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# Loving Durham *in so* Many Ways

I was going to write about the overwhelming response we received for this section, and about how exciting it is to live in a community that is this committed to helping others and improving our world.

Both are quite true, but after reading the stories in this section and reading the emails from participating organizations, narrowing our

introduction to this magazine to those two topics felt like I was selling what is inside We Are Durham | People Making a Difference short.

I want to write this column not as the editor of The Herald-Sun, but as a reader and Durham resident. I love this magazine and what it represents.

I love that we had so many organizations want to be listed, that the program that tells us how long stories are gave up after it reached the 210-inch mark.

I love that so many of the organizations that emailed us included personal notes to tell us how important their volunteers are, and that they are excited about a magazine that will get the word out to more folks.

I love that volunteerism in this community spans across the areas of education, the arts, nonprofits, civic clubs, government and faith.

I love that we have a group called the Habitat Geezers.

I love that we have groups that need volunteers to help take care of animals -- animals at the Museum of Life and Science, animals that need to be spayed or neutered, and animals who are in need of finding new people.

I love that a mother and her daughter emailed us to tell us about the daughter's great experience volunteering.

I love that the reporters in the newsroom who participated in this project were excited. I love that the editors who were reading the stories and directories were talking about needing to take old bridesmaid dresses to Kayla's Closet and about other groups they had never heard of but found interesting or ways to volunteer that just sounded cool.

I love that we have a community that wants to help immigrants get adjusted, students achieve their potential, youngsters learn self-respect, seniors to stay self-sufficient.

There is so much packed in this magazine that I can't do it justice in the limited number of inches I have available.

I am just thankful to be a part of a community that cares, that gives and that works to be a better place for all.

And as a post script, I should add that we are extremely grateful to the organizations that participated. We know there are some folks that we have left out. It was not by intent. It was simply oversight. We relied heavily on the people who emailed us about their organizations. We hope we will write about volunteers again; there are so many stories to tell and so many ways to approach them. This is an area rich for mining. So let us know next time around if your organization would like to be included.

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## Sima Rafizadeh Is Thankful For Her Durham-Based Boutique Business

Sima Rafizadeh loves sewing. What started 26 years ago as a simple passion has grown into a thriving business, Bano Boutique. Bano is a shop that sells clothing from Italian, French and American designers as well as providing expert alterations.



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Rafizadeh moved to the United States in 1985 from Tehran, Iran and she worked as a seamstress at two different businesses simultaneously for seven years. Then she moved to Italy for two years. In 1994, she made the decision to return to Durham and pursue her dream to open a business based on alterations. Because of her experience in Italy and her knowledge of fashion, she realized the need for a clothing store in Durham that offered the latest in European design and she launched Bano Boutique. Now in its fourth and largest location at 2699 Durham Chapel Hill Boulevard, Rafizadeh stills enjoys the one-on-one attention she gives to each customer. "Each customer has their own personality" Rafizadeh states, "If I don't see the clothes on them, I don't sell to them. I want to be sure the clothing they buy is a good fit, physically and for their personality." This dedication to each customer has given Bano a huge following of loyal customers who return season after season. Rafizadeh and her expert staff also have a list of over 3000 customers for alteration work. She says that retail has many ups and downs, but alterations are always a constant.

Rafizadeh travels to Europe every three months to shop for upcoming seasons. These trips are quick and intense, packing a whole season of buying into a 3-4 day frenzy. Upon returning, she drastically discounts much of her remaining end-of-season clothing to make room for all the new fashions. Bano features fashions from Weill, Ainue Ligne, Joseph Ribkoff, Marimekko and more with an estimated 600 pieces of merchandise including clothing, handbags, belts, scarves and wallets.

Sima Rafizadeh loves sewing, and as a mother of two (who grew up with the business and are now in their own careers) is very happy with her life and business in Durham. She says, "There is no way a woman in Iran can get to the point where I am and I am thankful every day."

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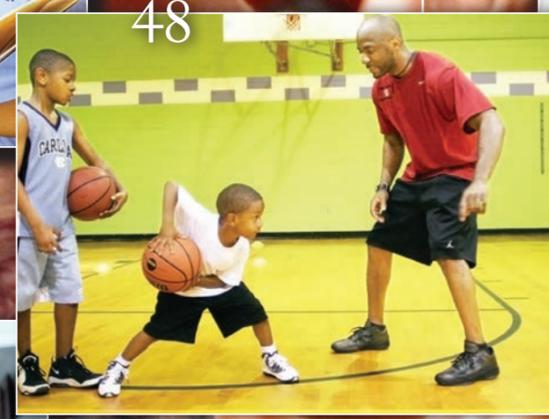
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- Volunteer Annie Goldberg takes Little the Silkie Chicken out of her cage for playtime at the Museum of Life and Science on Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

**ABOVE:**

- Stafford C. Berry Jr., left, high fives Ava Frampton, right, during an African Dance Workshop at the Nasher Museum in Durham where the annual ADF Community Day was being held, July 17, 2010.

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The staff of the Volunteer Center of Durham, from left to right: Ja'Nell Henry (CQ), DSS program coordinator; Lynn Odom (CQ), adult volunteer coordinator; and Kim Shaw, executive director. Beth Angle, the youth volunteer coordinator, is not pictured. (The Herald-Sun | Stephen Mitchell)

## Volunteer Center connects those wanting to serve with opportunities



VOLUNTEER CENTER OF DURHAM

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# A City in Pursuit of Common Good

**DURHAM** — There's something special about Durham — something about this old tobacco town that binds its people together in pursuit of a common good.

Durhamites spend more of their time volunteering than do residents of any other city in North Carolina — an average of 49.4 hours each year, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"Folks want to give back," said Kim Shaw, executive director of the Volunteer Center of Durham. "They feel like they have a lot to be thankful for, and that feeling of giving back to the community is an important part of their ethos."

It was that demand by eager Bull City volunteers and the great need of area nonprofits that in 1972 inspired the incorporation of the Volunteer Services Bureau of Durham, the precursor of the Volunteer Center.

Now, nearly 40 years later, the center helps connect between 4,000 and 5,000 volunteers with more than 800 agencies each year. Most of those nonprofits are in Durham, but agencies from as far as Mecklenberg and Cumberland counties enlist the center's help in identifying volunteers.

The Volunteer Center, a United Way agency, works with nonprofits to post opportunities on its website, <http://www.thevolunteercenter.org>, on which potential volunteers can search for agencies and activities that match their interests and skills. The center offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from one-time engagements to those that require long-term commitments. There are also opportunities for a range of demographics, from children, to college students, to retired people.

In addition to its website, the center posts opportunities

in the newspaper and offers one-on-one consultations for folks who need guidance in finding a volunteer home.

The tough economy has forced many nonprofits to do more with less, Shaw said, and that's why volunteers are becoming ever more important — augmenting the agencies' human capital by 80 percent in some cases. "Volunteers are a great source of human capital for them to be able to achieve their goals," she said.

The feeling of gratification after helping others is all that some volunteers are after. "They have ingrained in them from an early age to give back," Shaw said. "It's part of who they are."

But volunteerism has other rewards, too, like the opportunity to try out a new career or to exercise a personal passion, she continued.

The Volunteer Center rewards its most outstanding and dedicated volunteers in tangible ways as well, through its coordination of the Key Volunteer Recognition Award, Governor's Award for Volunteer Service and Tomorrow's Community Leaders events.

The Tomorrow's Community Leaders ceremony recognizes the contributions of youths who have participated in the center's Mayor's Award program, in which students spend 100 or more hours of their summer providing community service; Student Action Board, in which high school students plan and implement school-year service projects; and Hard Core Award program, in which students contribute 50 or more hours of community service during the school year.

The youths involved in Volunteer Center programs last year contributed a total of more than 35,000 service hours, Shaw said. That figure is poised to rise this year, with nearly 600 students participating in the Mayor's Award program — almost 200 more than in 2010.

It's important to instill a love of service in youths early in their lives — both for the community's benefit and for their own, she said.

"For young people, volunteering is a way to nurture their leadership skills," she continued. "I call it a legacy of leadership."

While the Volunteer Center is best known for making volunteer-nonprofit connections, it also offers human service programs and works to provide nonprofits with the resources they need to be successful, Shaw said.

The center teams up with the county's Department of Social Services on such Durham traditions as Share Your Christmas, a program in which community members help make disadvantaged families' holiday wish lists





realities. That program last year served about 1,200 families and nearly 4,000 individuals.

The Volunteer Center also coordinates the Thanksgiving Dinners Program, in which hundreds of DSS families are provided with holiday meals, and the Backpacks for Kids program that helps send about 300 children to school each fall equipped to learn.

To help nonprofits make the most of what are often limited resources, the center offers training sessions on everything from how to manage volunteers to how to use social media and raise funds.

One of the center's biggest programs for nonprofits is the Great Human Race, a 5K run and walk that helps agencies raise funds and awareness. About 90 organizations participated in last March's event, raising a total of more than \$235,000.

The Volunteer Center itself is funded through several revenue streams, Shaw explained, from grants, to a contract with DSS, to corporate sponsorships, to generous individuals.

While the center's broad reach allows it to make a "really broad impact" in the community, she said, that reach sometimes makes it difficult to raise funds. For example, if a potential donor is particularly passionate about helping animals and wants to donate to the Animal Protection Society, Shaw also tries to make him or her aware that the Volunteer Center is also a staunch supporter of APS.

*"When you help us, you're helping everybody – that's a remarkable statement," she said. "We've had a tremendous legacy in this community of helping people. I'm just amazed. You look at all the things we do ... and I think, not only do we do all that, but look how long we've done it well."*

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Linda Crawford is the director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Durham County (RSVP). RSVP provides opportunities for persons age 55 and over to make a difference in their communities through volunteer service.

Group works with organizations throughout country to address needs

# Want to Make a Difference?

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*“When you volunteer, you are not just helping others, you are helping yourself.”*

**DURHAM** — McKenzie Brannon’s father always said Kenzie would rather wear out than rust out. Mere months after retiring 10 years ago, Brannon was champing at the bit for something to do, and he found that something through participation in the RSVP, or Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Linda Crawford, director of RSVP of Durham County, said the program was created to provide a variety of opportunities for persons 55 years and older to participate more fully in the life of the community through significant volunteer services.

“Our mission is to place people 55 and older in meaningful service that will benefit the local community and also the volunteer who is being placed,” Crawford said. “Our motto is, ‘When you volunteer, you are not just helping others, you are helping yourself.’”

RSVP partners with organizations throughout the county to meet a defined community need, whether that’s feeding the homeless or helping children improve their reading skills.

“Some positions that volunteers serve are in clerical support, tax preparers, meal deliverers, reading buddies in the Durham Public Schools, tutors for young people, home builders for low-income families,” Crawford said. “They serve as friendly visitors at the VA Medical Center and they also serve in hospitals. They may take books and magazines, write letter for people, run errands — be that social person.”

If there is a need, RSVP finds a way to fulfill it.

“Most of our volunteers believe in giving back to their community, so volunteering is a way they can do this,” Crawford said. “Some volunteers like passing on their knowledge and experiences, and then there are other volunteers who gain skills through their service.”

Brannon participates in five different volunteer opportunities each week, but said the Reading Buddies program at E.K. Poe Elementary School and Meals on Wheels are his two favorites.

“Anytime I wake up and don’t have a volunteer activity I can do that day, I always call Meals on Wheels and they inevitably have an open route,” Brannon said. He’s had the same route, Route K, for 10 years.

After answering an RSVP radio advertisement for the Reading Buddies program, Brannon began going to E.K. Poe once a week to help kindergarteners improve their reading skills.

“I love it and it feels good. When I walk out of E.K. Poe every Wednesday, I’m just walking on a cloud,” Brannon said.

There is a great need at the school where he volunteers, according to Brannon.

“There are some kids that come to the class that can’t even spell their first name,” Brannon said. “The kids are so loving it makes it easy, even though you have a lot of work to do those first few months — you’re talking real basic, fundamental stuff. By the end of the year, I have them writing letters to their teacher, to their mom and their grandma.”

Brannon still sees former students around town, always stopping to say hello.

“I see them now in the mall or at Target, and recently I saw this girl and her mother. The girl, she and I stayed friends all the way through fifth grade. I saw her across the store at Target and you would have thought we were both crazy. We just ran into each other’s arms,” Brannon said. “You’ll never forget a teacher that cared.”

Ethel Gale, a 14-year veteran of the RSVP, volunteers with the VA Book Cart and Meals on Wheels.

“I started volunteering with Meals on Wheels after I heard about the need at an RSVP luncheon,” Gale said. “I’ve learned that as able-bodied as I am, who is to say that I wouldn’t need someone to converse with me, show compassion to me, bring me meals?”

Gale said she doesn’t plan on ceasing her volunteer work until the day she dies.

“It’s my desire to do this until my days on earth are through,” Gale said. “The little things you do just make people so happy and grateful.”

While Crawford said RSVP volunteers have earned the right to relax, they choose to remain active in serving and giving back to their local community.

