

## Make A New Year's Resolution To Volunteer

At the start of each new year, people make a list of things they are going to do to improve their lives. We say we are going to eat less and work out more. Think about making resolutions that will not only help you, but help your community. Volunteerism can take many forms. Whether you choose to spend time helping out at your local library, mentoring a child, or building a house, there are many nonprofit volunteer organizations that could really use your help. Or, if your time is really in short supply, maybe you can at least find it in you to donate the furniture, clothing and other household items that you no longer need, rather than leaving them out by the curb to fill up our landfills. In addition to our local schools, support groups and clubs (see pages 68, 69 and 72), synagogues and churches, here's a sampling of some local, non-profit organizations that are in need of volunteers, financial contributions and/or miscellaneous donations.

### ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM

(Watershed Stewardship Program)  
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www.cobbcountyga.gov **770-528-1482**

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

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2145 Roswell Road, Suite 250  
Marietta, GA 30062  
www.givelife.org **770-578-1977**

### CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Provides secure residential care for Cobb County's abused and neglected children.  
Merrill Autry, Director of Development  
www.ccyakids.org **770-333-9447**

### THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES

Provides emergency assistance to families in Cobb County so that they can acquire the resources they need to become independent and self-sufficient, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty.  
Jennifer Cain, Development & Volunteer Coordinator  
995 Roswell Street, Suite 100  
Marietta, GA 30060  
www.theCFR.org **770-428-2601**

### COBB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Promotes philanthropy to create and support a vital and caring community. It builds a collection of endowment funds and distributes the proceeds to nonprofit organizations that serve the community's members.  
Sue Wootton, Executive Director  
1985 N. Park Place  
Atlanta, GA 30339-2004  
www.cobbfoundation.com **770-953-6865**

### COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT – CITIZEN PANEL REVIEW

A volunteer supported program tasked with reviewing foster care cases.  
Joshua Weeks  
www.cobbcountyga.gov **770-528-2284**


### COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SPECIAL ADVOCATE

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer appointed by a Juvenile Court Judge to speak up for the best interest of an abused or neglected child involved in a juvenile court proceeding.  
Carlene Redmond  
www.cobbcountyga.gov **770-528-2285**


### COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

This program is for first offenders with minor offenses. These juveniles are given the opportunity to appear before a panel of community volunteers instead of a judge.  
Rita Evans  
www.cobbcountyga.gov **770-528-2243**

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**COBB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Help needed with shelving and straightening paperbacks and periodicals as well as other opportunities as listed on website.  
 Alexandra Beswick  
 www.cobbcat.org **770-528-2320**

**COBB LITERACY COUNCIL**

Needs tutors for GED as well as administrative help.  
 Donna Frankovsky  
 www.cobbworks.com **770-528-8094**

**THE EXTENSION**

A Marietta residential recovery program for the homeless.  
 Needs volunteers to plan, prepare and serve meals.  
 Tyler Driver, Executive Director & Volunteer Coordinator  
 1507 Church Street (Men's Extension)  
 Marietta, GA 30061  
 130 Holiday Street (Women's Extension)  
 Marietta, GA 30060 **770-590-9075**

**FEED THE HUNGRY FOUNDATION**


Needs volunteers to help sort, pack and deliver food boxes.  
 Rev. Mack Barnes, Executive Director  
 1440 Dutch Valley Place  
 Atlanta, GA 30324  
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Gabrielle Stewart, Director of Development  
461 Manget Street  
Marietta, GA 30060

770-422-0999

### HOUSEMATE MATCH

If you are over 50 years old, have an extra room in your home and need extra money, share your home. Program sponsored by the Atlanta Jewish Community Center.

Lynne Dyckman, Housing Counselor  
2509 Post Oak Tritt Rd.  
Marietta, GA 30062  
www.housematematch.org

678-812-3729

### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COBB - MARIETTA

Organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of members and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

505 Kennesaw Avenue  
Marietta, GA 30060  
www.jlcm.org

770-422-5266

### MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA AND ALABAMA

Grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The Foundation needs office volunteers, fundraisers and wish granters.

Deirdre Trevett, Volunteer Coordinator  
1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
www.ga-al.wish.org

770-916-WISH (9474)

## VolunteerMatch.com Can Help You Help Others


What's your excuse for not getting involved: Not enough time? No skills or experience you think could help anyone? Nothing nearby? If you had information on thousands of non-profit agencies looking for volunteers anywhere nationwide and also were able to choose how much time to spend, the type of cause you want to support, and set your own hours for volunteering, it would be hard to find a reason not to volunteer, wouldn't it?

