



# VOLUNTEER MONTGOMERY

## August 2024 Updates:

Dear Volunteer,

We are excited to welcome our new Volunteer Coordinator Fallon Bursey! Please see below for a message from Fallon.



Hi! I am so excited to join the Volunteer Montgomery team, meet our wonderful volunteers, community members, and partners, and give back to our great community!

I have been passionate about volunteerism and non-profit organizations ever since I was little. I have been an active volunteer my whole life, participating in Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service, Renew the New, food drives, and much more! I even started a volunteer/days of service program that I managed at my previous job!

A little about my education and experience is that I graduated from Radford University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. I have worked in marketing roles at Botetourt County Libraries, Pulaski River Turtles, Virginia Tech, and as a Lead Marketing Specialist at a local manufacturer.

Some fun facts about me are that yellow and pink are my favorite colors and I love reading, museums, art, hiking/camping/kayaking, and plants!

Please feel free to stop by my office and chat! I look forward to meeting you, and can't wait to dive into this exciting organization!

thank you!

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## Give Local NRV Update:

**We raised \$2,095 during this annual event**, exceeding our goal by \$95! Thank you so much for supporting our community programs.

**This online fundraising platform is available year-round and you can contribute anytime.**

To donate, please visit <https://www.givelocalnrv.org/story/Volunteer-Montgomery>



# AFTERNOON TEA & DESIGNER HANDBAG AUCTION

Saturday, November 16 from 2-3:30 pm

*live music featuring Chloe Scales*

**A donation of \$5 per ticket is  
required prior to the event**

*over 20 designer bags to bid on*

**\$5 credit will be offered  
to all bid winners**

**Tickets will be available from  
August 5 through November 8**

 **VOLUNTEER  
MONTGOMERY**  
[montva.com/volunteer-montgomery](http://montva.com/volunteer-montgomery)

The event will be held at the **Volunteer Montgomery office** at 210 S. Pepper Street, Suite D, Christiansburg. Tickets are available at the office or online.



Please use the QR code above or visit

<https://volunteermontgomery.betterworld.org/events/handbag-auction> to get your tickets  
for the event online.



## Program Updates:



## ***We are branded!***

**Look for Volunteer Montgomery at an event near you.**

## ***Staff Spotlight***

Join us in congratulating our Human Services Director, Alex! 🎉

Alex completed her twelve-week long NACo High Performance Leadership Academy course! We are SO proud of her 🏆



## **DO YOU MAKE A MEAN CHILI?**

**Volunteer Montgomery is seeking participants for its Chili Cook-Off fundraising event!**

The event takes place on Oct. 19, at 10 am, at the Montgomery County Government Center.

**Early Entry Fee: \$5 | Register by Aug. 1**

**Regular Entry Fee: \$10 | Register by Sep. 1**

To register, call 540-382-5775 or email [volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov](mailto:volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov)



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During a year marked by inflation and economic instability, your gifts to The Salvation Army help your neighbors navigate food insecurity, natural disasters, unexpected job loss, and housing instability.

**Thank you** for supporting the **The Salvation Army** by donating **164 items** from our list of needs to support their mission.

Many thanks go out to Rosemary Jones, Connie Bell, Pam King, Shirley Mullins, Brenda Arnold, Rich Rawlings, Jolene Rawlings, Jill Songer, Karen Anders, Diana Reed, Cindy Minnick, Regina Howard, Laura Eanes, Diane Simmons, Glenda Caldwell, Deena Flinchum and any others we may have missed during drop off for your generous donations!

ANNUAL  
**HELPING  
HANDS**  
SATURDAY  
AUGUST 10, 2024  
10AM-1PM  
BY APPOINTMENT

**SIGN-UP TODAY**  
[gracelifefamily.org/helpinghands2024](http://gracelifefamily.org/helpinghands2024)

**GRACELIFE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1640 Peppers Ferry Road  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

**SERVICES PROVIDED:**  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES • HAIR CUT CERTIFICATES  
HEALTH SCREENING • ON-SITE LUNCH  
OIL CHANGES • ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**If you prefer to sign up by phone,**

**please call Grace Life Baptist Church at 382-2160.**





## August's Collection will support the mission of Belview's Helping Hands Pantry!

Belview's Helping Hands Pantry supplies clothes, household items, cleaning supplies and personal care items to those who are in need in our community. They are open on Fridays from 6 pm to 8 pm by appointments only.

They are staffed with volunteers and run off of donations.

The first month they were open they were able to help over 51 families.