“These special people are putting their experience to work in order to serve their community and help make their community a better place for everyone,” Crawford said.

**Brannon’s motto:** *“Aspire to inspire before you expire.”*

Earnisha Thomas rests her head on Kenzie Brannon’s shoulder as she reads with him in E.K. Poe’s media center.





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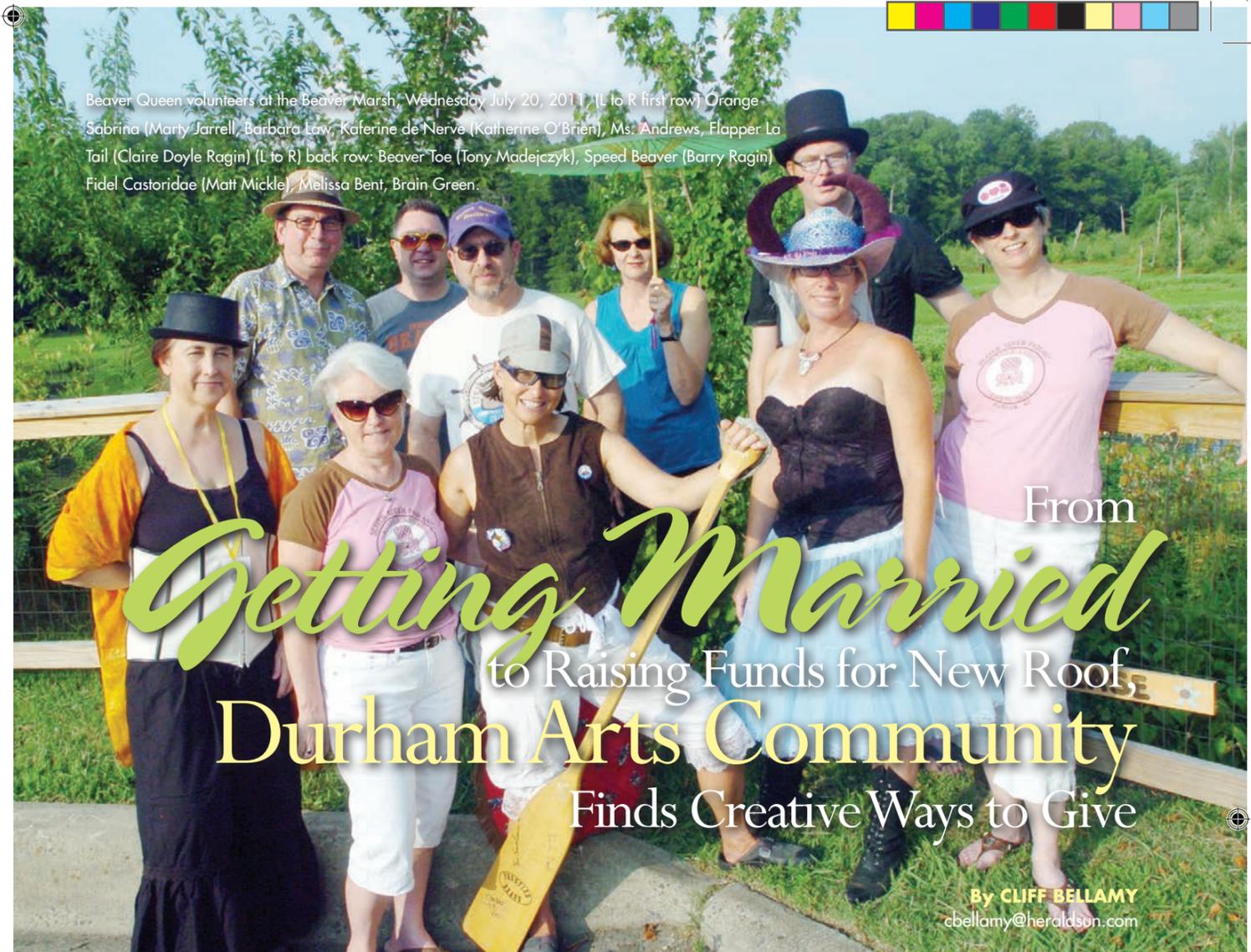
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Beaver Queen volunteers at the Beaver Marsh, Wednesday July 20, 2011. (L to R first row) Orange Sabrina (Marty Jarrell, Barbara Law, Katherine de Nerve (Katherine O'Brien), Ms. Andrews, Flapper La Tail (Claire Doyle Ragin) (L to R) back row: Beaver Toe (Tony Madejczyk), Speed Beaver (Barry Ragin) Fidel Castoridae (Matt Mickle), Melissa Bent, Brain Green.

# From Getting Married to Raising Funds for New Roof, Durham Arts Community Finds Creative Ways to Give

By CLIFF BELLAMY  
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**A** DURHAM — At a music fundraiser at Casbah earlier this summer to benefit The Scrap Exchange and Liberty Arts foundry, one of the organizers made a reference to another fundraiser held in March, called Marry Durham. The Scrap Exchange and Liberty Arts had been forced to move because of a roof collapse in their building: It was time for Durham, which had “married” itself, to take care of an ailing spouse, the organizer said.

The comment was indicative of the close connections in Durham’s arts and music community, how they band together to help other organizations. It also was indicative of the way several nonprofit groups and some very indigenously Durham events organically grew out of each other in a six-degrees-of-separation fashion.

The Casbah event took place the same day as the seventh

annual Beaver Queen Pageant, held in Duke Park. The Scrap Exchange, in addition to being one of the nonprofit organizations that benefited from Marry Durham, also had exhibits and tables that day at Casbah and the pageant.

Jana and Fergus Bradley, co-owners of Casbah, also had a previous connection with Scrap Exchange. Jana Bradley was a previous Beaver Queen contestant, and helped found a women’s arm-wrestling event that grew out of the pageant.

Let’s start from the beginning.

In 2005, some beavers (real ones) flooded a portion of the Interstate 85 expansion project. The state Department of Transportation wanted to get rid of the beavers using lethal methods. Marty Jarrell (aka Orange Sabrina), one of the OBs (Original Beavers), posted the DOT’s letter on a neighborhood email group, and some Duke Park neighbors started talking,



she said. Katherine O'Brien, a Duke Park resident, saw the letter and got together with other neighbors. Conversation and ideas ensued, and the Beaver Queen Pageant was born, Jarrell said.

"The creative genius behind it is Katherine O'Brien," Jarrell said. "She rarely likes to take credit for it, but she is the Beaver Queen Pageant."

For those who have not attended a pageant, contestants dress up as characters (O'Brien dubbed it "Beaver Drag") and, pageant style, answer questions and perform. The audience, encouraged to vote early and often, buys votes, and a winner is declared.

The money benefits Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, but the original event was strictly for fun, O'Brien said. Residents were being "playful with a current event" — meaning the possible extermination of the beavers, she said. The next year, O'Brien said, the father of one of the contestants said he would give the judges all

the money in his pocket if they would vote for his daughter. Since then, the pageant has been a fundraiser.

The pageant is full of double meanings, jokes, and bawdy puns, but it's also about adults being able to indulge their sense of play, O'Brien said. "As adults, we take ourselves so seriously and we forget our playful spirit and how powerful that spirit is in innovation and creativity."

O'Brien also was active in Marry Durham, in which Durham residents pledged \$5 to "marry Durham," and benefit various organizations. As with Beaver Queen, Marry Durham had people in costumes (including one prominent Beaver Queen emeritus). Both events are about "creating a space that allows people to play and be creative," she said.

Many of the pageant's rituals — like the dancers, and the entourages, and the elaborate costumes — grew organically from the participants themselves, she said. "Creativity is contagious," she said. Most of the members of the Bulltown Strutters, a

*"It's interesting to see what happens when people get together and start talking," Bradley said. "It's nice to see so much support in the community. Durham has a lot of love for itself. ... It's nice to know that you live in a community like that."*



Mayor Bill Bell and Durham County Commissioner Ellen Reckow participated in the Marry Durham ceremony on March 19, 2011. The family-friendly event was designed as a way for Durham residents to express their love for the city.



marching style band that performed this year, met at the pageant, for example.

Jarrell recalled the first pageant, which she described as neighbors "taking over Duke Park with a karaoke machine and flashlights." As the festival has grown, so have the logistics, she said. Now the festival has a house band and a more sophisticated sound system.

At this year's festival, visitors also heard an announcement for an arm-wrestling event put on by the League of Upper Extremity Women Wrestlers of Durham. Jana Bradley and Diana Barden, both co-founders of LUEWWD (another pun), also were former Beaver Queen contestants. The organization raises money for organizations that help women and girls. This year's event also was presented at Casbah.

When they created LUEWWD, Bradley and Barden were inspired by similar events in other cities. The arm-wrestling matches LUEWWD sponsors borrows from the theater of the Beaver Queen pageant. Contestants dress up in costume, choose a persona, and are accompanied by an entourage that raises money for a nonprofit group. They thought the organization would be a good fit for Durham because of the success of the pageant, Barden said. "Durham was fertile ground for us to move forward," she said. (O'Brien also was a judge at the most recent arm-wrestling match.)

Durham's music community also has stepped up to raise money for arts and nonprofit groups. The musicians who played at the Casbah benefit donated their time, as did musicians who recently played at benefit at Motorco Music Hall for the Museum of Durham History.

Jana Bradley said Casbah will continue to support nonprofit groups, and nurture the connections among groups.



"Cherry Cherry Bang Bang" (left) and "Fishscenta" from Beaver Lodge marched in the parade that followed the Marry Durham ceremony.

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# CLUBS

## looking to next generation

**DURHAM** — Just too busy.

That's the phrase trotted out to those in civic clubs looking for a few good men and women: Too busy living life. Too busy raising kids. Too busy working jobs.

But some folks, like Shelton Ennis, have always made time.

Since 1966, Ennis has served on the board of directors for Durham Exchange Club Industries, a private, nonprofit community-based vocational rehabilitation program providing job opportunities allowing adults with disabilities to earn their keep.

"I've never received any salary other than the satisfaction of helping people with disabilities to have a better life," Ennis said.

That gets at why Ennis got involved with The Exchange Club of Durham, which founded DECI as a sheltered workshop that was about participants doing real work as opposed to them merely keeping busy with crafts to bide time. Ennis simply was looking to do some good, and he aims to keep doing what he can.

By **JOHN MCCANN**  
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# CLUBS



But he's 80.

"I'm an old man. I'm wearing out," Ennis said.

There are about 18 members in The Exchange Club, and they're older, too. Fresh blood is needed.

And it's not so much that the younger generation doesn't care — they do, Ennis suggested.

"The younger generation will get out on the weekends and ride bicycles," for example, to raise money for myriad causes, Ennis said.

But to get younger people to commit to more regularly scheduled service is a different matter, and that is hurting organizations like The Exchange Club, Ennis said.

"Service clubs are going by the wayside," Ennis lamented.

Not if folks like Marlene Jewell can help it.

She's a banker and busy like everybody else. But service isn't optional for her. It's become a part of who she is.

At 59, Jewell is among the younger members of the Durham Civitan Club, which has men in their 80s and 90s among the mostly male membership, she said. All told, the club has about 60 members, Jewell said.

"In our heyday — and I wasn't around in our heyday — they said we had about 100 members," Jewell said.

Jewell joined Durham Civitan in 2000. She'd been looking to join a service club but none she visited seemed to fit her flow. Then she dropped in on a Durham Civitan meeting.

"I just liked the spirit of the club. I liked the way they were joking around," Jewell said.

And Jewell said she appreciated how Durham Civitan members wasted no time getting her involved. By 2002, Jewell was president of the organization, she said.

No longer president but now treasurer for North Carolina's East district of the Civitan organization, Jewell said service clubs have a way of igniting people's passions.

"You see the good you can do," said Jewell, who mentioned Durham Civitan members feeding those staying at the Durham Rescue Mission. "Those men are so appreciative."

Durham Civitan members also support the N.C. Special Olympics, Duke University's Division of Child Development and Behavioral Health and the Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Civitan members generate funds to help support those causes by working the concession stands during Duke women's basketball games and operating a water stand during Duke football games.

Durham Civitan member Mike Williams also monitors the organization's candy boxes — you know, the ones with

the individually wrapped peppermints located at the front of places like C&H Cafeteria at Northgate Mall. Folks drop in spare change in exchange for the candy. The proceeds go toward helping Civitans help people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Williams is 48. The reason he's a civic citizen is because of what he saw many moons ago while watching his daddy help out at a lot where the Durham Optimist Club was selling Christmas trees.

"People say they don't have time," said Williams, a man in the thick of parenting with a 5-year-old and 3-yearold. "A lot of it is just society."

Williams said his wife has talked with him about easing back from his volunteer work. Somehow the Durham County Sheriff's Office lieutenant finds a way to pack it all in, he explained.

Durham Civitan Club President Joe Parker suggested people have more discretionary time than they realize. Folks saying they're too busy to help other folks just doesn't cut it, he explained.

