

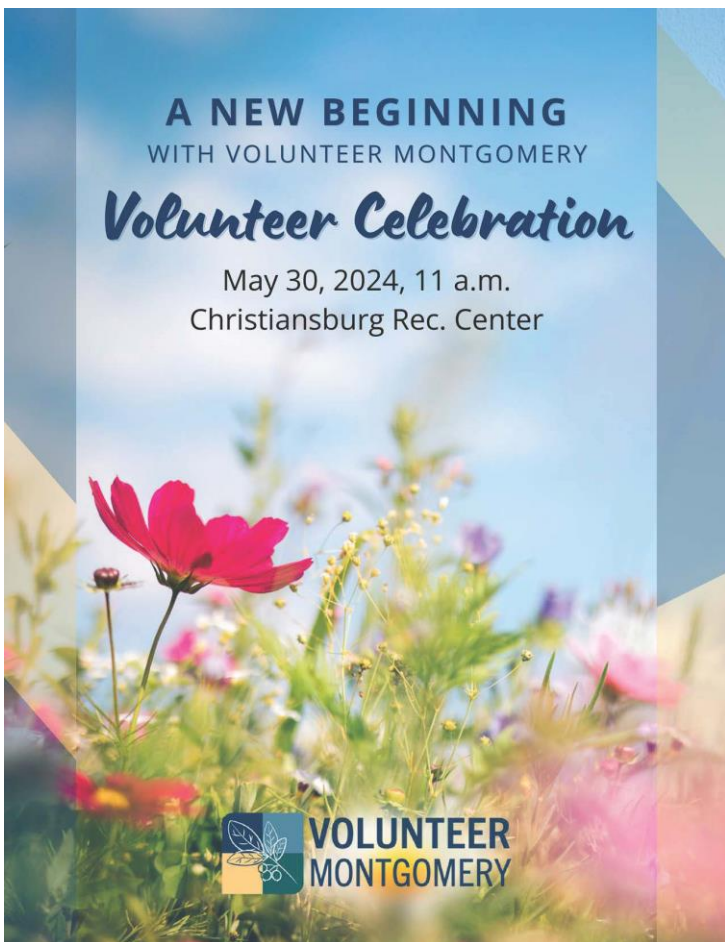


VOLUNTEER MONTGOMERY

April 2024 Updates:

Dear Volunteer,

Spring is here and we have a lot of activities and volunteer opportunities planned for you! Don't forget to **Save the Date** for our upcoming **Volunteer Celebration**. You will receive further details by email and in your May newsletter.



PC: Montgomery County Public Information

Please join us as we welcome our new Administrative Assistant Hannah Cox! Hannah is a full-time employee and began working with us on Tuesday, March 12th.

A message from Hannah: I am very excited to be working with Volunteer Montgomery. I have taken opportunities

to volunteer since I was very young. I have volunteered with the Montgomery County Christmas Store for over 10 years with my family, have gone on a couple of mission trips to Mexico with my church, and have spent time over the years volunteering with local animal shelters and the Roanoke Rescue Mission. Volunteering has always been a part of my life and I'm very excited to have a job that allows me to connect with more of the volunteering community and opportunities! Some fun facts about me are that I have 4 cats and a dog, I am in graduate school at Virginia Tech for a Master's in Natural Resources, and I love outdoor activities, wildlife, and traveling!

Please present this flyer to your server for dine in or during pickup for carry out. You can display this photo on your smartphone or stop by the Volunteer Montgomery office to pick up a flyer.

DINE TO DONATE

Monday, April 15, from 11 am to 9 pm



At Sandro's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant
2775 Market Street, Christiansburg

**DINE IN OR CARRY OUT.
VOLUNTEER MONTGOMERY WILL RECEIVE 10%
OF THE PROCEEDS FOR THE WHOLE DAY!**



Program Updates:



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Volunteer Montgomery is now a member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce! **SAVE THE DATE** for our upcoming Ribbon Cutting event on Thursday, May 16th at 12 pm. We would love to have as many volunteers and community partners as possible attend during this important event for our program!



Thank you for supporting our **Fruit Cup Collection for Auburn Backpack**, a program of Auburn United Methodist Church!

Our group collected 287 fruit cups and 24 cups of apple sauce to support children at Auburn schools.

We would like to thank the following supporters for stopping by or mailing items to donate: Carrie Songer, Jill Songer, Alex Strickler, Sharon Brown, Jolene Rawlings, Rich Rawlings, Diana Reed, Annette Calhoun, Karen Anders, Deena Flinchum, Glenda Caldwell, Gail Patterson, Bonnie Hawks, and Irene Dowdy.