### Volunteer Montgomery is collecting:

MEN'S 3 & 1 SOAP	ADULT TOOTHBRUSH
MEN'S SHAMPOO	ADULT TOOTHPASTE
MEN DEODORANT	BAR SOAP
MEN'S RAZOR	HAIRBRUSH OR COMB
WOMEN'S SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER	CHILDREN'S 3-IN-ONE SHAMPOO
WOMEN DEODORANT	CHILD TOOTHBRUSH
WOMEN'S RAZOR	CHILDREN TOOTHPASTE
WOMEN'S BODY WASH	BABY WIPES
FEMININE PRODUCTS PADS	BABY SHAMPOO
FEMININE PRODUCTS TAMPONS	

Please bring donations to the Volunteer Montgomery office during the month of August.

# Haunted Prison

**Calling all Volunteers! Want to give back to your community by making people SCREAM? Sign up at**

**[HTTPS://HauntedPrisonNRV.hauntscheduler.com](https://HauntedPrisonNRV.hauntscheduler.com)**

## **Positions Available:**

**BUILD CREW (7/22 through 11/3):** Experience with Construction, Electrical, Plumbing, or Animatronics? Handy at fixing things? Help us build and maintain the attraction. We also need painters and set designers to help us distress and create scenes that look as realistic as possible,

**Scream Team (10/4 through 11/3):** Actors and Entertainers inside and out

**Make-up Artists (10/4 through 11/3):** Interest or experience in special effects or horror make-up

**Costumes:** Can you sew or do you enjoy thrift shopping to get just the right outfit? Help us make the Inmates look their bloody best!

**Casting:** Are you an organized people-person? Our Casting Coordinator knows all the roles and makes sure the right talent is in the right roles.

## **Event Staff -**

**Parking:** Awesome organizers that can make sure customers have an easy smooth experience entering and exiting the parking lot

**Security:** Safety-minded customer service gurus who can keep an eagle-eye on the cameras and calmly help deescalate any trouble spots inside and out of the attraction.

**Tickets:** Are you an organized person with excellent attention to detail? Customer service skills are key as we help make our visitor experience smooth and easy.

**Concessions:** Are you good with sales or at the register? How about food or beverage service? We need you to help in concessions selling merch, snacks, or pouring drinks.

**Marketing:** We need your help if you rock at spreading the word and creating marketing content and managing/posting on socials.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Health and Wellness Fair**  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Christiansburg Recreation Center  
1600 North Franklin Street

For more information, please contact: Sue Magliaro, [sumags@vt.edu](mailto:sumags@vt.edu)  
For sponsor/exhibitor application/payment:  
<https://www.blacksburgaarp.org/2024-health-and-wellness-fair>

### Prior to Fair: Tuesday, September 17, 3-5pm, Christiansburg Rec Center

- Stuff visitor tote bags
- Stuff exhibitor packets
- Position attendee totes at welcome table; exhibitor packets at check-in tables (Platinum and Gold with attendees' table (front of Rec Center); Silver, Bronze and Non-Profits at side of Rec Center where their exhibitor check-in table will be located
- Organize and set-up kitchen to prepare healthy snacks the next day (Wednesday

morning)

- Set up hospitality room (Senior Room) for volunteer lunches (subs, chips, cookies, drinks)
- Set up round tables on gym floor for health snacks

### Day of Fair: Wednesday, September 18, 8 am – 2 pm, Christiansburg Rec Center (will run in two shifts; volunteers can choose to stay the entire day)

8 am to 12 pm:

- Cut up fruit/veggies for attendee snacks; place first serving of snacks on round tables on gym floor
- Set-up tables in hospitality room with coffee, breakfast snacks
- Help exhibitors as needed

11:30 am – 3 pm:

- Check-in lunches to be delivered by Hethwood Market and Subway.
- Oversee volunteer lunches in the Senior Room
- Replenish healthy snacks on round tables on the gym floor
- Help general clean-up of facility



The **Eastmont Tomato Festival** will be held on Saturday **August 17, 2024** from **10am to 2pm** at the Meadowbrook Community Center in the courtyard. Volunteers are needed to work 2-hour shifts (10-12 and 12-2) and volunteer positions include:

- Vendor Registration
- Contest Registration
- Drink Sales
- Food Ticket Sales
- Merchandise and Tomato Sales
- Programs/Information/Lost and Found
- Money Handler / Exchange





Volunteers are also needed to pack baskets on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and help with delivery on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. **Please email us at [volunteermontgomery@montgomerycounty.gov](mailto:volunteermontgomery@montgomerycounty.gov) or call the office if you would like to help us show appreciation to our local heroes on Patriot Day.**

### **Health District Community Garden**

Volunteers are needed to water and maintain our two raised garden plots. Vegetables will be stored at the Volunteer Montgomery office and donated to persons in need. Water and other supplies are available onsite at the Community Garden. **If you were on the July schedule, please let us know if you would like to continue to work the same day of the week.**

### **Cards, Coupons, & Butterflies**

This event will be held from 9 am to 12 pm at the Volunteer Montgomery office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in August.