"It is a weak argument," Parker said. "It's just setting your priorities."

*"If we want to make our community better, we've got to help make it better," Ennis said.*

Parker, 61, has been elected international president of the Civitan organization. He'll assume the role in 2012. It means all the Civitan clubs in the world — we're talking clubs in Europe, Africa, Asia, all over — will be under his rule. It means he gets to help even more people.

If only young people could catch the vision and become more civic-minded,

Jewell said.

"Younger people need to start understanding they need to step up," Jewell said.

Jewell said she not only gives through Civitan but also receives from the organization. She recalled Civitan members sending flowers that time she had surgery. Plus, there's just good fellowship with her club members any old time, she said.

Ennis, with The Durham Exchange Club, which also supports the Exchange Clubs' Family Center that's in place to combat child abuse, said communities are strengthened when people get involved in civic clubs.

Invoking President John F. Kennedy, Ennis said people need to ask what they can do for the country, not what their country can do for them.

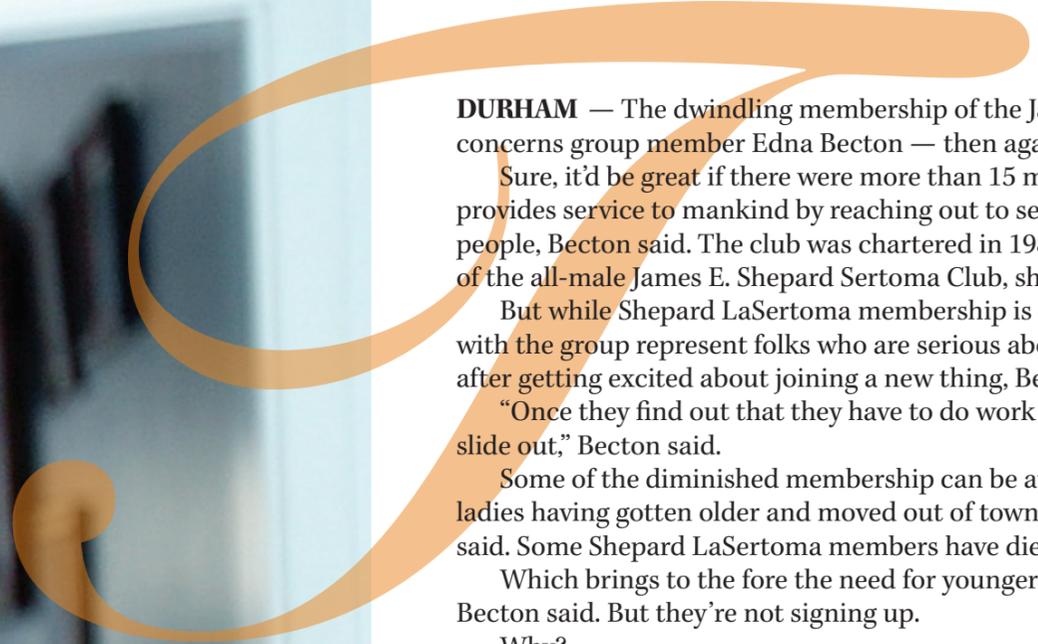


Edna Becton volunteers with the James E. Shepard LaSertoma Club. Photographed on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

# Did You Know

When you hear about Sertoma or LaSertoma clubs, did you know the word Sertoma is a condensed version of “service to mankind”?

BY JOHN MCCANN  
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**DURHAM** — The dwindling membership of the James E. Shepard LaSertoma Club concerns group member Edna Becton — then again, it doesn't.

Sure, it'd be great if there were more than 15 members in the organization that provides service to mankind by reaching out to senior citizens, youths and homeless people, Becton said. The club was chartered in 1984 with 32 women as an auxiliary arm of the all-male James E. Shepard Sertoma Club, she said.

But while Shepard LaSertoma membership is down, the faithful remnant sticking with the group represent folks who are serious about service, unlike people who fizzle after getting excited about joining a new thing, Becton explained.

“Once they find out that they have to do work in the organization, they eventually slide out,” Becton said.

Some of the diminished membership can be attributed to Shepard LaSertoma ladies having gotten older and moved out of town to live with their children, Becton said. Some Shepard LaSertoma members have died, she said.

Which brings to the fore the need for younger ladies to join Shepard LaSertoma, Becton said. But they're not signing up.

Why?

“Good question,” said Becton, 79.

Some younger women carry pretty heavy life loads and already are involved in other organizations, Becton said.

Shepard LaSertoma is looking for younger women to join the group, Becton said. Becton said Shepard LaSertoma is the only all-black LaSertoma club in the world. The ladies of Shepard LaSertoma don't do a whole of activities, Becton said. But what they start, they finish, and what they do, they aim to do well, she explained.

“I feel as if we have a great impact on the community,” Becton said.

One of Shepard LaSertoma's outreaches is helping the men of Shepard Sertoma sell fruitcakes around Christmastime as a way to raise funds.

With the economy hurting folks the way it is, people especially need the tender touch the Shepard LaSertoma women have to offer, Becton said.

Born and raised in Durham, and part of Hillside High School's graduating class of 1950, Becton is past international president of LaSertoma clubs.

“The first black international president,” reiterated Becton, a grounded sense of pride leaping from her voice.

Sworn in internationally in California in 1998, Becton said some LaSertoma women at the ceremony had issues with her being both black and in charge on a global level. But Becton said she didn't sweat it.

“I overcame that,” Becton said.

Both a charter member and past president of Shepard LaSertoma, Becton, on this earth almost eight decades, knows exactly how long she will serve with her service club.

“Until,” Becton said. “As long as the good Lord gives me strength, I will. We got work to do around here.”

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Our agency collaborates with Communities in Schools, Durham Center and Prevent Child Abuse of North Carolina. The staff is available for speaking engagements and workshops in the community using the Nurturing Parenting Program, Incredible Years and Strengthening Families.

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The association extends an invite to all that live in the areas contained between Moline, Roxboro, Fayetteville and the tracks at Otis streets. Our quest continues for the tie that binds us which is unity, producing a stronger community for a better tomorrow. For information or to join, call 530-8413 or email eachhq1@aol.com.

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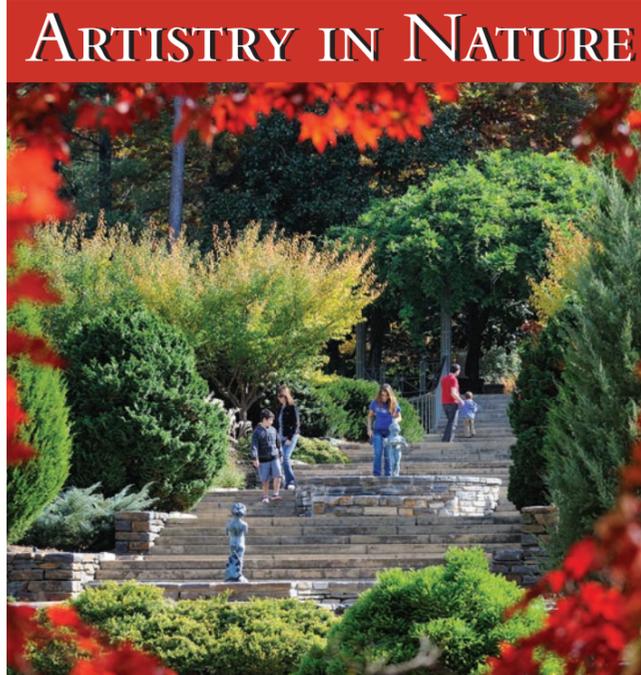
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# Durham Schools

Gretchen Kroeger reads a story to children at Durham Head Start on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Volunteers from the Children's Environmental Health Initiative at Duke's Nicholas School distributed books to children in Head Start programs in Durham, Orange, and Chatham counties.

By Melody Guyton Butts  
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**D**URHAM — Think being the parent of a school-age student is a prerequisite of volunteering in Durham's schools? Think again. There are a number of ways that folks from all walks of life can pitch in to craft our community's youngest minds.

Durham Public Schools volunteer services coordinator Sheila Miglarese said that while parents and guardians do account for the largest percentage of DPS's more than 8,800 registered volunteers, their numbers are closely followed by those of university students, community groups and business professionals.

Volunteering with DPS is a great way for the community to invest in its future, Miglarese said.

"[Superintendent Eric] Becoats has repeatedly said that our schools function the best when we have strong community and parent involvement," she said. "And I think that we're very specific about how we want volunteers to help us with

our goals. That alone strengthens the school system."

Volunteers can offer everything from reading and math tutoring to job-shadowing opportunities. While many activities in which volunteers directly interact with students require a criminal background check and registration, some opportunities, like assisting with athletic event concession stands, require neither.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Miglarese at sheila.migliarese@dpsnc.net or 560-2156 or an individual school's volunteer coordinator. Applications and more information about the DPS' tiered model of volunteer requirements are available at <http://www.dpsnc.net/community/get-involved/volunteers>.

In the coming weeks, the school system plans to roll out an electronic system that will allow potential volunteers to apply and learn about individual schools' needs online. Miglarese

believes the system — which she hopes will launch by Sept. 30 — "will really enhance and improve the volunteer system in a way that I've always dreamed of doing."

For example, if a potential volunteer who speaks Spanish wants to tutor students in math on Wednesdays at Y.E. Smith Elementary School, the online system would allow him to input that information and match him with students whose needs have been input by the school.

"We have a community that wants to help, and this will really harness their energy into productive service within the schools," Miglarese said.

While the DPS community benefits from volunteers' service, the volunteers themselves benefit, too. They not only leave the school with a warm and fuzzy feeling from working with children and giving back to the community, "almost all of them say they gain something personally from their service," she continued.

"Whether it's getting out the house or sharing their expertise that they don't have another outlet for, I think people in Durham are especially committed to their community."

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# Parkwood Volunteer

## Inspires Curiosity in Young Minds

By Melody Guyton Butts  
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**DURHAM** — Sarah Dendy sees nature as full of “teachable moments.”

The flower bulbs that didn’t rise in the spring? “Nature’s not always predictable,” she says.

The sweet aroma wafting from a nibbled-on pear on a sweltering summer day? There’s a story there, she insists. “Who got it off the tree and put it there? Who’s eating it? Are they collecting for their babies? We’ll have to investigate.”

It’s that love of the outdoors and passion for inspiring curiosity in young minds that makes Dendy such a hit with the kids with whom she works at Parkwood Elementary School.

She started volunteering at the southern Durham school a few years ago after a neighbor who taught there mentioned that she needed help teaching students to read.

“I just like children,” Dendy said in explaining why she spends hours each week at Parkwood. “I like seeing them discover things and learn to read.”



Working on students’ reading skills remains a large part of what she does, but she also offers assistance with math and social studies — and, of course, she’s sharing her love of nature with the children through those “teachable moments” on the school grounds.

Also a volunteer at the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill where she leads tours of school groups, she’s an expert on the region’s plants and animals. Whether she’s weeding, planting flowers or refilling bird feeders on Parkwood’s campus, the sight of Dendy is enough to lure many children from the thrill of the nearby playground, said Sheri Metzger, the school’s secretary and volunteer coordinator.

Those visits turn into impromptu lessons. “We talk about the seeds and which birds eat which seeds,” Dendy said. “And for first-graders who are learning about plants — the root, stem, leaf, flower and seed — you can show them all of that on one plant.”

She’s spent her adult life all over the country, from New York to California, moving to Chatham County about four years ago from Arlington, Texas, to be closer to her grandchildren. And in just about all of those places, she’s volunteered with children.

It means a lot to the children to see volunteers — whether they’re parents of students or unrelated members of the community like herself — in their schools, she said.

“I think particularly for men to volunteer is very helpful for boys,” Dendy said. “I think there may be a lot of single female families in which the children don’t have as much male influence as they should.”

There’s a particular need for reading tutors at Parkwood, as many of the students there do not speak English as their primary language. There’s a way for nearly everyone to put their skills and interests to work as a school volunteer, Dendy said — even if they don’t necessarily want to work work-on-one with the children.

Metzger said volunteers can do everything from catalog books in the media center, to help out with the school website, to serve as a dance chaperone.

Classroom volunteers are becoming ever more important as teacher assistants are phased out in elementary schools, she said. About 60 people — a great number of whom are parents, but many of whom, like Dendy, are not — volunteer in a variety of capacities at Parkwood.

“It’s very rewarding,” Dendy said. *“You get paid back a lot — particularly with children — in smiles and hugs and that kind of ‘wow!’ enthusiasm.”*

# EDUCATION DIRECTORY

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a blue top and a patterned scarf, is lighting a row of white candles on a table covered with a white cloth. The table is surrounded by several large bouquets of flowers, including yellow and orange roses, pink roses, and white baby's breath. In the background, a church interior is visible with people seated in pews, some looking towards the camera and others looking down.