No more excuses. Whether you can spend 10 hours a week or 10 minutes, whether you want to support the arts, the environment or social issues, there are thousands of opportunities waiting on VolunteerMatch.

VolunteerMatch is a non-profit website that serves as a clearinghouse for organizations needing individuals to volunteer and volunteers looking for organizations who can use their skills and experience. To date, nearly 20,000 non-profit and tax-exempt organizations have received more than 700,000 volunteer referrals through the site.

Any non-profit or tax-exempt organization can list an unlimited number of volunteer opportunities on VolunteerMatch. Visitors to VolunteerMatch simply enter their ZIP code to find local opportunities. Volunteers can also search by interest, date and keyword to generate a personally customized list. Once an opportunity of choice is found, the interested volunteer simply clicks on it to contact the organization and get involved. Non-profit organizations find VolunteerMatch an easy and efficient way to connect with people who can support their efforts through volunteer activity.

VolunteerMatch is a great way for interested volunteers to find out if their skills meet an organization's needs before they make contact, and it's also a good way to get the word out about projects and special needs within a specific community. "If there's a local disaster or even something like a marathon that needs volunteers, help can be coordinated online," she says.

"VolunteerMatch makes it easy to bring volunteers and charitable organizations together to meet the needs of their community," says the service's president, Jay Backstrand. To find volunteer opportunities in your area, or to learn more about VolunteerMatch, visit [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org). 



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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers needed on meal delivery team. Volunteers also serve as a link of information between the client and caseworker.

Shelia Perkins, Volunteer & Advocacy Coordinator  
www.cobbcountyga.gov **770-528-5381**

## MINISTRIES UNITED FOR SERVICE AND TRAINING (MUST)

Since 1972, MUST has provided services to the poor and homeless in Cobb and Cherokee Counties.

Jenaila Hawkins, Volunteer Coordinator  
1407 Cobb Parkway  
Marietta, GA 30061  
www.mustministries.org **770-790-3873**

## NORTHWEST METRO ATLANTA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Strives to eliminate substandard housing in Cobb County through new home construction and existing home renovation. Also offers zero-interest loans.

J.J. Currie, Volunteer Coordinator  
1625 Spring Road  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
www.nwmetroatlantahabitat.org **770-432-7954**

## PROBATION OFFICER PROGRAM

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Amanda Walpole, Safe Kids Co-Coordinator  
122 Al Bishop Drive  
Marietta, GA 30008  
www.safekidscobbcounty.org **770-852-3285**

Lisa Gardner, Safe Kids Co-Coordinator  
114 Cherry Street, Suite G  
Marietta, GA 30060  
www.safekidscobbcounty.org **770-793-7185**

## SAFEPATH CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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Leigh Kelley, Volunteer Coordinator  
736 Whitlock Ave.  
West Park Government Center, Ste. 600  
Marietta, GA 30064  
www.safepath.org **770-801-3465**

## SENIORS "MOST WANTED"

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**TOMMY NOBIS CENTER (TNC)**

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Judy Leeper, Program Coordinator

1480 Bells Ferry Road

Marietta, Georgia 30066

www.tommynobiscenter.org

770-427-9000, ext. 5116

**UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA**

United Way does "whatever it takes" to help the Cobb community focus and get results on important human issues.

While United Way does raise and invest dollars, it also helps people volunteer, lend their professional expertise, donate household and office items and advocate on behalf of issues.

Leah Rolfes, Director

995 Roswell Street, Ste. 338

Marietta, GA 30060

www.unitedwayatlanta.org

404-527-7200 or 211

**WELLSTAR**

WellStar volunteers are an integral part of our healthcare team. Through a variety of important opportunities, volunteers provide service to the hospital while also promoting a caring attitude in the hospital and community. Volunteers make a difference. To help maintain high quality patient care, volunteers interact daily with hospital team members, physicians, patients and patients' families.

Brooke Schembri, Director of Corporate & Community Health

330 Kennestone Hospital Boulevard

Marietta, GA 30060

www.wellstar.org

770-793-7120

**YWCA OF NORTHWEST GA**

The YWCA of Northwest Georgia seeks volunteers for its thrift store, special events, crisis hotline, family violence shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy, sexual assault accompaniment advocacy, children's services, Latino outreach and other needs.

Kristi Storey, Communications Coordinator

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