If you dropped off fruit and we didn't catch you while you were here, we appreciate you too! We couldn't have made this happen without you all 😊

YOUTH T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE AT VOLUNTEER MONTGOMERY



We now offer youth sizes in small, medium, and large. If you have a child enrolled with us, please stop by the office to pick up a shirt!

A huge thank you to our Human Services Director Alex Strickler for providing the cutest model! 😊

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our SOLD-OUT Bingo Night at Iron Tree Brewing Company on Wednesday, March 6th! **We raised \$1,023 towards our scholarship program and other community programs administered by Volunteer Montgomery.** We would also like to acknowledge the Cabo Fish Taco food truck for donating 10% of their proceeds from the evening. They donated \$90.53 which is included in our grand total. Our next Bingo Fundraiser will be family-friendly and held at **Creed Fields Park on Saturday, June 29th from 11 am to 2 pm.** **SAVE THE DATE!**



Scholarship for Human Services / Human Medical Field

April 19 is the cutoff date to apply for the Scholarship awards given by Volunteer Montgomery. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students in our service area who plan to pursue studies in a human services/ human medical field. For applications or more information, students should visit our website at www.montva.com, contact their school counselors, or contact volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Collection – Please bring your donations to Volunteer Montgomery throughout the month of April



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE - NRV
"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!"

KIDS' BEDDING DRIVE

*Help
Change
This....*



*....To
This*

WHAT

NEW TWIN-SIZE STUFF: Blankets and Comforters – Sheet Sets – Bed in a Bag – Pillows solids are ok, but kids love unicorns, dinosaurs, rockets, mermaids, tractors, and superheroes

HOW

GATHER with your church, friends, neighbors and coworkers and we'll pick it up

SHOP our AMAZON WISHLIST and it gets delivered to us

DROP OFF First Security Storage
 5 Midway Plaza Dr Christiansburg
 M-F, 9:00 to 5:30



contact us at
paul.mele@shpbeds.org

[SHP NRV Amazon Wishlist](#)

- Check us out on FB @SHPNewriver
- Visit shpbeds.org to apply for a bed
- Serving Montgomery and Pulaski Counties and Radford City
- Over 850 sleep-ready beds delivered to kids in our towns!



As we reflect back on the 2024 Home Expo, we know this type of event is only successful when volunteers, vendors, donors, and sponsors come together.

So with grateful hearts, we say thank you for your part in the 2024 Home Expo.

This event allows the NRVHBA to fulfill its mission of advocating for the construction industry, educating our community and paving the way for the future in trades education, and giving back to the NRV through charitable efforts and scholarships.

So please accept our thanks!

Sincerely,
 the 2024 Home Expo Committee
 Kelsey, Emily, James, Stephanie B., Taylor, Stephanie K.,
 Megan, Cody, and Kasey

“Purricane Relief” Supplies Needed at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC):

- Kitten Formula (Kitten Milk Replacer) powder
- Purina Kitten Chow (yellow bag)
- “Pate” wet adult or kitten food.
- Non-Clumping clay litter
- “Yesterday’s News” (or any brand) paper litter
- Kitten nursing bottles and replacement nipples
- Miracle Nipples (mini and original)
- Digital Thermometer
- Flea Combs
- Fleece blankets
- Small cat beds
- Double sided food bowls
- “Snuggle Kitty or Puppy” stuffed toy with heartbeat
- Toys
- Treats
- Laundry soap (liquid)
- Dawn “Ultra” dish soap (blue)

Please drop off donations for the ACAC at 480 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg.

Updating Records

As you may or may not know, we have recently transitioned to a new volunteer management software. While we are still learning the ropes, we wanted to take this opportunity to update some of our volunteer records. One thing that we would really like to have on file for all volunteers is an emergency contact. That way, should something happen regarding injury or any other potential emergency, we would know who to contact.

If you joined our program before August 2023, we either do not have an emergency contact listed for you currently OR it has been quite a while since we updated your emergency contact information. If you could please call, email, or text our office with your emergency contact's name and contact number, we would greatly appreciate it. Of course, if any of your other information has changed, you are welcome to include that as well for us to make updates to your record.

As we consider this to be a very important initiative, we will be following up with folks that we do not hear back from. So, please, help us all out and respond to this initial request so we can check you off of our list for updates.