# Faith

## Community Volunteers

# Unconditionally

Religious groups help Durham in a myriad of ways

BY DAWN BAUMGARTNER VAUGHAN  
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Natalie Butters lights one candle for each of the 29 homicide victims in Durham in 2010 during the 19th annual Vigil Against Violence at the Shepherd's House United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Butters is a member of the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham and a divinity student at Duke University.



**DURHAM** — Religious groups in Durham volunteer their time in myriad ways — through prayer, presence, donations and service.

All summer long, churches host Vacation Bible Schools for all children in the community. This summer, Christian Assembly in northern Durham reached beyond its doors to children in neighborhoods recently affected by tragedy, picking them up and bringing them to a safe, welcoming place to play and learn about God. They also partnered with four other churches to host a basketball event for the community.

All through the year at Urban Ministries of Durham, churches and other faith groups take turns serving food in the kitchen of the Community Café, which provides meals to Durham's homeless.

Churches donate to the many clothing and school supply drives held by the Durham Rescue Mission and individual congregations to provide families with basic necessities.

When someone is murdered, the faith community of Durham reaches out to share the grief and offer support. When an ex-offender leaves prison, the faith community is there to help him readjust to life on the outside. When a family is in danger of becoming homeless, people of faith help them steady their lives.

Genesis Home provides housing and supportive services to families with children to foster independence and end homelessness. About two faith-based organizations volunteer at Genesis Home each month, and more during the holidays, said Tasha Melvin, Circles of Support and volunteer coordinator at Genesis Home. The volunteers help with facility projects like painting, setting up a suite for a new family or outdoor projects. They also prepare meals for family engagement nights and tutor in Genesis Home's learning program. Genesis Home serves up to 50 people at a time, and they couldn't do it without volunteer support, Melvin said. Regular volunteer churches include St. Titus' Episcopal, Aldersgate United Methodist, the Congregation at Duke Chapel and First Presbyterian.

"We truly rely on the support of our volunteers," she said.

Four churches have already signed up for the new Circles of Support program, coordinated by Genesis

Home on behalf of Housing for New Hope, Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network and Urban Ministries. Volunteers are paired with a family or individual moving out of the shelter into permanent housing.

First Presbyterian Church is one of those involved, as well as Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church, Abundant Hope Christian Church and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The Rev. Joe Harvard, pastor of First Presbyterian, said his church also volunteers regularly at the UMD Café and Genesis Home. First Presbyterian also works on a Habitat for Humanity home annually. Harvard pointed out that many churches are involved in collaborating on projects, especially through Durham Congregations In Action, a group of 62 congregations that work together for justice and peace in Durham.

"One of the unique things about it we take for granted is it is not just a Christian organization, but an interfaith

organization," said Harvard, a member of the DCIA board. He has seen similar groups limited to just Christian churches, but that's not the way things are done in Durham, Harvard said.

"I think the religious community works together to try to ensure a good quality of life for all citizens of Durham, not just our own congregations," he said. Harvard also noted the faith community's involved in organizations like the East Durham Children's Initiative as well.

Rabbi John Friedman of Judea Reform Congregation is one of the clergy who founded Genesis Home. He said that aside from clergy joining together for similar programs, frequently, through DCIA, clergy have discretionary funds they use to help Durhamites directly.

"When there's an emergency, congregations are the first to chip in, often through DCIA," Friedman said. Without the faith community, there would be a lot more hunger in

Durham, he said. He said that Durham, like many Southern cities, is dependent on religious contributions for social programs.

At Urban Ministries, almost all of the dinners cooked and served in its Community Café are done by volunteers, and most of those are religious groups.

"A Muslim group, local synagogues, churches of all denominations — every faith you could imagine" volunteer, said Faye Morin, UMD's volunteer coordinator. About 65 faith groups come each month in teams to cook and serve dinner at least 250 people. On group, Full Gospel Men's Fellowship, even sing gospel doing it. More volunteers come to cook and serve breakfast and lunch on the weekends, too.

Faith organizations also contribute items and volunteer time to the UMD food pantry and clothes closet. Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship teaches a life skills class.

"The impact and benefit is tremendous. We say this over and over. Urban Ministries would have to close its doors without its volunteers," Morin said. "These religious groups feed not only the body — they feed the soul."

Morin said she can't say enough about the faith groups, who are amazing and an inspiration to her.

Marcia Owen leads the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham, which holds monthly roundtables luncheons about addressing violence in Durham. They organize vigils for murder victims and support victims' families.

"I think the impact that the faith community has on Durham is that they provide the presence of mercy, and the heart of justice is mercy," Owen said. "I can't even imagine justice without this deep understanding that we are part of one another. My soul is with you, because we are one in God."

She said religious volunteers provide the added value of loving without condition.

*"The incalculable hours that people give are almost a mystery. This is the kingdom of God. After long hard days of work, they get back in the car or on the bus or bike and they come to serve others,"* Owen said.



(R) Regina Lance (Homeless Ministry Leader) and Deacon Wallace Rochelle of Monument of Faith Church on Simmons Street are preparing and cooking macaroni and cheese for dinner at the Urban Ministries of Durham kitchen, Friday evening, June 19, 2009.

## Jim Wisner, Congregation at Duke Chapel and the re-entry ministry

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DURHAM — One of the many ways faith organizations make a difference in Durham is through reconciliation and re-entry ministries for ex-offenders.

Over the past four years, the Congregation at Duke Chapel has partnered with five men and women as they adjust to life on the outside after serving time in prison.

Congregation member Jim Wisner said faith teams of six people work with the Criminal Justice Resource Center and Marcia Owen of Religious Coalition for A Nonviolent Durham to match with a partner. Ex-offenders have already been through a CJRC program and have been adjusting to life for the past several months to a year when they meet a faith team.

Wisner is the convener of the Congregation at Duke Chapel faith team, which meets with a partner twice a month. They've worked with both violent and white collar offenders. The team helps the person navigate re-entry into the world — anything from opening a bank account and learning to write checks to doing their taxes.

"A lot of times it's just talking about how it's going, if they're staying away from influences from before. The role we try to play is a support network. It's a journey. We're not really doing any particular things for them — it's being there with them," Wisner said.

"What's been really neat for us over the years is that we now have five partners we've worked with and we stay in touch with them," he said. Four of them recently found new jobs.

Finding jobs is the biggest problem, Wisner said, adding at a lot of places, felons won't get past the door. The jobs they do get, like fast food, don't pay a living wage, he said.

Wisner said he likes Duke Chapel Dean Sam Wells' philosophy of "Doing for, doing with and being with." For Wisner, the re-entry ministry is a way of "being with." He also started a Christian community house in the West End, and lives with others who try to carry out the things they believe in the real world. Wisner calls it "Christ at work."

For those ex-offenders Wisner and his fellow volunteers work with, he said the faith teams are just trying to be there as they go through life.

The Congregation at Duke Chapel helps more than just the individuals they partner with, too. Owen said that the congregation recently made hundreds of bags of toiletries to give to people coming out of Durham County Jail. With each bag was a note that said, "We love you."

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# Without VOLUNTEERS

## Government Could Not Do All It Does

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Mabinti Shabu (cq, center) of the Magic of African Rhythm dances during a salute to the elders on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the 42nd Annual Bimbe Cultural Arts Festival in downtown Durham.



**DURHAM** — There's the City-County Environmental Affairs Board and the Open Space & Trails Commission, the Equal Business Opportunity Program Advisory Committee and the Passenger Vehicle for Hire Commission.

Not to mention the Parks & Recreation Department's junior girls soccer teams or the annual Bimbe or Latino festivals.

They are all part of local government and they all depend on local volunteers.

"The volunteers ultimately help government do its job," said Amy Blalock, senior public affairs specialist for the city of Durham. "In fact, we couldn't do our job without them."

Or as Mal Atkinson, resource coordinator for the Parks & Recreation Department, put it, "we couldn't exist without volunteers."

Take, for instance, the assorted local government boards, committees and commissions.

There are 24 of them. They oversee everything from the aesthetic character of buildings in the community to the operation of the Durham Performing Arts Center.

"Currently, we have 130 citizens serving on the 24 boards," said Ann Gray, the city clerk, whose office is in charge of recruiting and filling those boards with volunteers. "We have about 20 more vacancies, which we hope to be filling soon."

Serving on a board, committee or commission admittedly can take up a good chunk of time and effort. Usually, there's no glory, just lots of meetings and a lot of homework.

So why do citizens do it?

Gray said it's simple: They "want to serve their community."

They feel, she added, that "they could bring something to the board and they have a commitment to Durham's quality of life."

They also may have a professional expertise, Gray said, that they feel would benefit Durham.

A number of volunteers are retired residents, who may have extra available time. But many of those who serve have full-time jobs, Gray said, but choose to volunteer anyway.

"They find the time for this," she said.

Some boards are particularly popular — bicycle, planning, housing appeals. Others are more difficult to fill, particularly during these years of economic distress, Gray said.

"But overall, we do very well," she said. "We have people who are very active in Durham. Then enjoy being active."

Atkinson put it another way.

"The majority of people do it because they want to give back," she said. "They want to be involved in what Durham has to offer."

And, local officials point out, it's easy to do.

"We can train them," Atkinson said. "If they have a lot of time, we have positions that would work for them. If they only have a little time, maybe just three hours, we have something for them, too, like being a festival ambassador."

Volunteers for city agencies can work as part of a group — coaching a team, perhaps, or serving on a commission — or independently, adopting a trail.

"There's a lot of flexibility," Atkinson said.

Parenthetically, while volunteers help local government, local government workers also volunteer.

"City employees are giving back in lots of ways that go unrecognized," Blalock said.

**Since last year, for instance, the city has undertaken "20 Hours of \$20" for Habitat for Humanity. City employees, either individually or in small group teams, volunteer for 20 hours to help Habitat with the homes they are working on in Durham and/or they donate \$20 to the nonprofit.**



# Parks & Rec

## VOLUNTEER REPAYING THE FAVOR

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John Braswell teaches his son Jhai how to dunk during basketball practice at the C.C. Spaulding Elementary School Gym on Sunday, July 31, 2011

John Braswell works with his son, Jade Braswell, during basketball practice at the C.C. Spaulding Elementary School Gym as Vincent Anthony watches on Sunday, July 31, 2011

DURHAM — When he was a kid growing up in a tough neighborhood of Greensboro, John Braswell found sports.

"It was my outlet," he recalled recently. "It was what helped me survive."

And what he recalls most about that period are the volunteers who helped him help himself.

"I remember a lot of volunteers who don't even remember me, but I remember things they helped me out in," Braswell said.

"They made me feel special, and they probably didn't even know it, but they meant a great deal to me, they made a big difference in my life."

Braswell knew, even then, that he wanted to repay the favor.

"I knew that if I ever got in a situation where I could be a role model for kids, it was going to be a no-brainer," he said.

That's why Braswell has been a volunteer for Durham's Parks & Recreation department, coaching little kids in soccer and basketball.

He's one of dozens of coaches — all of whom are volunteers — that make the parks & rec sports program possible.

"I just love working with kids," Braswell said. "You just get out there and have fun. When you feel like you connect with a kid, when you see that smile on a kid's face, when they figure something out and the light goes on, it's just a great feeling."

Braswell, who sells real estate, said he's fortunate to have a flexible schedule that allows him to volunteer. "But the thing is, you

figure out a way to make time," he said. "Both my sons are usually involved in what I'm coaching, but even if they weren't, you figure out a way to carve out time."

You do it, he said, because it's important.

"The encouragement you can give a kid who otherwise might not think they can do something is a great feeling," Braswell said.

"When they get it, you almost feel better than they do."

Braswell has been playing basketball all his life, so he's pretty confident when he's coaching 3, 4 and 5-year-olds in the rudiments of the game.

He's a little less confident when he's coaching kids of the same age in soccer, where his experience isn't great.

"To be honest, I have no idea about soccer, but I do my best," he said. "I teach sportsmanship, working hard, having fun."

Braswell intends to continue volunteering for the parks & rec department, along with additionally coaching the Durham Hurricanes' 5- and 6-year-olds on the weekends in the new basketball skills camp he's running.

*"I'll keep doing this as long as they'll have me," he said. "I want to give back, just like the volunteers did for me when I was a kid."*

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### Social Services

220 E. Main St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 560-8000  
Fax: (919) 560-8102

### Soil & Water Conservation District

721 Foster St.  
Durham, NC 27704  
Phone: (919) 560-0558  
Fax: (919) 560-0563

### Tax Administration

200 E. Main St.  
1st Floor, Old Courthouse  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 560-0300  
Fax: (919) 560-0350

### Veteran Services

414 E. Main St., 2nd Floor  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 560-8387  
Fax: (919) 560-7229

### Youth Home

2432 Broad St.  
Durham, NC 27704  
Phone: (919) 560-0840  
Fax: (919) 560-0843

## Specific volunteer opportunities

### Durham Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Rec department offers sports and recreational programs to improve fitness; cultural events to enlighten and educate; environmental education programs to explore the natural world; and community based celebrations to inspire civic pride. DPR volunteers may help with an actual event or serve on a planning committee. DPR solicits volunteers in the following areas: specialized skills, tutors/mentors, special events, internships/practicum and service. To learn about volunteer opportunities call (919) 560-4355 or visit [www.DPRPlayMore.org](http://www.DPRPlayMore.org). Contact the volunteer coordinator at [DPRVolunteers@durhamnc.gov](mailto:DPRVolunteers@durhamnc.gov).



# GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

## Guardian ad Litem Program

201 N. Roxboro St., 3rd Fl  
Durham, NC 27701  
919-564-7296

The Guardian ad Litem Program is a program that advocates for abused and neglected children in cases that are petitioned into court by the Department of Social Services.

Volunteers are trained as advocates for abused and neglected children in the court proceedings.

To volunteer, call (919) 564-7290 or (919) 564-7296.

## Stormwater Services

The city's stormwater program works to keep our streams clean through finding and removing sources of water pollution. Durham residents can do their part for clean water by adopting a stream, labeling storm drains in their neighborhood, or joining a stream cleanup. For information or to volunteer, contact Laura Webb Smith at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30235, or email [laura.smith@durhamnc.gov](mailto:laura.smith@durhamnc.gov).

## Government-related groups

Durham County Democratic Party  
P.O. Box 468  
Durham, NC 27702  
(919) 627-1621

## Durham County Republican Party

P.O. Box 110261  
Durham, NC 27709  
(919) 695-3467

The Durham County Republican Party is a local political organization which supports Republican candidates for office, educates voters about local issues, and promotes Republican principles of limited government and individual liberty. The party welcomes GOP volunteers who wish to help with educational outreach, precinct organization, poll monitoring, and the myriad other tasks required to support grassroots democracy. Please email [chairman@durhamgop.com](mailto:chairman@durhamgop.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

## League of Women Voters

League of Women Voters of Orange-Durham-Chatham  
P.O. Box 3397  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3397  
The LWV is the organization where your hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Membership provides many different types of volunteer opportunities to help promote voter education and civic involvement. Join LWVODC and be directly involved in shaping the important issues to keep our community strong.

## Waste Reduction Partners

At Waste Reduction Partners (WRP), a government agency affiliate, retired engineers and business professionals provide energy, water and solid waste assessments for nonresidential clients in central and eastern North Carolina. The assessments are at no cost to the clients and are grant funded. Volunteers with engineering, industry or facility experience are needed to perform these assessments. Volunteers with experience in reuse markets, waste management, and green business development are also encouraged to apply. A small stipend is provided and expenses are reimbursed. Hours are flexible and subject to volunteer availability.

For information, contact Sydney Jeffrey at (919) 558-2702 or visit [www.wastereductionpartners.org](http://www.wastereductionpartners.org).

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# VOLUNTEERS

## help nonprofits achieve missions

BY KEITH UPCHURCH | kupchurch@heraldsun.com

DURHAM — Volunteers are the lifeblood of many nonprofit organizations in Durham, including the Durham Rescue Mission, N.C. Museum of Life and Science, Durham County Animal Shelter and Meals on Wheels.

“Volunteers are literally unpaid employees at the Rescue Mission,” the Rev. Ernie Mills, who co-founded the Christian homeless shelter, said. “They help us get so many things accomplished that we just could not do without them.”

For example, Mills said, volunteers are essential in helping the mission with its annual Back to School party when schoolchildren get free clothing, school supplies, hot dogs and other delicious food.

“They help us sort the clothing, which ends up being about 5,000 pieces,” Mills said. “They give out backpacks and prepare the food. [In 2010] they served over 9,000 hot dogs. It would be a nightmare to figure out how to run the rescue mission without our volunteers.”

“Someone said that many hands make light work. That is so true.”

Volunteer donors also keep the mission afloat, Mills said.

“They pay the bills — the light bill, the water bill,” he said. “They’re the ones who keep the lights on.”

According to Tony Gooch, director of development operations at the mission, 4,060 volunteers gave 17,546 total hours last year, and 413 of those were financial donors as well.

At the N.C. Museum of Life and Science on Murray Avenue in Durham, volunteers help the museum achieve its mission, according to Leslie Fann, the museum’s human resources director and volunteer coordinator.

“Everything they do directly contributes to us achieving our mission, whether that’s providing programs to visitors, supporting staff and exhibits behind the scenes or contributing ideas and suggestions to help us improve operations,” Fann said. “They also help us maintain a strong connection to the Durham community. They are partners in our success. We would not be as successful as we are without their help.”



Volunteer Annie Goldberg takes Little the Silkie Chicken out of her cage for playtime at the Museum of Life and Science on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Goldberg has volunteered at the museum for almost 12 years and enjoys working with the animals.



The museum has about 140 volunteers who come on an ongoing basis. In addition, the museum is working with 75 youth volunteers for the summer.

Museum volunteers help with animal care, at the exhibits building, with installation and maintenance and at the Magic Wings Butterfly House. They also assist with the Bayer Crop Science Insectarium and with special events, including parking, exhibitor and activities support, landscaping and marketing.

The museum's board of directors is all-volunteer, and they provide leadership, fundraising and strategic development, Fann said.

Last year, 611 volunteers spent 16,911 hours helping the museum.

"That's the equivalent of 8.1 full-time employees without the paychecks!" Fann added.

Without question, the animals at the Durham County Animal Shelter enjoy a higher quality of life because of volunteers.

"We depend on volunteers very, very much," shelter manager Shafonda Price said. "We have about 190 volunteers on our roster, and they do many different things — with events, helping with animals. They're able to do all of the special touches that staff members aren't able to, like making sure that our dogs get walked, that each cat gets played with, brushed and held. They're what makes our shelter really special."

Not all volunteers work at the shelter, Price said. Some go to schools to help educate students, while others volunteer at events like the Festival for the Eno every July.

"They also help with spay days, going into people's homes, picking up their animals, taking them to get spayed or neutered and then bringing them home," she said.

Stephanie Kirby, volunteer coordinator at the shelter, said "we wouldn't be here at all without our volunteers."

"Our pets get love and attention because our volunteers are willing to come and spend that time with them, which of course increases their adoptability."

At the Meals on Wheels building on Ross Road, volunteers stay busy packing meals and delivering them to homebound Durham residents. The program delivers hot meals to 300 Durham County residents every Monday through Friday. Volunteers drive the 25 routes, and pay for gas from their own pockets.

Gale Adland, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Durham Inc., said few drivers have quit as the price of gas has risen. In fact, she said, the organization has drawn in more volunteers during the weak economy.

**The program recently renovated its center off Wake Forest Highway, and the hope is that more volunteers will step forward as it tries to meet its goal of feeding more needy people in Durham.**



Don Lebkes, a Meals on Wheels volunteer, takes meals to individuals across Durham on Wednesday, July 6, 2011. As a retired delivery man, Lebkes said Meals on Wheels was a similar job but he gets to help out the community.

# VOLUNTEERS

HELPING MAKES MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER FEEL GOOD

BY KEITH UPCHURCH  
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**DURHAM** — For Meals On Wheels volunteer Donald Lebkes, writing a check to help the hungry is too impersonal, so he spends his time and own gas money delivering meals to homebound Durham residents at least twice a week.

He likes that personal touch.

"When you actually give people their food and you talk to them, they're always happy to see you," Lebkes, 68, said. "It makes me feel good, because I can do something to help. I can see it happen in front of me."

Lebkes has been volunteering with the Meals On Wheels program in Durham since January, driving about 40 miles along his route each day. His goal is to eventually drive each of the 25 routes in Durham, but he's already tackled 23 of them, so he's almost there.

Some routes are longer than others, he said, but on a typical day, he delivers between eight and 16 hot lunches to homebound residents, many of whom are disabled senior citizens.

He's gotten to know many of his clients, and even has a nodding acquaintance with some of their dogs.

"One lady has a dachshund," he said with a sparkle in his eyes. "He meets me at the gate, barking at me. And we go into the house, and the dog leads me to the kitchen. And I put the food down, and after I've put it down, the dog barks and leads me out of the house."

Another client, a wheelchair-bound woman who's had a stroke, can't handle the food tray, so Lebkes puts it where it's needed and sometimes places the milk in her refrigerator.

A third client, an 86-year-old World War II veteran, "is always waiting for me," he said. "We have a five- or six-minute chit-chat."

Lebkes, a retired school teacher and former delivery supervisor for The New York Times in New York City, moved to Durham in 2007. He said he loves Durham's diversity, and being able to help others.

*"I think I'm going to do this for long time," he said. "I really like it. It's fun."*

# NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS DIRECTORY

## AARP Durham Chapter #189

Phone (919) 598-1551

Email: aarpdurhamnc@yahoo.com

The chapter is seeking new members 50 years and older (working or retired) to help it move in a new direction. The chapter wants to become more involved in community service projects and keep our members aware of legislative issues that will affect us as we age. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Center for Senior Life, 406 Rigsbee St. We do not meet in July or August, but join us next Sept. 21.

## A Helping Hand

(919) 403-5555 (phone)

(919) 969-7015 (fax)

1502 West NC Hwy. 54, Suite 405

Durham, NC 27707

www.ahelpinghandnc.org

A Helping Hand is a nonprofit organization serving older adults in the Triangle since 1995, which provides companion care and nonmedical in-home assistance to older adults. Our mission is to help them remain as independent as possible and to maintain the highest quality of life.

We are in need of volunteers who can provide escorted transportation to outpatient surgery, chemotherapy, dialysis and routine medical appointments. Volunteers also may assist with grocery shopping, errands and routine household tasks. Assignments are based on the preferences of the volunteer and the geographic proximity to the client.

If you are interested in volunteering, email volunteer@ahelpinghandnc.org or call Marcia Taylor at (919) 323-8035.

## American Red Cross, Central North Carolina Chapter

4737 University Drive

Durham, NC 27707

Phone: (919) 419-1849, ext. 376

Fax: (919) 489-4026

Blood Services Cell: (919) 418-0530

http://CNRedcross.org

The Red Cross provides relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Volunteer needs include: responding to local disasters, assisting military families, answering phones and greeting visitors in the office, driving Durham residents to and from their medical appointments using Red Cross vehicles, greeting and providing refreshments to blood donors.

To volunteer or learn more, contact Blanche Hudon, director of volunteer services, at (919) 489-6541, ext. 376, or hudonb@usa.redcross.org.

## AnimalKind

Phone: (919) 870-1660

Email: info@animalkind.org

AnimalKind is a nonprofit whose mission is to end the euthanasia of adoptable animals by helping low-income families prevent accidental litters of kittens and puppies.

Volunteers may help by representing AnimalKind at area events or helping to provide outreach for THE \$20 FIX at locations in Durham and Orange counties. For the computer-savvy volunteer there are opportunities that may be performed at home

after training. Other volunteer opportunities at our AnimalKind office or ReTails Thrift Shop are also available.

## Animal Protection Society of Durham

2117 E. Club Blvd.

Durham, NC 27704

(919) 560-0640

www.apsofdurham.org

The Animal Protection Society of Durham (APS) is a nonprofit organization that has been helping animals in our community since 1970, and has managed the Durham County Animal Shelter since 1990. In addition to county funding, APS relies on donations from caring individuals and corporations to feed, shelter and provide medical attention for the nearly 7,000 stray, surrendered and abused animals we care for each year.

The mission of the APS of Durham is to educate the public about the humane care, treatment and well-being of all animals, to help stop pet overpopulation through the promotion of spay/neuter programs, and to find suitable adoptive homes for the animals in our care.

Volunteers are always needed and we have many volunteer opportunities. Currently our greatest need is for reliable and dedicated volunteers to work with adoptable pets during the week. If you would like more information on volunteering and to learn how you can begin the volunteer process, please email volunteer@apsofdurham.org.

## Angels Among Us

This organization supports fundraising efforts to raise funds for research on brain tumors at the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center. Teams involved participate in fundraising activities throughout the year with the culmination of the event in the spring of each year. April 28 will be the 19th year for Angels Among Us at the Duke University Medical Center campus. Angels Among Us has raised more than \$10 million dollars for brain tumor research since 1994.

The event begins with a 5K run through the Duke campus, followed by a family walk through the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. Angels offers entertainment, food, a silent auction, and activities for children. Awards are given to the top 10 fundraising teams, the top newcomer team and the best team T-shirt design. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event to set up, register attendees, assist with children's activities, etc.

To volunteer, contact Ellen Stainback at ellen.stainback@duke.edu.

## The Arc of Durham County

3500 Westgate Dr., Suite 401

Durham, NC 27707

Phone: (919) 493-8141

Email: thearc@frontier.com

The Arc of Durham County is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving people with developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc strives to create and improve opportunities by providing leadership in and advocacy for quality human services, family support, information and referral, and public awareness.

Volunteers are needed to educate the public about developmental disabilities and Arc programs and services through information fairs, mailers or

speaking engagements; plan and staff special events for both community outreach and fundraising; and get newsletter and other publications out to the public. They also need helpers to move furniture, do home improvements and provide transportation for families.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle 2

This organization provides adult volunteers for at-risk youths in Durham, Wake and Orange counties for the purpose of one-to-one mentoring.

