holding a diaper drive in their school. The diapers can then be delivered to our site or we can pick them up at the conclusion of the drive. Contact Cinda Lopez at Adoption Dreams Come True - 970-493-2557. We are located at 316 West Mulberry Street in Fort Collins.

Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center promotes the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social well-being of people with special needs through equine assisted therapy.

We have need for volunteers to help put away all of the props and such from our Haunted House fund raiser. We also need a lot of help getting our horses runs cleaned out. Any amount of help would be greatly appreciated. To begin, please go to our website at www.heartsandhorses.org and click on "Volunteers" to learn about the amazing and fun ways you can make a difference in the lives of others!

Please click on the “sign up” button to create an account and register for a specific project. Please note, you must also sign yourself up for a volunteer orientation and/or training. For more information, please contact Carrie Coyne, Volunteer Coordinator, at 970-663-4200 or by email at carrie@heartsandhorses.org.

We are also looking for volunteers who are interested in making thank you and birthday cards. To find out more please contact Carrie Coyne at carrie@heartsandhorses.org or 970-663-4200.

The Family Center/La Familia is a high-quality, bilingual education center that provides support, education, and information to all families who desire to improve the quality of their lives. We are located at 309 Hickory Street in Fort Collins, CO. For more information, visit <http://www.thefamilycenterfc.org>.

We are starting our after school program again on January 19th and would love some high school students to come help out. The program is Monday-Thursday from 4pm-5:30pm. The volunteers would be helping elementary and middle schools students with homework and reading assignments. Anyone interested should contact Cindi at 970-221-1615.

The Food Bank for Larimer County provides hunger relief for those in need. We are seeking student ambassadors for our “Pound for Pound Challenge”, sponsored by General Mills and *The Biggest Loser*. To learn more visit <http://www.foodbanklarimer.org/home>.

For the second consecutive year, Feeding America will partner with General Mills, *The Biggest Loser* and other corporate partners to encourage Americans to lose weight through the Pound for Pound Challenge. Built around the incredible success of NBC’s *The Biggest Loser*, the program allows anyone to shed pounds along with the contestants by pledging their weight-loss goals at www.pfpchallenge.com. For every pound pledged, General Mills and other partners will donate 14 cents to Feeding America, the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity.

The Project- Students will act as advocates of the Food Bank of Larimer County to help raise awareness and funds (without requesting money). Students are welcome to create Pledge Teams, educate friends, neighbors, family members, school administrators, teachers, and anyone else they know about this easy opportunity to help raise funds for the Food Bank for Larimer County. The method of sharing this information can be flyers, social media, word of mouth, etc. *We can provide the students with the templates necessary to spread the word.* The Food Bank for Larimer County supports healthy eating and weight loss practices. We are not asking students to encourage fasting or unhealthy habits as this program is only asking people to pledge pounds, it does not require actual weight loss. To learn more, please contact Charlene Olms at colms@foodbanklarimer.org.

Zach Elementary Cultural Resource Group needs volunteers to help enrich the cultural lives of our kids! The Zach Elementary Cultural Resource Group would welcome any assistance you can offer.

Help from Home:

- Assemble simple projects
- Internet research
- Simple project set up

Help at Zach:

On January 29th from 4 to 6 PM, please join us in the Zach Gymnasium at 3715 Kechter Road, Fort Collins, CO to:

- ARTISTS NEEDED to complete backdrops for a school play

- Assemble simple projects
- Create banners and signs for Cultural Fair

Ongoing Cultural Help:

If you are interested in helping with planning for, preparing for or volunteering at our annual Cultural Fair (May 7th), we appreciate any support you can provide.

If interested, please contact Susan Coyne at 226-8785 or coyne@mesanetworks.net.

CORE Center is in need of volunteers to complete various tasks:

The vision of the CORE Center (Community Organizing to Reach Empowerment) focuses on providing opportunities for residents from diverse backgrounds to build on their strengths and develop their capacity for addressing issues that affect their quality of life.

These are the some of the opportunities that CORE Center offers for PSD volunteers:

- Organizing reading materials for our students: CORE Center provides school- age educational assistance after school; grades 1 – 12
- Reading time with CORE center participants (grades 1 -3)
- Kids Café assistance (Food Bank for Larimer County) serving meals in the evening from 5:15 – 6:00 pm for CORE participants at CORE Center.
- Cleaning and organizing the classrooms
- Innovator ideas about programs or opportunities to design new programs to benefit our students
- Marketing or participants recruitment materials

For more information about volunteering with CORE Center, contact Angelica C. Stoll, Program Coordinator & Neighborhood Liaison for CORE Center, at 970-484-2580 or acstoll@cahs.colostate.edu.