Thank you all so much, Alex



TRIAD

A Shred-A-Thon sponsored by the Christiansburg/Montgomery TRIAD S.A.L.T. Council will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 3-6 pm in the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot. Help prevent identity theft, shred unwanted documents, protect your information, and clean out clutter! This will be a drive thru event, no walk-ups will be allowed. Please put documents to be shredded in a box or plastic tote, no bigger than 22.5x18x11.5, limit 3 per car. Please make sure you only have documents to be shredded. Items that can't be shredded include: Metal, including 3 ring binders, composition notebooks, hanging file folders, paint brushes, padlocks, hardback books, keys, eyeglasses, bungee cords, etc.

Town of Christiansburg Police Department Drug Take Back

The Spring session of the National DEA Drug Take Back will be held on April 27th at Christiansburg Pharmacy, located at 470 N. Franklin St., between 10AM- 2:00PM. This is a great opportunity to get rid of expired or unneeded medications to keep them out of the wrong hands. There are some exceptions as to what they will take however. Please do not try and dispose of any aerosols or syringes at the Drug Take Back. These items are not eligible for drop off for this event.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Recipes Needed

The **Volunteer Montgomery Fundraising Committee** is planning to do a **Cookbook Fundraiser** and we need your help! We are seeking at least 200 recipes from our volunteers. If interested, please type the recipe and email it to volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov. If you need assistance, you can make an appointment to bring your recipe to our office and we will make a copy and type it for you. Thank you in advance for your support!

A colorful poster for the 3rd Annual Spring Family Fun Festival. The background is yellow and blue. At the top, it says '3RD ANNUAL SPRING FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'Hickok Street Christiansburg'. A green speech bubble says 'Free Hot dogs!' and a white speech bubble says 'Free Cotton Candy!'. A green circle contains the text 'THURSDAY APRIL 11 3PM-6:30PM'. A purple speech bubble says 'Join non profits and local businesses for a fun filled afternoon of free food, activities, games, and resources!'. At the bottom left, it says 'Sponsored By' and lists 'MONTGOMERY COUNTY VIRGINIA Department of Social Services' and 'NR CARES'. There is a circular inset photo showing people at the festival.

Spring Family Fun Festival

Volunteer Montgomery will be set up during the Spring Family Fun Festival.

Volunteers are needed to help us spread the word about our program. Contact the office to sign up for the 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm or 5 pm to 7 pm shift.

We hope to see you there!

Saint Francis Service Dogs

Saint Francis Service Dogs in Roanoke, VA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help people with disabilities achieve their goals and have greater independence through partnership with exceptional service and facility dogs. We have formed a new partnership with this wonderful agency and they are in need of volunteers in Montgomery County!

They have many volunteer opportunities for people to get involved, but **their biggest need at the moment is puppy sitters and puppy raisers.**

- **Puppy/Dog Sitters** care for Saint Francis puppies and dogs on weekends or for periods of one or two weeks while their regular puppy raisers are on vacation, or to give dogs in training a change of scenery. Sitters help Saint Francis puppies and dogs by exposing them to new friends and different places.
- **Puppy Raisers** open their homes and hearts to future service dogs, raising puppies for approximately one year, and helping them learn their basic obedience skills before returning them to Saint Francis Service Dogs for advanced training. Puppy Raisers must attend weekly training classes. They have classes in both Blacksburg and Roanoke.

Learn more about Saint Francis Service Dogs here: <https://saintfrancisdogs.org/> and about the Volunteer Program here: <https://saintfrancisdogs.org/volunteer/>

To sign up for this opportunity, contact Volunteer Montgomery.

Auburn Baptist Christian Academy (ABCA)

Auburn Baptist Christian Academy needs volunteers to help with childcare for kids waiting to be picked up after school is over. The dates they need extra support are Tuesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 18th. Help is needed from 3:30-6pm on those days. If you have questions, please let us know.

ABCA is located at 3840 Riner Rd. in Riner, VA. If you are available to help, please contact the office at volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov.

Evening Opportunity at Volunteer Montgomery! Craft/Coupon Evening Opportunity at Volunteer Montgomery – Thursday, April 25th from 6-8 pm

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join us as we clip manufacturer's coupons, create and write notes of encouragement in cards for residents in nursing homes, and work on Butterfly Hugs for Spirit FM. All supplies will be provided by Volunteer Montgomery. **You are encouraged to bring any manufacturer's coupons you have on hand.**

Please call, text, or email the office if you would like to help!



VT Big Event Workday at Pulaski Community Youth Center (PCYC)

When: Saturday, April 6 10am - 4pm (volunteers welcome anytime within those hours!)

