

American Red Cross of Athens

<http://www.athensohredcross.org/volunteers.html>

Provides disaster relief to those in need of assistance.

Possible Activities:

- Three general categories of activities: (1) office work/data entry, (2) disaster relief, (3) bloodmobile greeters, escorts, or canteen staff.
- Complete red-cross disaster courses and become approved to respond to fires (and perhaps other emergencies). After training, you would shadow others in response to fires until you become comfortable on own.
- Attend disaster team meetings once per month (2nd Thursday of each month, 5:00-6:00pm).

Requirements:

Pass a background check and pay the fee for the background check (\$3.50)

Contact Information:

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Athens Behavioral Health (ABH)

[Link to ABH handout here.](#)

Possible Activities:

- Gain experience working in an inpatient psychiatric hospital.
- Participate in therapeutic activities with patients. Activities include arts and crafts, bingo and card games, volleyball, and billiards.
- Support patients during chapel by listening, singing, and sharing (not available during summer months).
- Meet a wide variety of patients and treatment professionals.

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Athens County Children Services

Possible Activities:

- Help with community events.
- Work in classrooms with students.
- Assist with support groups, including family, teenage women, and men groups.

Requirements:

Background check and fingerprinting.

Complete necessary training.

Contact Information:

Barb Cline

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Athens County Victim Assistance Program

<http://www.athenscountygovernment.com>

Possible Activities:

- Supervised Visitation Center (weekends):
 - Initially shadow and then monitor visits between parents and children
 - Complete monitoring reports
- Victims' Assistance Project:
 - Tasks vary every week because your work will depend on the needs of the victims that you are assisting, but may include:
 - Assistance with advocacy services, petition courts, assistance with civil protection orders
 - Help victims complete paperwork and filing reports.
 - Accompany victims to court upon request.

Contact Information:

Denise Brooks

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Athens County Inc

<http://bbbsathens.com>

Possible Activities:

- If you commit to 1 quarter:
 - Assist in the office
 - Respond to inquiries about the organization
 - Help complete reference checks.
- If you commit to the entire year:
 - Be involved in the matching process (matching Bigs and Littles)
 - Interview Bigs and Littles
 - Help make appropriate matches
 - Write reports
 - Be involved with fundraising

Contact Information:

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Court Appointed Special Advocates—Guardian Ad Litem

Possible Activities:

- If you are over 21 years of age:
 - Be an advocate for children.
 - After being assigned a family, you will spend time with the children, investigate family dynamics, consider what the children want before making a final report.
- If you are under 21 years of age:
 - Help with office work
 - Sit in on court hearings.

Requirements:

Reference and background check.

Child advocates undergo 30 hour pre-service training.

Contact Information:

Rebecca Robinson-Miller
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Echoing Meadows Residential Center**Possible Activities:**

- Play games and do other activities with the residents (persons with physical or developmental disabilities).

Contact Information:

Jess Rolston
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Good Works, Inc.

www.good-works.net

Possible Activities:

- There are over 18 volunteer and internship opportunities available through Good Works including providing assistance at the Timothy House, a shelter for the rural homeless, and Friday Night Life (community meals). See the website for details on all volunteer opportunities

Requirements:

Must get approval for credit before volunteering.

Contact Information:

Keith Wasserman
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Hickory Creek of Athens**Possible Activities:**

- 1 to 1 visits with residents in one of the four units (Alzheimer, rehabilitation, higher functioning, or heavier care).
- Group activities, outings

Requirements:

Flexible schedule but you must have a set schedule.

Background check, TB test and orientation.

Contact Information:

Ashley
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Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Council

<http://www.hapcap.org>

Possible Activities:

- Assisting in food and nutrition programs to help feed the elderly and children
- Assist with aspects of their other programs such as Head Start, Meals on Wheels, Oral Health, and Youth Build. See website for more information.

Contact Information:

www.hapcap.org/volunteer.htm

Holzer Medical Clinic

Possible Activities:

- Discharge planning, continuum of care, financial assessment, child/adult neglect

Requirements:

Must sign an internship contract.

Contact Information:

Dow Saunders

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Integrated Service Systems

<http://www.integratedservice.org>

Possible Activities:

- In-home services with families in need of assistance.
- School and mental health services with poverty-stricken families.
- Assist in an employment center.
- Most of the work occurs in Vinton, Jackson, and Ross counties.