### **American Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Donor Ambassador's Needed for area Blood Drives. One shift a month for 4 to 5 hours.

If interested in volunteering, please contact our office or Betty Whittaker for Southwestern Virginia at [betty.whittaker@redcross.org](mailto:betty.whittaker@redcross.org) or visit <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer> [r20.rs6.net].

### **Downtown Blacksburg Inc.**

Please click on the links below for more information about upcoming volunteer opportunities in the Town of Blacksburg. Our team is happy to answer any questions you may have!

### **Steppin' Out, Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3:**

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.eventeny.com/events/volunteer/application/?id=5319;!!NQNX98jbbe4HpbgcOw!7kKyzfiBIT8tHHFmqPw13nAqbzKX4\\_GCXbqm\\_S1iwjq6R5nbld38cHJvSNPLNJ5\\_9iNxxvXqt1g6ohOfKWfQ5M9usGIz9lWhb3gkh8bS4\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.eventeny.com/events/volunteer/application/?id=5319;!!NQNX98jbbe4HpbgcOw!7kKyzfiBIT8tHHFmqPw13nAqbzKX4_GCXbqm_S1iwjq6R5nbld38cHJvSNPLNJ5_9iNxxvXqt1g6ohOfKWfQ5M9usGIz9lWhb3gkh8bS4$) [eventeny[.]com]

### **Micah's Backpack**

Volunteers are needed to distribute Micah's Backpack bags from the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry on Mondays & Tuesdays from **4-5:30 pm** and Wednesdays & Thursdays from **10-11:30 am**.

Additionally, volunteers are needed to pack food bags on **Tuesday evenings** at 6pm at St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Volunteer Montgomery members can sign up to volunteer using this link.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!/showSignUp/70a0c4caeae2da0fa7-micahs2> [m.signupgenius.com]

### **Belview's Helping Hands Pantry**

We are excited to now be partnering with Belview's Helping Hands Pantry, Clothing, Personal Care, Cleaning, and Food! Volunteer opportunities are updated weekly. You can find more information by visiting their Facebook page at [\(1\) Facebook](#) or contact the Volunteer Montgomery office for an update on their volunteer needs. Evening Opportunities Available!

## 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 **August** and we will be providing transportation for volunteers. Contact the office for more details.

• English Meadows – Tea Party	August 19	10 am
• Virginia Veterans Care Center – Birthday Party	August 20	2:30 pm
• Kroontje – Birthday Party	August 21	3 pm
• Spring Oak Senior Living - Birthday Party	August 23	3 pm
• Commonwealth Senior Living – Party	August 29	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.



Thank you to all of the volunteers pictured above that have made our recent projects so successful! Volunteer Montgomery would not exist without the support of our amazing volunteers. We appreciate you ♡

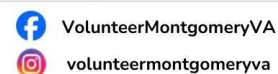
# August 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 4	5 Supplies for Seniors Committee <b>11am</b>	6 Sidewalk Chalk Evening Event <b>6-8pm</b>	7	1 Chili Cook-off Early Registration DUE	2	3
11	12 Cards & Coupons <b>9am-12pm</b>	13	14	8	9	10
18	19 English Meadows <b>10am</b>  Fundraising Committee <b>2pm</b>	20 VA Veterans Care Center <b>2:30pm</b> (Leave VM @1:30pm)	21 Kroontje <b>3pm</b>	22 Placemats for Meals on Wheels Evening Opportunity <b>6-8pm</b>	23 Spring Oak Senior Living <b>3:15pm</b>	24
25	26 Cards & Coupons <b>9am-12pm</b>	27	28	29 Commonwealth Senior Living <b>3:15pm</b>	30	31 Supply Drive Items DUE

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## August Birthdays:

Spencer Winfrey	8/2
Jessica Grimes	8/2
Bonnie Hawks	8/3
Victoria McLaughlin-Wynn	8/5
Alexander Dupont	8/7
Rhonda Rash	8/9



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Joyce M. Kelley	8/10
Diana Reed	8/11
Jennifer Farmer	8/12
Talon Luther	8/12
Hannah Schulte	8/13
Daniel Diaz	8/14
Bonnie Marston	8/16
Lisa Montgomery	8/17
Linda Tegarden	8/18
Nicole Linkous	8/19
Carol W. Highfield	8/27
Richard Rawlings	8/27
Karen Anders	8/28
Brenda Arnold	8/30
Grace Howell	8/30

Please follow Heat Safety Tips provided at [Extreme Heat | Ready.gov](#) and stay cool!

In service,

*Mandy Hayes*

Senior Volunteer Coordinator  
Montgomery County Human Services

