

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

1. Abate of Florida, Inc. - Polk County Chapter

P.O. Box 2743, Lakeland, FL 33809

Phone: 813-478-3377

Contact: Lora Parker

Description: Recurring adopt-a-highway cleanup projects.

2. Angel Food Ministries

Lake Gibson Nazarene Church

6868 N. Socrum Loop Rd

Lakeland, FL 33809

863-859-3577

Mrs. Rebecca Hylemon

Description: Food ministry providing low-cost meal alternatives to the citizens of Polk County.

Opportunity to help monthly with boxing and separating meals and other food items for participants.

3. Boys and Girls Club of Polk County

1220 West Highlands Street in Lakeland

Contact: Kacey Keim

Phone: 682-3002 Ext. 221 or 222

Description: This club is an after-school program and an all-day program when schools are closed for girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. Help staff with children and activities as needed.

4. Camp Fire USA Sunshine Council

2600 Buckingham Ave, Lakeland, FL 33803

Contact: Scott Murrell

Phone: 863-688-5491

Description: Primarily helping with office tasks and occasional set-up for council meetings.

5. City of Lakeland - ViPs

228 S. Mass Ave., Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Beth Sherling

Phone: 863-834-3284

Website: <http://www.lakelandgov.net>

Description: The City has a wide range of opportunities for all ages 14 years and up. They range

from helping in the libraries, working as victim's advocates through the Police Department, to assisting with plantings in Hollis Gardens.

6. Consulate Health Care of Lakeland

5245 North Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809

Contact: Melissa Eisemann

Phone: 863-859-1446

Description: Summer volunteer opportunity at a local nursing home doing things such as crafts, exercise programs, cards, and taking walks with residents.

7. Disney Sports Attractions

Disney's Wide World Of Sports, Kissimmee, FL 34747

Contact: Michelle Maready

Phone: 407) 938-3880

Website: <http://www.disneyworldsports.com/sportsenthusiast>

Description: Volunteer Opportunities are available throughout the year for various sporting events including Track & Field, Golf, Soccer, Endurance Events and more. UNDER 18 PARENT IS REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT.

8. Explorations V Children's Museum

109 N Kentucky Ave., Lakeland, FL 33801;

Contact: Brenda Paul

Phone: 863.687.3869

Description: Helping staff during school breaks and summer programs with children's projects.

9. Habitat for Humanity International

1317 George Jenkins Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33815

Contact: Claire Twomey

Phone: (863) 688-4660

Website: <http://www.lakelandhabitat.org>

Description: office help, occasional projects working with outside staff.

10. Lakeland, Florida Chamber of Commerce

35 Lake Morton Drive

PO Box 3607

Lakeland, FL 33802

Phone: 863-688-8551

Fax: 863-683-7454

Description: Filing, office assistance, special projects.

Lakeland, FL Official Chamber of Commerce Website:

<http://www.lakelandchamber.com/>

11. Lakeland Public Library

Contact: Angel Davis

Phone: (863)834-4268

100 Lake Morton Drive

Lakeland, FL 33801

Description: Work in the main library shelving and organizing books, media, and other print material.

12. Lighthouse Ministries

117 E. Magnolia Street, Lakeland, FL 33802

Phone: 863-687-3705

Contact: Billie Bradley

Description: Help in the thrift store or on-site sorting donations, office assistance.

13. Paint Your Heart Out Lakeland

P.O. Box 1712, Lakeland, FL 33801

Phone: 863-687-1941

Contact: Rebecca Bradford

Description: Help on painting projects for residents of Lakeland who can't afford upkeep of their homes.

14. Platform ART

605 McRorie St., Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Stormy Lavin

Phone: (863) 688 1546

Website: <http://www.platformart.org/index.html>

Description: Set-up for activities and other related office tasks.

15. Polk County Parks & Recreation

515 East Boulevard Street, Bartow, FL 33830

Contact: Jennifer Wilson

Phone: 863-534-6911

Website: <http://www.polk-county.net>

Description: Various activities throughout the school year and into the summer including dances, community days, festivals, etc. One-time or regular volunteers accepted.

16. Preservation Station inc dba Zooville

4702 Cooper Rd, Plant City, FL 33565

Contact: Susan Bradshaw

Phone: 813-690-9696

Website: <http://www.ZoovilleUSA.com>

Description: Assisting staff with various responsibilities related to the zoo and wildlife. One time or regular volunteers accepted.

17. South Lakeland Relay for Life

809 S. Florida Ave., Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Theresa Bright

Phone: 863-688-2326 x115

Website: <http://www.relayforlife.org/southlakelandfl>

Description: Event assistance for the race, concessions, etc.

18. SPCA, Inc.

5850 Brannen Rd S, Lakeland, FL 33813

Contact: Alane Humrich

Phone: 863-646-7722

Website: <http://www.lovemyspca.com>

Description: Assisting with kennel duties and office responsibilities.

19. Sun 'n Fun, Inc

4175 Medulla Road, Lakeland, FL 33811

Robin McFarland - Contact

863-904-4044 - Phone

Description: Assisting annual preparation for Sun 'n Fun event. One-time event annually.

20. Talbot House

814 N. Kentucky Ave, Lakeland, FL

Phone: 863-687-8475

School Contact: Mr. Steve Livesay

Description: Talbot House Ministries is a Comprehensive Care Center for the Poor and Homeless in our community. Mr. Livesay takes LCS students over to tutor students.

21. Teen Court

P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J-111, Bartow, FL 33831

Contact: Stephen Willis, see Mrs. Lee for an application

Phone: 863-534-4344

Description: opportunity to learn various facets of court and other law-related issues. Students serve as volunteer attorneys, clerks, bailiffs, and jurors and therefore have a unique insight into the legal system and the inner workings of a courtroom.

21. The First Tee of Lakeland Florida

Contact: Gerald Richardson

1740 George Jenkins Boulevard

Lakeland, Florida 33815

Phone: 863-577-0236

Website: Gerald.richardson@ymcawcf.org

Description: Assist children in after-school program with homework and other activities.

22. TiAnViCa Riding Academy, Incorporated

3350 State Route 60, Bartow, FL 33830

Contact: Sara Lizzette Meadows

Phone: 863-581-7859

Website: <http://www.tianvica.org>

Description :Barn help; side walker with riders, leader, office assistance.

23. United Way of Central Florida

5605 US 98 S, PO Box 1357, Lakeland, FL 33846

Contact: Tim Ervolina

Phone: 941) 648-1500

Description: Office work including filing, answering phones, organizing..

24. Volunteer Polk

2135 Marshall Edwards Dr, Bartow, FL 33831

Contact: P D Sterling

Phone:863-534-5580

Fax:863-534-5356

Website: <http://www.polk-county.net/volunteer>

Description: Various activities year round in the community at schools, health organizations, and community as needed. One-time or consistent volunteers accepted.

25. Wings of Eagles International

8201 Tomkow Rd, Lakeland, FL 33809

Contact: Kimberly Easley

Phone: 863-665-7700

Description: Boxing, shelving, sorting and office assistance.

26. YMCA of West Central Florida, Inc. YMCA READS! Program

2125 Sleepy Hill Road

Contact: Dorene Walter

Phone: 863.859.7769

Website: <http://www.ymcawcf.org>

The YMCA READS! Program: an after school literacy tutoring program for first and second grade students at a Lakeland elementary school.