Where: 6671 Riverlawn Ct. Fairlawn, VA

What: Workday is focused on our garden and outdoor space. We will be resetting and rebuilding raised beds, and improving our outdoor classroom space. Bring your tools, skills and joyful hearts.

LUNCH AND DRINKS PROVIDED!

Click on the following link to sign up: VT Big Event Workday at PCYC Registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlUQtT_XnAR94Clt4b8E4z9LoV_OkJJYNFV3if7aWT8e8sfg/viewform?usp=sf_link [docs.google.com]

Montgomery County Broomin' & Bloomin'



Don't forget about Montgomery County, VA's Broomin and Bloomin event on April 20th! Volunteers will be picking up litter in parks, on school grounds, and other public areas throughout the community.

If you are interested in helping out or getting more information, you can learn about the event and sign up here:

montva.com/broominbloomin.



On March 16, 2024, we had a wonderful group of volunteers from Delta Epsilon Mu at Virginia Tech get a head start on the event by cleaning up a pollinator garden at Coal Miners Park.

Here is a quote from one of the volunteers involved in the cleaning this past weekend:

“We absolutely loved doing the project! Everyone enjoyed the mulching part the most. We were able to all work together and get the bed looking nice and clean again.”

Designer Handbags Needed



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Volunteer Montgomery is making plans for a Designer Handbag Auction to come! In preparation for the event, we are seeking new and gently used designer purses whose original retail value exceeded \$100 for the auction. Handbags can be dropped off at the Volunteer Montgomery office during business hours—Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

Please note, any purses that show significant wear (rips, tears, stains, extensive fraying, etc.) or do not meet the \$100 retail value will not be accepted for this particular event but can potentially be donated to MCEAP Thrift Store.

Your support will help ensure that we can continue to benefit community members in need. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Volunteer Montgomery office.

We accept the following donations:

- **Stamps for the Wounded** – please leave at least a quarter-inch margin of paper around used postage stamps you tear off envelopes or packages.
- Gently-Used Paperback Books for **Operation Paperback**. We have a container for books inside the volunteer office.
- Manufacturer's Coupons for the **Overseas Coupon Program** (can be used for 6 months after expiration date)
- Eyeglasses for the **Lions Club**
- Aluminum tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House**
- Bud vases for our annual **Flowers for Veterans** program

The following activities are scheduled in **April** and we will be providing transportation for volunteers. Contact the office for more details.

- English Meadows – Tea Party April 15 10 am
- Virginia Veterans Care Center – Birthday Party April 16 2:30 pm
- Kroontje Health Care Center – Birthday Party April 17 2:30 pm
- Spring Oak Senior Living - Birthday Party April 19 3 pm
- Commonwealth Senior Living – Party April 25 3:15 pm

Volunteer Information:

Volunteer Hour Sheets

You can submit volunteer hours by mail, email or by visiting <https://forms.montva.com/Forms/RSVP-hours>. If you use this link, your volunteer time will be emailed to staff.

Please let us know if you would like a paper copy or a fillable form to save to your tablet or PC.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL FOOLS	2	3	4	5	6 VT Big Event - Volunteers @ PCYC 10AM-4PM
7	8 Coupons/Cards 9AM-12PM	9	10	11 NRV CARES Family Fun Festival @ Hickok St. Cburg 3PM	12	13
14	15 English Meadows Tea Party 10AM Fundraising Committee 10:30AM Dine to Donate @ Sandro's Cburg, Open 11AM-9PM	16 VA Veterans Care Center 2:30PM—Leave office @ 1:30PM	17 Kroontje Party 2:30PM	18	19 Spring Oak Party 3PM Scholarship Applications Due 5PM	20 Broom in' & Bloom in' 8AM-1PM
21 National Volunteer Week	22 Coupons/Cards 9AM-12PM Earth Day	23	24	25 Commonwealth Senior Living Party 3:15PM Crafts/Coupons 6PM-8PM	26 Scholarship Review 12PM-4PM	27
28	29	30				

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April Birthdays:

Joyce Griffin	4/2
Sharon Brown	4/4
Hugh Vanlandingham	4/12
Roberta Hall	4/13
Carol Cornish	4/14
Polly Myers	4/17
Miné Potgieter	4/17
Diane Gabriel	4/19
Erma Jones	4/23
Shirley Linkous	4/23
Zoe Schombert	4/25
Clarity James	4/27
Donna Neumann	4/27
Kai Duncan	4/29

We have an updated version of **Volunteer Name Tags**. You are encouraged to wear one while you're on assignment. Please contact the office to sign up for one today!

In service,

Mandy Hayes

Volunteer Montgomery Coordinator
Montgomery County Human Services

