

## 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 donate the furniture, clothing and other household items that you no longer need. In addition to our local schools, synagogues and churches, here's a sampling of some other local, non-profit organizations that are in need of volunteers, financial contributions and/or miscellaneous donations.*

### ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM

(Watershed Stewardship Program)

This Cobb County program provides participants the opportunity to learn about the watershed they live in with a variety of programs designed to help people learn how to improve local water quality through hands-on activities for all ages. Free.

[www.watershed.cobbcountyga.gov](http://www.watershed.cobbcountyga.gov)

770-528-8215

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

Seeks blood donors.

2145 Roswell Road, Suite 250

Marietta, GA 30062

[www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org)

770-578-1977

### CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Provides secure residential care for Cobb County's abused and neglected children.

Kimberly Tinsley, Volunteer & Activities Coordinator

[www.ccyakids.org](http://www.ccyakids.org)

770-333-9447 x103

### THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES

Provides emergency assistance to families in Cobb County so that they can access the resources they need to become independent and self-sufficient, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty.

Chris Chamblee, Development & Volunteer Coordinator

995 Roswell Street, Suite 100

Marietta, GA 30060

[www.theCFR.org](http://www.theCFR.org)

770-428-2601 x264

### 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.

Tommy Allegood, Executive Director

Cobb Chamber-240 Interstate North Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

[www.cobbfoundation.com](http://www.cobbfoundation.com)

770-859-2329

### COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT – CITIZEN PANEL REVIEW

A volunteer supported program tasked with reviewing foster care cases.

Joshua Weeks

[www.cobbcountyga.gov](http://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](http://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](http://www.cobbcountyga.gov)

770-528-2243



## READ MORE. DO MORE.

Each EAST COBBER issue and [eastcobber.com](http://eastcobber.com)'s 20 blogs offer you the latest in local arts and entertainment, dining, community events, school news, and health tips.

Get more out of East Cobb: visit [www.eastcobber.com](http://www.eastcobber.com)

**COBB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Help needed with shelving and straightening paperbacks and periodicals as well as other opportunities listed on website.  
 Alexandra Beswick , Central Library Manager  
 www.cobbcat.org **770-528-2141**

**COBB LITERACY COUNCIL**

Needs tutors for GED as well as administrative help.  
 Donna Frankovsky  
 www.cobbworks.org **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  
 www.theextension.org **770-590-9075 x301**

**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  
 www.feedthehungryfoundation.com **770-980-1550**

**FOSTER CARE SUPPORT FOUNDATION**

Helps abused and neglected children experience a kinder side of daily life while in their foster care home. Volunteers needed to help in the distribution center and the resale shop.  
 115 Mansell Place  
 Roswell, GA 30076  
 www.fostercare.org **770-641-9591**





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## FRIENDS FOR THE EAST COBB PARK

Volunteers needed to maintain and make improvements for the only passive park in East Cobb County. Volunteers also needed for special events.

Sharon Mason, President

[www.eastcobbpark.org](http://www.eastcobbpark.org)

[president@eastcobbpark.org](mailto:president@eastcobbpark.org)

## GEORGIA AARP TAX-AIDE

Seeks volunteers for tax counseling service between mid-January and April 15.

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

**1-888-687-2277**

## GIRLS INC. OF COBB COUNTY

Provides programs to promote self-esteem in young women. Seeks people to donate time and skills working with girls in an activity or class such as arts and crafts, computer training, sports, aerobics, and tutoring.

Deborah Woods, Manager of Center Based Programming

461 Manget Street

Marietta, GA 30060

**770-422-0999**

## 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](http://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.georgia.wish.org](http://www.georgia.wish.org)

**770-916-WISH (9474)**

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers needed. Volunteers also serve as a link of information between the client and caseworker.

Shelia Perkins, Volunteer & Advocacy Coordinator

[www.cobbcountyga.gov](http://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.

Tiffany Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator

1407 Cobb Parkway

Marietta, GA 30061

[www.mustministries.org](http://www.mustministries.org)

**770-427-9862**

## 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).



**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**

Cobb County Superior Court needs help relieving the State probation caseload. Qualified volunteers will undergo formal training.

www.cobbcountyga.gov

**770-528-7986****RALLY FOUNDATION**

Empowers volunteers across the country to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer. Volunteers needed for special events and fundraisers.

Zerlina Hotujec, Operations Manager  
5775 Glenridge Drive, Building B, Suite 370  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
www.rallyfoundation.org

**404-847-1273****SAFE KIDS COBB COUNTY**

Safe Kids Cobb County is committed to reducing and preventing accidental injuries to children in Cobb County. It provides information and education on the following topics: Car and Booster Seats, Poison Prevention, Water Safety, Bicycle/Wheel Safety, Home Safety & Pedestrian Safety. Sponsors car seat checks, bike rodeos, and safety fairs.

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**

Ensures a child-friendly environment in which child victims of abuse and neglect can feel safe and comfortable during the process of intervention and investigation. Caring adults are needed to greet families and supervise children in their playroom/waiting area during the day, and in the evening on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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"**

Cobb County Sheriff's program is looking for residents 55 and older to assist deputies and other staff in sheriff's office operations.

www.cobbcountyga.gov

**678-355-7064****TOMMY NOBIS CENTER (TNC)**

The mission of the Tommy Nobis Center is to develop and provide job training, employment and vocational support for youth and adults with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Several volunteer opportunities are available: Teach life skills such as grooming, money management, and basic cooking; completing job applications/resumes; prepare clients for job interviews, etc. in classes ranging in size from 4-10; act as the employer in a mock interview and give feedback to client for strengthening his interview. Chaperone a group on a social outing.

Judy Leeper, Program Coordinator  
1480 Bells Ferry Road  
Marietta, GA 30066  
www.tommynobiscenter.org

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