2018 Holiday Service Opportunities

The following list provides service opportunities for the holidays. Please make sure to contact the organization for any additional instructions.

Christmas in the Park - The SM Wright Foundation is hosting their annual Christmas in the Park on December 25th at the Dallas Fair Park Automobile Building. Volunteer slots for the day of the event are currently full, however, **the organization is in great need of children's toys (5-12 year old range) as soon as possible.** Please contact Carole Griffin at carolegriffin1@me.com for more information on donations.

The Trains at NorthPark -- The Trains at NorthPark benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas is open until January 6, 2019. Volunteers are needed to sell and take tickets and host the train exhibit. Students under age 14 may volunteer with a parent. Check the volunteer calendar on their webpage or contact Juliet at rmhtrains@yahoo.com for more details on available shifts and schedules. **These spots fill up quickly so please register as soon as you can.**

St. Philip's School and Community Center – Volunteers are needed for their Thanksgiving Feast and Christmas Store. Please refer to the flyer in this folder for more details. Contact LaSheryl Walker at lwalker@stphilips.com to sign-up.

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden are currently seeking volunteers to sign up for the 12 Days of Christmas exhibit. Students can volunteer individually or with your family or friends. For scheduling and more information about signing up, please contact Emily Guinn in the Dallas Arboretum volunteer office at 214-515-6561 or volunteers@dallasarboretum.org.

Visiting Nurse Association/Meals on Wheels needs volunteers for the special projects listed in the flyer in the 2018 Holiday Service Opportunities folder. Please RSVP to VNA's Kim Peters at petersk@vnatexas.org

Children's Hunger Fund Toy Wrap - Join Children's Hunger Fund at America's Toy Wrap! The event is free, but you do need to register to attend. **These spots fill up quickly so please register as soon as you can.** This event is open to the entire family. If you are unable to attend after signing up, please make sure you notify CHF so the slot can go to someone else.

Salvation Army - NorthPark Angel Tree - Volunteers assist donors by explaining the Angel Tree program, helping donors choose Angel Tags and recording adoptions, or by receiving and helping record gift returns. Volunteers may also maintain the Angel Tags on the Angel Tree, move donated gifts to storage locations, or record statistical information. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. **Additional locations for similar activities with the Salvation Army can also be found using the link.**

Readers to Leaders

Name of Event: Holiday Buddy Reading
Date(s): December dates Monday - Thursday (can be self-scheduled)
Time(s): After-School Program (3:45-5:30 pm)
Description: Looking for Reading Buddies for our After-School Program during the holidays (programming ends December 13th for the year).
Contact: volunteer@readers2leaders.org

Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity

Name of Event: Neighborhood Clean Up
Date(s): December 8, 2018
Time(s): 8:30am to 10:30am
Description: Neighborhood clean-ups make an immediate and visible difference in the areas we serve. Volunteers help us to transform not only the lives of our partner families but also of all the families in our neighborhoods. Neighborhood Clean-ups are held in our construction neighborhoods. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by 1 adult for every 5 youth. After your visit, you can visit Bonton Farms, the City of Dallas' first urban farm. Further information about the farm can be found on their website http://bontonfarms.org/our-farm/
Contact: Mary Beth O'Connor at 214-678-2312 or moconnor@dallas-habitat.org

Equest

Equest is offering several opportunities during the holiday season. Please see the list below and follow instructions carefully. For questions, contact Ellie Grant at egrant@equest.org.

The Chocoholic Frolic at Lone Star Park - Sunday morning, December 2nd- sign up to help via the sign-up genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4bada72ca64-chocoholic3
Grand Prairie- various morning shifts up until 1 pm on the Genius. Service credit available for all shifts. Anyone 16 or over can help. Training is "OTJ" (on the job).

The Chocoholic Frolic is a 5K, 10K and KidsK. We have something fun for all ages and abilities. Participants receive a race shirt, a Chocoholic Frolic Finishers Bar and a chocolate-themed medal. Along the course, participants will find volunteers dishing out chocolatey treats. The finish line is a chocoholic celebration with a delightful spread of treats for dipping in our delicious chocolate.
All volunteers will receive a volunteer shirt and chocolate treats! Volunteers should be 16+, but younger youth could help with an adult at water stops, finish line, and course support.

Holiday "**Jingle Mingle**"- bring treats and cookies and help serve cocoa and cider and help with crafts, 9:30-1:30 Saturday, December 15th. That is our last major event of the year.

Students can also come help in the barn any day except Thanksgiving and Christmas between 7 am and 3 pm- morning hours are most helpful. Again- one day form or regular app: The best way to do the application if you have not already done so is online:

https://www.tfaforms.com/4660282 . We also have hard copies here on site if you prefer.. Either would need to be signed by a parent or guardian if the student is under 18.

Dallas Children's Theatre

DCT has the following holiday service opportunities. Please let them know whether you are available to volunteer usher no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday, 12-4-18.

FR	12-21-18	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Snowy Day	Need 2 volunteer ushers
FR	12-21-18	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Mr. Dickens	Need 4 volunteer ushers
SA	12-22-18	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Snowy Day	Need 2 volunteer ushers

Volunteer Slots are filled based on the 1st email received.

Salvation Army - Bell Ringing

The best way to see the available slots is to go to the Register to Ring website here: https://www.registertoring.com/WebPages/Default.aspx

When you go to the page, look to the very top of the column on the left and select "Ringing With a Group". That will kick off the process for registering your group. When you get to the point where you select a location, pick Dallas and North Park Mall. Then you'll be able to see the available dates.