Volunteers can help by committing to mentoring a child for a period of one year, for at least a certain number of hours per month (talk to agency about specific requirements), consistently interacting with the child, engaging them in diverse activities, providing support and companionship and exposing them to positive opportunities.

To volunteer, contact Tracie Collins at (919) 850-9772 or via the agency website at www.bbstriangle.org

## Boss Lady Enterprise

www.bossladyenterprise.org

Boss Lady Enterprise is a startup nonprofit resource center. The organization supports individuals and families facing economic and social challenges by providing resources and community outreach programs to meet their needs. The organization plans to network with businesses to better serve the community by fostering economic and social growth. Volunteers are needed for special fundraising events. To help, contact info@bossladyenterprise.org.

## BounceBack Kids

www.bouncebackkids.org

BounceBack Kids is a nonprofit whose mission is to bring together and serve kids with life-challenging medical conditions to enrich the lives of participants and their families.

Participants in BounceBack Kids are children who have a life-challenging medical condition, range in age from 3 to 21, and have a doctor's permission to participate in physical activities. Our participants have cancer, sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, asthma and other chronic illnesses. We provide services not only to the child who is ill but also to his or her siblings and parents or guardians. BounceBack Kids Programs include sports, recreational and social activities, and support services.

BounceBack Kids is always seeking volunteers to work and play alongside our participants and families. We are also seeking volunteers who can help with administrative and research tasks, grant writing, photography, press and research.

To volunteer, contact Assistant Director Alicia Altmueller at volunteer@bouncebackkids.org or (919) 246-9100, ext. 1.

## Caring House

2625 Pickett Road

(919) 490-5449, ext. 123

www.caringhouse.org

Caring House is a hospitality house that provides adult cancer patients and accompanying caregivers with a comfortable, supportive and affordable place to stay during outpatient treatment at the Duke Cancer Institute.

We have a number of volunteer opportunities. Our desk services volunteers are trained to provide front desk support with guest check-ins, tours and phone

and administrative support. They typically work a three-hour shift between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Guest activity coordinators provide evening activities and entertainment for our guests Monday through Thursday. Past activities include bingo, game night, movie night, ice cream socials, arts and crafts, and musical performances. A critical need is for food preparation. Our goal is to provide our guests (about 25 adults) with a community meal Monday through Thursday. To volunteer, contact Dawn Woody at (919) 490-5449 or dawn\_woody@caringhouse.org.

## Carolina Meadows

www.carolinameadows.org

(919) 370-7134

Carolina Meadows, a retirement community in Chatham County, is home to almost 700 residents. We have a continuum of care for our residents, including independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care.

Volunteers work with residents in a variety of settings; including as activities assistants, one-on-one visitors and computer/technology assistants. To volunteer, contact Katie Huffman at (919) 370-7134 or katie@carolinameadows.net

## Clean Energy Durham

331 W Main St.

PO Box 2223, Durham NC 27701

(919) 323.3244

Clean Energy Durham focuses on saving energy, building community and moving America toward cleaner and safer energy by creating organizations of neighbors helping neighbors save energy. Volunteers are needed to lead energy education workshops in their neighborhoods, help with surveys on transportation (bus and bicycle) and workshop attendees, and to serve as office volunteers with skills in Excel, QuickBooks or graphic design. To volunteer, contact Jeanne@cleanenergydurham.org; 919.323.3244; www.cleanenergydurham.org.

## Cornucopia Cancer Support Center

5517 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 1000

Durham, NC 27707

At Cornucopia Cancer Support Center, we believe that all people touched by cancer benefit when they are part of a caring community that offers support, compassion and hope as they navigate that difficult path. We promise to be place where anyone touched by cancer can find the support and resources to live life to the fullest. Whether you have cancer, are a survivor, a family member, a caregiver or a close friend, we are here for you. All services are provided at no charge to Cornucopia participants.

Volunteers are needed to help with the front desk, special projects and events.

To volunteer, contact Ashley Hunter at (919) 403-9333 or email ahunter@cancersupport4u.org.

To see more about volunteer opportunities, visit us online at www.cancersupport4u.org/volunteer.html.

## CROP Hunger Walk

1006 Lamond Ave.,

Durham, NC 27701

Phone: (919) 688-3843

Fax: (919) 688-2239

A 38-year-old annual walk-a-thon raises funds to address hunger and poverty globally and locally. The 8K annual spring event is sponsored nationally by the nonproselytizing, international humanitarian service agency Church World Service and locally by Durham Congregations in Action. It is the third largest CROP Hunger Walk in the United States in a field of some 1,800 walks. Volunteers help by creating teams of walkers. Walkers solicit sponsorship donations. The walk is organized by a 25-person, all-volunteer steering committee.

Join CROP Hunger Walk online at www.crowpwalkonline.org or email Joseph C. Moran jmoran@churchworldservice.org

## CWS Refugee Resettlement

www.cwsrdu.org

The Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program welcomes refugees who have fled their home countries because of fear of persecution, have applied for entrance to America and are arriving in the Triangle from Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, Vietnam and other countries. We assist them in connecting with the community resources necessary to meet their immediate needs, inspire hope and promote long-term self-sufficiency.

Volunteers are needed to serve as English conversation partners, to help furnish apartments, assist in employment, help new arrivals access health care, and serve as cheerleaders, idea-generators and bridge-builders. Visit www.cwsrdu.org/volunteers for information or contact Joanna Schiestl at cwsrdu@gmail.com.

## Daughters Without Dads Inc.

P.O. Box 2534

Durham, NC 27715

www.daughterswithoutdads.net

www.twitter.com/dwd

http://apps.daughterswithoutdads.net/blog/

At Daughters without Dads, a holistic approach to the well-being of pre-teen, teen and young adult women offers programs and services that address many of the issues concerning youth, including the tendency of issues such as domestic violence, wealth management and self-esteem to become "cycles" that are repeated in life. The desired outcome for those who come through the program is that they are able to break the negative cycle(s) and be a source of positive influence to those around them. Volunteers can help mentor, tutor, drive and lead activities. To volunteer, contact Doresa Armstrong at (919) 257-7652.

## Duke Homestead State Historic Site

The Duke Homestead consists of a museum that shows the history of tobacco growing and manufacturing in Durham, a historic area with farm buildings, the Duke's original factory and house, and an orientation film that provides background information on tobacco, the Duke Family and Durham's role in tobacco manufacturing. Volunteers assist with visitor services, such as providing guided tours to the public of the historic area, showing the orientation film, answering questions and assisting with special events. To volunteer, contact Mia Berg at (919) 477-5498 or mia.berg@ncdcr.gov.

## Duke Hospital Auxiliary

We provide volunteer services to the Duke hospital and its patients with services such as Emergency Department volunteers, Gift Shop volunteers, Just a Buck Cart volunteers, ECard volunteers, Novel Rider volunteers, and much, much, more. Visit http://www.dukehealth.org/patients\_and\_visitors/volunteer\_services/volunteering\_at\_duke for information. To volunteer, contact Joy Parton at (919) 684-3646, joy.parton@duke.edu, or search Facebook for the Duke Hospital Auxiliary.

## Duke University's Office of Durham and Regional Affairs

Box 90433

Durham, NC 27708

Phone: (919) 668-1033

Duke University's Office of Durham and Regional Affairs works to broaden the university's role as an advocate and partner for economic and community development in Durham and the region. The office includes the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership, which works to improve quality of life and educational achievement within the 12 neighborhoods closest to Duke's campus, and the Community Service Center, which serves as a clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities for students and employees. The office works to engage Duke students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni in support of local schools, neighborhood associations, community centers, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and more. Collectively, we ensure that Duke University remains a thoughtful and engaged partner in Durham. For information about this office and opportunities to volunteer, visit us at http://community.duke.edu or contact Jesse Huddleston at jesse.huddleston@duke.edu or 668-1033.

## Durham Affordable Housing Coalition

SouthBank Building, 400 W. Main St.

Suite 408, Durham, NC 27701

www.dahc.org

DAHc is a nonprofit that provides free housing services. Volunteers answer the phones. Most calls are from homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages. Homeowners receive free counseling on the Mortgage Payment Program, NC Foreclosure Prevention Fund, loan modifications and other programs. For information, visit www.dahc.org. To volunteer, contact Lorisa Seibel, Lorisa@dahc.org, (919) 683-1185.

## Durham Center for Senior Life Volunteers

Durham Center for Senior Life helps older adults get involved in the community and create rewarding and meaningful experiences for all.

The center has volunteer opportunities such as telephone reassurance-call seniors on a regular basis to ensure safety and wellness; special events/committee members to help with planning special events, soliciting donations, marketing fundraising; adult day health companions who work with seniors to help during the day with special activities; travel buddies who help seniors learn one-on-one to ride DATA public transportation; course instructors to teach ongoing arts and crafts, exercise class or one time "Lunch and Learn" programs; office assistants to help with mailing, data entry and filing. To learn more or to volunteer, contact person Stephani Deberry at sdeberry@dcsinc.org or (919) 688-8247, ext. 103.



# NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS DIRECTORY

## Durham Community Land Trustees

DCLT is a community-based organization created in 1987 out of the concerns for the housing conditions of residents of Durham's West End neighborhoods. DCLT was created as a land trust to ensure there would always be affordable housing, despite the inevitability of rising housing cost due to the location of the neighborhood. It also aims to ensure revitalization includes housing and community organizing of residents to give them a voice in actions and decisions being made in their community. Residents of the community govern and direct work of the nonprofit. Two-thirds of the board of directors live in community.

To date, DCLT has developed over 200 units of affordable housing. Our portfolio includes both homeowners and a wide range of rental housing units that meet various needs.

Volunteers can help by joining our annual "Make A Difference Day" event on Oct. 22. Anyone seeking information about volunteer opportunities should call DCLT at (919) 490-0063.

## Durham County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers N.C. Cooperative Extension

721 Foster St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 560-0526

Extension Master Gardener Program is a certified volunteer program offered by N.C. State University and the local extension offices in North Carolina. In Durham, extension master gardeners assist the Durham County horticulture agent in providing horticulture/research-based garden programming to Durham County residents. This includes providing Plant Information Booths and maintaining a hotline to answer questions related to gardening, natural resource management and integrated pest management. Master gardeners also conduct outreach education presentations in the community on garden-related topics held at the local extension office, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Durham County libraries, schools, and, on request, to area civic groups, garden clubs and companies with lunch-and-learn opportunities for their employees. Master gardeners undergo an intensive 14-week training and are required to give a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service over the first year following the training. Those interested in maintaining their certification must continue to volunteer 40 hours per year and must attend two meetings and undergo eight additional hours of training.

If you are interested, contact Michelle Wallace, Durham County horticulture agent with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, at (919) 560-0526 or email [mwallace@durhamcountync.gov](mailto:mwallace@durhamcountync.gov).

**Durham County Teen Court & Restitution Program**  
This is a program for first-time youth offenders who have been charged with a misdemeanor offense. Teen Court is run by youths, and the defendants are judged by a jury of their peers. Youth volunteers of middle and high school age are needed. Volunteers will serve in the roles of bailiff, clerk of court, jurors and attorneys. Training is provided.

To volunteer, contact Cynthia Jett at (919) 682-1960

## Durham Eagles Athletic Association

The Durham Eagles Athletic Association is a nonprofit

Pop Warner Affiliated football organization for boys ages 5 to 15. The organization's motto, "Excellence through Commitment," promotes scholastic responsibility, self-discipline, respect, improvement in football skills and good sportsmanship. Volunteers are able to help the organization by cleanup and upkeep of the football field, equipment managers to distribute and maintain equipment in good working order, and game day parking attendants.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Commissioner Don Jones at [dlanod714@yahoo.com](mailto:dlanod714@yahoo.com) or (919)-697-1649.

## Durham Economic Resource Center (DERC)

[www.durhameconomicresourcecenter.org](http://www.durhameconomicresourcecenter.org)  
Founded by the interfaith group End Poverty Durham three years ago, DERC is a distribution center offering job training to low-income residents. DERC provides job training and placement using a simulated worksite which is set up as a low-cost basic needs distribution center.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the distribution center with sorting, separating and inventory rotation as well as working with trainees reviewing resumes and conducting mock interviews. To volunteer, call DERC CEO Jackie Brown at (919) 682-5912, 3#.

## Durham FIF Management Team

The Durham Chapter of First In Families helps people with developmental disabilities connect to their dreams and needs. FIF is seeking volunteers to join the management team, an advisory committee for the chapter which helps set policies, fundraising initiatives, community outreach, relationship development with local businesses and strategic planning. If you are interested, contact Eboni Blake at [eblake@fifnc.org](mailto:eblake@fifnc.org) or (919) 251.8368.

## Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network

1216 N. Roxboro St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 682-2846  
Fax: (919) 530-1776  
[www.dihn.org](http://www.dihn.org)

The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides food, shelter and intensive case management to families in the crisis of homelessness. Most volunteers help through by providing dinner and sharing meals with our families, spending the night with the families at a congregation, or providing transportation at 6:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.

To volunteer, contact Catherine Pleil, executive director, at [catherine@dihn.org](mailto:catherine@dihn.org) or 682-2846.

## The Durham Literacy Center

P.O. Box 52209  
Durham, NC 27717  
(919) 489-8383  
[www.durhamliteracy.org](http://www.durhamliteracy.org)

The Durham Literacy Center provides critical educational services for Durham County teenagers and adults seeking to transform their lives through improved literacy. Over the past 25 years, a small but dedicated staff has trained more than 2,000 volunteer tutors who have educated more than 12,000 Durham residents. Each year, more than 500 Durham Literacy Center students improve the quality of their lives through tuition-free instruction in reading and writing, English as a Second Language, and GED test-taking, as well as in workplace, computer, financial, civic and

health literacy.

Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising, graphic and technical advice, and serving as tutors for students.

To volunteer, email [volunteer@durhamliteracy.org](mailto:volunteer@durhamliteracy.org) or call (919) 323-0902 for more information about our volunteer orientations and tutor trainings.

## The Durham Rescue Mission

The Rescue Mission is a nonprofit organization, supported entirely by tax-deductible gifts from concerned individuals, churches, civic groups, and planned giving. We are a religious and civic organization that provides safe shelter, three meals each day, clean clothing, vocational skills and counseling to our residents.

Volunteers have a huge impact on our organization. They prepare and/or serve meals at the mission, help out at Durham Rescue Mission Bargain Center or Rescued Treasures Thrift Shoppe, and there are more opportunities for volunteers to help.

To volunteer at the Rescue Mission, call (919) 699-9641, ext. 5025, to talk to Delaner Venable. To volunteer at the Bargain Center call (919) 598-7170 or at the Thrift Shoppe call (919) 484-9014. To learn more of how you can help, visit [www.DurhamRescueMission.org](http://www.DurhamRescueMission.org) or call 919.688.9641, x5025 or e-mail [volunteer@DurhamRescueMission.com](mailto:volunteer@DurhamRescueMission.com)

## Durham's Partnership for Children

1201 S. Briggs Ave., Suite 210  
Durham, NC 27703  
(919) 403-6960

Durham's Partnership for Children is a nonprofit organization that works to make sure children across Durham County arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed. Our mission is to mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful collaborative approaches to serving the needs of young children birth to age 5 and their families. Collaboration is vital to the work done at the partnership.

Volunteers can provide administrative assistance, professional services, reading services to young children, support an initiative or program, or participate in corporate sponsorship through agency and/or community events.

To volunteer, contact Angelica Oberleithner (assistant director); [angelica@dpcf.net](mailto:angelica@dpcf.net) or (919) 403-6960, ext. 219.

## Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center (CRC)

634 Foster St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 680-4908

The CRC offers mediation services to help people resolve conflict through communication, cooperation and understanding. Mediation is an informal process where disputing parties meet with professionally trained, impartial mediators to discuss their concerns, listen to each other and develop mutually agreed upon solutions. Mediation empowers disputing parties by giving them the opportunity to take full responsibility for resolving their concerns. Mediation is not only for court-ordered services but can be provided as requested from individual community members. Mediation is useful for a range of issues such as neighborhood or family disputes to employment or

business-related issues.

The CRC offers quality conflict resolution services to the community in the following capacities: District Court, divorce, separation, parenting/visitation plan, school and peer mediation, workplace issues, prisoner re-entry mediation, victim-offender mediation, worthless checks and Medicaid appeals. Volunteers can help with conducting telephone surveys and fund-raising activities.

To volunteer, contact LaCresha Davis, (919) 680-4908

## Family & Consumer Sciences

Durham County Cooperative Extension Service  
721 Foster St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 560-0521

Family & Consumer Sciences agents provide education programs, information and resources to Durham County residents in the areas of food and nutrition, healthy lifestyles, family financial management, issues related to housing and home-energy consumption, indoor pest management, and issues related to aging. Family & Consumer Sciences also promotes citizen community engagement through supporting the Extension and Community Association. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Board and are needed in helping the extension serve the needs of the community by promoting and advocating Family & Consumer Sciences programs.

To volunteer or to learn more, contact Deborah McGiffin at [deborah\\_mcgiffin@ncsu.edu](mailto:deborah_mcgiffin@ncsu.edu) or (919) 560-0521.

## FIFNC Time Bank

The FIFNC Time Bank exchanges time and services to build community. Join to share your skills with other Time Bank members, from giving transportation to Spanish lessons. The Time Bank is open to the entire community in the Triangle, with particular emphasis on including the skills and talents of those who experience disabilities and their families. To take part, contact Krysta Gougler at [Krysta@fifnc.org](mailto:Krysta@fifnc.org) or (919) 251-8368.

## Garden Clubs

<http://durhamcouncilofgardenclubs.blogspot.com/>  
The Durham Council of Garden Clubs and the individual clubs in Durham, help sponsor classes, attend classes to learn more, have fun doing garden-related events together and in the process of our enthusiasm give back to others. Some of the things we are doing: Sponsor Junior Garden Clubs, one for children with special needs. We work with seniors doing garden therapy at assisted living centers. Other clubs maintain flower beds downtown and at the entrances to neighborhoods. We were the leaders in developing the gardens at the Good Samaritan Inn, and work with Briggs Avenue Community Gardens.

The Durham Garden Club members are involved in Litter Sweep and SEEDS, and we volunteer as Master Gardeners, docents and ambassadors at Duke Gardens.

There are 11 clubs in Durham with over 280 members: Blossom, Croasdaile, Daylily, Driftwood, Forest Hills, Garden Makers, Grove Park, Heritage, Homestead Heights, Hope Valley, and Town and Country.

If you are interested in learning more about the

Garden Clubs or volunteering, email [Gmama4@gmail.com](mailto:Gmama4@gmail.com).

## Habitat for Humanity

[www.durhamhabitat.org](http://www.durhamhabitat.org)  
Habitat for Humanity of Durham is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that builds, repairs and sells decent, affordable and sustainable homes in partnership with people in need and communities that care.

We need construction volunteers Wednesdays through Saturdays each week to help with building. There are two shifts each of those days for people to volunteer. The morning shift is from 8:15 to noon and the afternoon shift is from 12:45 to 4 p.m. Habitat also needs office volunteers to help with administrative tasks Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact volunteer manager Heather Graham at [hgraham@durhamhabitat.org](mailto:hgraham@durhamhabitat.org) or (919) 682-0516, ext. 101.

## Habitat Restore of Durham and Orange Counties

5501 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.  
Durham, NC 27707  
Store: (919) 403-8668

The ReStore accepts donations of new and gently used household goods, as well as, building and construction materials and sells these items to generate revenue for Habitat for Humanity's home-building efforts. Volunteers are welcome in numerous positions of donations processing and customer service all within a very accommodating schedule. To learn more about the organization, browse volunteer position descriptions or get started volunteering, visit the ReStore's website at [www.restoreddurhamorange.org](http://www.restoreddurhamorange.org) or call (919) 403-8668.

## Haw River Assembly

P.O. Box 187  
Bynum, NC 27228  
[www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org)

The Haw River Assembly is a nonprofit citizens' group founded in 1982 to restore and protect the Haw River and Jordan Lake, and to build a watershed community that shares this vision.

Volunteers assist with cleanups, advocacy, hands-on outdoor education, fundraising and outreach. To volunteer, contact Donna Myers, watershed education coordinator, at (919) 542-5790 or [donna@hawriver.org](mailto:donna@hawriver.org).

## Housing for New Hope

18 West Colony Place, Suite 250  
Established in 1992, Housing for New Hope is a nonprofit organization serving the needs of homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness in Durham and Orange counties. Programs include homeless outreach, clinical support, prevention, transitional and permanent housing. Volunteers assist with maintenance of properties (painting, etc.), mentoring residents/tenants, public events and preparing packages of hope. To volunteer, contact Tamaira Johnson at [info@housingformnewhope.org](mailto:info@housingformnewhope.org) or (919) 489-6282

## Kayla's Closet

We collect and redistribute used prom/formal dresses and accessories to young women who might not otherwise be able to attend their high school prom. If the items are not appropriate or useful for this

purpose, we take them to high schools for drama and art classes, Dress for Success or Threshold. We are supported by donations from Northgate Mall (space and storage) and Regency/White Star Cleaners (free cleaning or gift certificates). We collect year-round at Prudential YSU Realty. We open up at Northgate Mall for six weeks every spring on Saturdays to give away the dresses. We just finished our seventh year. Volunteers can help young women try on and select dresses; set up and tear down the store; sort, clean, press and arrange the dresses and store; sew dresses.

To volunteer or learn more, go to the group Kayla's Closet on Facebook or contact Pat Radack at (919) 452-3416 or [pat.radack@pruysu.com](mailto:pat.radack@pruysu.com).

## Keep Durham Beautiful

2011 Fay St.

Phone: (919) 354-2729

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

Keep Durham Beautiful is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization that works to engage and inspire individuals to take greater responsibility for their community environment. We focus on litter prevention, waste reduction (reduce, reuse, recycle), beautification and community greening. Interested volunteers can register on our website, [www.KeepDurhamBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepDurhamBeautiful.org).

## Lifetime Connections

Lifetime Connections seeks network members who are connected in their communities and believe in building healthy relationships. A personal network is a group of volunteers who are committed to helping an individual with disabilities attain his or her life goals. The network is the bridge to the community and assists with building relationships beyond the network, providing support and advocacy. To participate, contact Eboni Blake at [eblake@lifnc.org](mailto:eblake@lifnc.org) or 919.251.8368.

## Meals on Wheels of Durham

2522 Ross Road, Durham, NC 27703  
Phone: (919) 667-9424  
Fax: (919) 667-9458

<http://www.mowdurham.org>  
Meals on Wheels of Durham Inc. is a nonprofit agency committed to enhancing the quality of life for eligible home-bound adults in our community. Our mission is to serve the elderly, frail, disabled, convalescing and others who cannot provide proper nutrition for themselves. Volunteers deliver lunches to our clients each weekday, with the objective of improving the nutritional status and health of these individuals. It is our goal to provide the combination of nutritious meals and social contact that will help our clients to remain independent as long as possible. Our volunteers are an essential part of our organization. We could not operate without them. We need 135 cars to leave our site each week. Our largest need is for volunteer drivers. They deliver more than 280 hot, nutritious meals per day to the home-bound seniors of Durham County. It only takes a time commitment of about an hour to complete a route from start to finish. Meal deliveries are made between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon each weekday. You must be 16, provide a valid driver's license and current auto insurance. Call (919) 667-9424 or email [volunteer@mowdurham.org](mailto:volunteer@mowdurham.org) if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to give back to your community.



# NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS DIRECTORY

## Micro-Consulting for North Carolina

MCforNC is a nonprofit that offers pro-bono consulting services to other area nonprofits using volunteer student consultants from Duke and UNC Chapel Hill. MCforNC consults on projects that are of high priority to the organization and projects that will make a meaningful impact on the nonprofit and the community it serves. Student volunteers help MCforNC in serving the community by improving the efficiency of nonprofits in the area. Projects that MCforNC volunteer consultants may work on include: marketing, database consulting, financial projections, business analytics, and start-up services. Visit [www.mcfornc.org](http://www.mcfornc.org) or email [contact@mcfornc.org](mailto:contact@mcfornc.org) with the subject line "Volunteer Consultants."

## N.C. Museum of Life and Science

The Museum of Life and Science is committed to creating a place of lifelong learning where people from young child to senior citizen embrace science as a way of knowing about themselves, their communities and their world. Volunteers work in a wide variety of departments, providing animal care, exhibit installation and maintenance, informal science education and marketing and special event support. To volunteer, contact Leslie Fann, volunteer coordinator, at [leslie.fann@ncmls.org](mailto:leslie.fann@ncmls.org) or (919) 220-5429, ext. 379.

## Piedmont Wildlife Center

364 Leigh Farm Road  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 489-0900  
(919) 493-0988 (fax)  
[www.piedmontwildlifecenter.org](http://www.piedmontwildlifecenter.org)  
We foster healthy connections among people, wildlife and nature through year-round children's nature camps, after-school programs, school field trips, assembly programs, birthday parties, weekend public nature programs, wildlife conservation projects to improve wildlife habitats and to study the impact of humans on wildlife populations and to assist citizens with wildlife questions and/or wildlife emergencies. Volunteers can assist with programs, animal care, office work, computers/website, trail work, maintenance, events, outreach, social media, fund raising, wildlife gardens and habitat improvement. To volunteer, contact Natalie Zucchini at [volunteer@piedmontwildlifecenter.org](mailto:volunteer@piedmontwildlifecenter.org).