Requirements:

Background check.

This is a difficult position that is appropriate for students who are highly motivated to do service work with those struggling with poverty, as well as work with family preservation and incarceration prevention.

Contact Information:

Kevin Gillespie

Phone Number: 592-2095

Milestones Network

This organization focuses on therapeutic foster care and mental healthcare (inpatient and outpatient).

Possible Activities:

- Clinical case management.
- Work with small groups.

Requirements:

Pass a background check.

Must be 21 years of age or older.

Valid driver's license and insurance.

Contact Information:

Wendy Shields

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O'Bleness Memorial Hospital

<http://www.obleness.org/services/sub.asp?id=11&sid=55>

Possible Activities:

- If you are pre-med, neuropsychology, or health psychology:
 - Work with staff in emergency services
- Opportunities in social services.
- Patient visitation (mornings only).

Requirements:

25 hours per quarter and students must have a set schedule, interview and orientation. If interested complete an application online (see the link above).

Contact Information:

Susan Kozak
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Rural Action

<http://ruralaction.org>

Organization that promotes economic, social, and environmental justice in Appalachian Ohio.

Possible Activities:

- Service learning with local youth.
- Job training programs (from welfare to work).

Contact Information:

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Scioto Point Valley Mental Health Center (Crisis Center)

<http://www.svvmhc.org>

Possible Activities:

- Answer crisis line calls.
- Supervised practicum in emergency services, substance abuse, or counseling.

Requirements:

Complete an orientation and training.
Work in 4-hour shifts for the crisis line.

Contact Information:

Janie Murphy
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Southeastern Correctional Facility

This facility has recovery services, psychological services.

Possible Activities:

- Case management responsibilities.

Requirements:

Pass a background check.
Submit a letter of recommendation from a university professor.

Contact Information:

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The Gathering Place

<http://www.seorf.ohiou.edu/xx175>

<http://www.gatheringplaceathens.org/>

The Gathering Place supports the recovery of persons with mental illness by enhancing personal development and well being, while fostering community involvement.

Contact Information:

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Tri-County Mental Health

Possible Activities:

- Case Manager:
 - Commit to working for 1 year (10 hours per week)
 - Availability of this practicum depends on the availability of supervisors at Tri-County
- Sexual Assault Prevention Program:
 - <http://saprevention.org>
 - Focus of this program is on the prevention of sexual assault.
 - Train high school students to become peer prevention educators.
 - Work with youth to help them become active allies.
 - Engage boys and men in the effort to end sexual violence.
 - Help plan events, vigils, and fundraisers.
 - Be a part of the media campaign (poster distribution, creation of public service announcements, etc).
 - Work with others to develop new prevention workshops and community outreach.

Contact Information:

Case Management opportunity: Kendall Brown (Human Resources Director)

Phone Number: 592-3091

Sexual Assault Prevention Program opportunity: Lindsey Daniels

Phone Number: 592-3091 ext. 4621

U.S. House of Representatives

For more information on Congressman Charlie Wilson and the Marietta office, go to charliewilson.house.gov

Possible Activities:

- Help with social security casework.
- Office, clerical tasks.
- Plan events for Congressman Charlie Wilson.
- Give information to constituents.

Contact Information:

Jerri Dahler

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Washington County Children Services Board

Located in Marietta.

Possible Activities:

- Assist in one of the following programs: Prevention, Protection, Assessment, Foster Care, or Family Services.
- Hands-on activities, such as working in foster care and learning about recruitment processes, making site visits with staff, and giving presentations.
- Assist on grant-writing.

Requirements:

Not required, but they prefer students who are able to work at least 6 hours per week.

Resume and interview.

Contact Information:

Anita Meek

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Wellspring Retreat and Resource Center

www.wellspringretreat.org

Wellspring is a residential treatment center for persons who have suffered harm as a result of being involved in cults or other religious, political or psychologically destructive relationships.

Possible Activities:

- Research assistant—data entry from the test protocols administered to Wellspring clientele; data analysis if the volunteer is familiar with SPSS
- Assist office manager with mailings, filings, client inquiries

Contact Information:

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