## Preservation Durham

3001 Academy Road, Suite 130  
P.O. Box 25411  
Durham, NC 27702  
[www.preservationdurham.org](http://www.preservationdurham.org)  
Preservation Durham's mission is to preserve the history, architecture, and cultural heritage of Durham and Durham County and to serve as an institution for the education of citizens through the promotion and appreciation of this heritage. A 501(c)3 corporation founded in 1974 as the Historic Preservation Society of Durham, Preservation Durham has achieved a regional reputation as one of North Carolina's outstanding historic preservation nonprofits. As a result of Preservation Durham's efforts, Durham has developed a stronger sense of its heritage and many significant preservation initiatives have come to fruition.

## Reality Ministries

[realityministriesinc.org](http://realityministriesinc.org)  
(919) 688-7776  
Reality Ministries is in its fourth year of operation in Durham, operating out of our community center on Gregson Street and Lamond Avenue. The organization develops programs of support and friendship for teens and adults with developmental disabilities, and for middle and high school students in a thriving after-school program that includes academic support and recreation. Reality Ministries also has an alternative high school, New Horizons Academy, for students for whom the public system was not a good fit, and it has a number of literacy initiatives, particularly for middle and high schoolers. Volunteering roles include being a buddy for one of our friends with a disability, a tutor and/or mentor in our after-school program, and a guest instructor and mentor for our high school. Contact Steve Larson, coordinator of the Reality Center, at 688-7776.

## Reggie's Legacy

[www.reggieslegacy.com](http://www.reggieslegacy.com)  
We raise money for youth development in North Carolina. We support the Boys and Girls Club as well as Partners for Youth in Durham. We hold golf and bowling tournaments locally to raise money for our youth. Volunteers can help during tournaments and raising awareness about our organization and all that we do in the community. We provide Keystone scholarships through the Boys and Girls Club and support youth mentoring in Durham. We have five corporate sponsors and many donors/sponsors that help us during our tournaments. We couldn't support these two groups if we didn't have volunteers in the community. Anyone interested in volunteering or sponsoring may contact [eileen@reggieslegacy.com](mailto:eileen@reggieslegacy.com).

## Ronald McDonald House of Durham

RMH of Durham provides temporary housing for families with sick children who are traveling long distances for treatment at Duke Hospital or surrounding clinics. Volunteers are needed to help answer phones, sort donations, prepare meals, sort pop tabs and plan activities. Volunteers must be 16 years or older to volunteer without an adult. If you are interested in volunteering, contact volunteer coordinator Jessica Maynard at (919) 286.9305 or [Jessica.maynard@ronaldhousedurham.org](mailto:Jessica.maynard@ronaldhousedurham.org).

## The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club helps children succeed in school and in life. Staff and volunteers tutor children, coach daily recreation and sports leagues, lead computer classes, arts and crafts programs, and music lessons. The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club needs volunteer tutors, coaches, music teachers, arts and crafts leaders, and teen and preteen Torch and Keystone club leaders. Volunteers may also manage a computer lab; answer phones and provide other administrative support; assist in social media development; help prepare newsletters, videos, and new media. To volunteer, contact Tracey Bragg at [tracey.bragg@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:tracey.bragg@uss.salvationarmy.org) or (919) 688-7306, ext. 112

## Second Chance Pet Adoptions

[www.secondchancenc.org](http://www.secondchancenc.org)  
Second Chance's mission is to rescue abandoned or stray cats and dogs, provide excellent care and match each animal with the best home for its needs, to ensure a long lifetime of safety, love and companionship. Second Chance also encourages responsible pet ownership through education, advocacy, programs and services. Category: Animal Rescue  
Volunteers are needed to take cat care shifts, assist with special events, fundraising, writing grants, administrative/clerical work, internships, dog/cat foster homes and as handymen. Contact volunteer coordinator Marie at [marie@secondchancenc.org](mailto:marie@secondchancenc.org) if you are interested in helping.

## Senior PharmAssist

Since 1994, Senior PharmAssist has been helping Durham seniors remain as healthy and independent as possible — for as long as possible — by helping them obtain needed medicines, use those medications as safely, effectively and cost-effectively as possible, and tap into other resources that support well-being. The program also saves health care dollars and improves lives by helping any Medicare beneficiary in Durham select the best prescription and medical coverage each year, based on his or her specific situation. Senior PharmAssist welcomes help with promoting its services to the community, as well as help raising funds to meet the increasing need for its specialized care. If you are interested in representing Senior PharmAssist at health fairs, helping the program connect with interested civic groups and faith communities, or other outreach activities, contact Executive Assistant Lesley Williams at (919) 682-4962 or [lesley@seniorpharmassist.org](mailto:lesley@seniorpharmassist.org). And if you would like to volunteer as a solicitor for the program's annual fundraising appeals to individuals or businesses, or provide behind-the-scenes administrative support, contact Development & Communications Director Joe Daly at (919) 956-5812 or [joe@seniorpharmassist.org](mailto:joe@seniorpharmassist.org).

## Seniors Staying Put

Seniors Staying Put is a group of volunteers in north Durham supporting neighbors who want to continue living in their homes but need some help to do so. We live and work in these neighborhoods: Old West Durham, Watts Hospital-Hillandale, Trinity Heights, Walltown, Trinity Park, Old North Durham, Duke Park and Northgate Park. We seek volunteers to expand our support teams that provide rides to the grocery and other needed services to neighbors. For information, email [SeniorsStayingPut@gmail.com](mailto:SeniorsStayingPut@gmail.com) or visit [Seniors-Staying-Put.com](http://Seniors-Staying-Put.com).

## St. John's Community Garden

St. John's Community Garden is an organic community garden in north Durham. Our mission is to create new and transformative friendships, to work toward a healthy earth, healthy food and healthy people, and to offer hospitality by sharing the gift of our congregation's land with all who are in need. This garden has opportunities to participate in a CSA style, produce-sharing coop, or to volunteer occasionally or in groups to grow food for neighbors in need. Volunteers can come to monthly garden workdays,

participate in our leadership team or help teach community gardening classes. To volunteer, contact garden director hte Rev. Amanda Diekman to learn more or to become a volunteer at [Durhamgarden@gmail.com](mailto:Durhamgarden@gmail.com), or visit [www.stjohnsdurham.org](http://www.stjohnsdurham.org).

## St. Philip's Community Garden

[www.stphilipsdurham.org](http://www.stphilipsdurham.org)  
St. Philip's Community Garden is on a busy intersection in downtown Durham. We're growing food in the middle of the city to build community with our downtown neighbors through working, eating and worshipping together. The vegetables are shared with gardeners and neighbors, especially with those in need. We use sustainable garden practices to care for the earth and promote stewardship of God's creation. We welcome group and individual volunteers to work in the garden with us, on a day convenient to the group or on our regular workday schedule. Volunteers can work on gardening as well as programming. In the summer we offer camps for children living at Urban Ministries and Community Suppers in the garden. Please contact Elizabeth Newman [enewman@nc.rr.com](mailto:enewman@nc.rr.com) to volunteer.

## Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy

P.O. Box 15835  
Durham, NC 27704  
800-380-1726  
The Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy trains men of integrity to become mentors who then shape, nurture and empower young men to become contributing members of society and future leaders in their communities. The academy is looking for men 21 and older to serve as volunteer mentors to young men between the ages of 10 and 15. To volunteer, contact Larry E. Thomas, first sergeant, U.S. Army Retired, Founder & CEO of Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy at [thomasmlacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasmlacademy@yahoo.com).

## Threshold Clubhouse

609 Gary St.  
Durham, NC 27703  
P.O. Box 11706  
(919) 682-4124  
Threshold Clubhouse is a program for adults in Durham who are living with persistent mental illness. Our program provides a work-ordered day that offers structure to our members as they learn the necessary skills to positively reintegrate into our community. Skills learned within the clubhouse are taught in the kitchen, clerical, members services/ transitional employment and snack bar units. All participation in the clubhouse is voluntary. All decisions made in our program are done as a group. Members and staff work as colleagues to perform the operations of the clubhouse. Threshold has been providing services for 365 days of the year for every year for 26 years. To volunteer, call (919) 682-4124

## Transforming Hope Ministries

P.O. Box 61564  
Durham, NC 27715  
We exist to transform the lives of child victims of human trafficking by offering hope for the future through the love of Jesus Christ. We are working to open a safe home for child victims of human

trafficking where we will offer services such as health care, life skills, counseling, mentoring and education as well as anything else our girls will need. Transforming Hope needs volunteers to help with fundraising, public relations, social media, organizing and maintaining the rest of our volunteer base, helping at events and advocating/educating others on the issue of human trafficking. To volunteer, email [volunteer@transforminghopeministries.org](mailto:volunteer@transforminghopeministries.org).

## Triangle Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic

Triangle Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic provides care for sick, injured and orphaned native North American wildlife, and promotes conservation and preservation of native wildlife and natural ecosystems through education. Individuals must be 18 or older to participate in wildlife care. Volunteers assist with preparing food, setting up and cleaning cages, washing and disinfecting dishes, care and treatment of animals, including feeding baby birds during summer months. Assistance with clerical duties, outreach programs, cage building, and laundry also is needed. Dedication and experience dictate the volunteers involved with direct animal handling and care. To volunteer, contact Ann Rogers at [volcoord@trianglewildlife.org](mailto:volcoord@trianglewildlife.org)

## TROSA (Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers)

1820 James St.  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 419-1059  
[www.trosainc.org](http://www.trosainc.org)  
TROSA is an innovative residential treatment program for adult men and women recovering from substance abuse. TROSA provides vocational and leadership training, counseling and educational opportunities. TROSA residents help run several businesses including TROSA Moving, TROSA Furniture and Frame Shop, TROSA Lawncare and TROSA Grocery. Volunteers are needed to work as GED and literacy tutors as well as for some special events. To volunteer, contact Robyn Fenn at (919) 419-1059.

## Urban Ministries of Durham

We are the emergency homeless shelter in Durham. Our mission is to provide food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to our neighbors in need. Volunteers help in every facet of our organization. Volunteers help prep, cook and serve the 16,000 to 18,000 meals monthly that we serve; volunteers staff our clothing closet/food pantry that serves more than 120 families every month; volunteers serve as shelter assistants and help at the front desk of the shelter to help staff every evening and on the weekends; volunteers help represent Urban Ministries at various speaking engagements throughout the year at a variety of venues. UMD could not function without our volunteers.

Faye Morin is the volunteer coordinator. Contact her at 410 Liberty St., PO Box 249, Durham, NC 27702, (919) 682-0538, ext. 125, or at [fmorin@umdurham.org](mailto:fmorin@umdurham.org).

## Veterans Helping Veterans of America

208 South Hoover Road  
Durham, NC 27703  
Veterans Helping Veterans is a nonprofit organization that is a "one-stop shop" for veterans who may need

help, assistance or information on areas, such as housing, benefits, training, education, employment, family services and counseling. Volunteers are not just limited to veterans, although typically that is who is volunteering. We need help in all our categories listed above. Volunteers can come in a help and lend us their expertise, in any of the given areas we support. Typically, they will be working with veterans and organizations that support the programs. Volunteers can work on premise or work from home at certain tasks. To volunteer, contact Tom Platania, director of operations/HR, or Theodore Stephens, CEO/president at (919) 598-9997 or [vhvainc@yahoo.com](mailto:vhvainc@yahoo.com).

## Welcome Baby

Durham County Cooperative Extension  
721 Foster St.  
Durham, N.C. 27701  
(919) 560-7340  
[www.welcomebaby.org](http://www.welcomebaby.org)  
Welcome Baby is a parenting support and education program of the Durham County Cooperative Extension and also receives funding from Durham's Partnership for Children, a Smart Start initiative and the N. C. Department of Health and Human Services. The program provides a range of services from car seats and free clothing; workshops for parents; lending library; volunteers who call parents of newborns and discussion groups. Services are available to any Durham County family with children ages birth-5. Call (919) 560-7150 or go to [www.welcomebaby.org](http://www.welcomebaby.org) for information. Volunteers are needed to serve as hospital visitor volunteers to moms in the hospital at the birth of baby; parent supporter volunteers to provide telephone support to new moms, office assistance volunteers, Giving Closet volunteers (groups), and child-care helpers. To volunteer, contact Von @ (919) 560-7340 or [vdbrown@durhamcountync.gov](mailto:vdbrown@durhamcountync.gov).

## World Relief Durham

801 Gilbert St., Suite 209,  
Durham, NC 27701  
Phone: (919) 724-4816  
Fax: (919) 956-5918  
Website: [wr.org/durham](http://wr.org/durham)  
Twitter: WRDurham  
Facebook: World Relief Durham  
World Relief Durham works with vulnerable immigrant populations, international refugees resettling in Durham and people who were victims of human trafficking in North Carolina. There are opportunities for both individuals and groups to help people practice English, drive people to appointments, teach basic life skills (how to pay bills, navigate the grocery store, etc.). More information can be found on [www.wr.org/durham](http://www.wr.org/durham). Contact Tim McGee, [tmcgee@wr.org](mailto:tmcgee@wr.org), (919) 724-4816, to volunteer.



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