

# You Can Help



*Strengthening People—Building Community*

## 2010-2011 Volunteer Opportunities for Student Groups

**Participate in the Phone-a-Thon**—call donors and ask for annual donation, *max. 10 students at a time*  
Time and Location: Mon-Wed, November 8th, 9th and 10th, 5:30-8:30 PM, Geneva

**Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving**—provide food baskets for a family or multiple families in need  
Time and Location: Food baskets due on Monday, November 22nd, by Noon, Geneva

**Unload and Distribute Poinsettia Plants**—unload shipment of poinsettia plants, and/or make deliveries to local businesses *max. 10 students at a time*  
Time and Location: week of November 29th-December 3rd, delivery time is flexible, location TBD

**Volunteer at the Snowflake Shuffle 5K**—help out or participate in this 5K race and family walk, *lots of assistance needed!*  
Time and Location: Saturday, December 4th, 8:00-11:30 AM, Geneva

**Adopt-a-Family for Christmas**—provide gifts and/or food for a family or multiple families in need  
Time and Location: Gifts and food baskets due on Monday, December 13th, by Noon, Geneva

**Distribute Adopt-a-Family Christmas**—carry gifts and food up from agency basement and put in client families' cars, *max. 4 students at a time*  
Time and Location: Mon-Tues, December 13th and 14th, 5:00—9:00 PM, Geneva

**Adopt-a-Family for Easter**—provide food baskets for a family or multiple families in need  
Time and Location: Food baskets due on Monday, April 18th, by Noon, Geneva

**Distribute Lobster Fly-In flyers**—pass out flyers at the Geneva and St. Charles Memorial Day parades  
Time and Location: Memorial Day, Monday May 30th, 9:00 AM—Noon, Geneva and St. Charles

**Publicize TCFS in local festivals and events**—participate in an area event for TriCity Family Services  
Time and Location: Swedish Day parade-June, Geneva; St. Patrick's Day parade-March, St. Charles; Scarecrow Festival-October, St. Charles; BatFest-October, Batavia

**Hold a Fundraising Drive or Event for TriCity Family Services**...see ideas on back...

To sign your group up for any of these activities, have questions and other possibilities...  
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## **FUNDRAISING Ideas for Student Volunteer Groups**

Hold a spare change or penny drive at your school

Collect donations outside stores and in the community

Guessing game fundraiser...fill a jar with candy or other small item, charge per guess

Movie night, concert or variety show...sell tickets and donate the proceeds

Car wash...charge per car or accept donations

Bake sale/Cookie Sale

Used clothing or rummage sale

Gift wrapping...get in touch with a store or mall, charge per gift wrapped or collect tip donations

Pajama Day at school...students pay \$1 to wear pajamas to school for the day

Mall Coat Check...run a coat check at the local mall, charge per coat or collect tip donations

Spirit Chain fundraiser...sell strips of colored paper for \$1 and see which class makes the longest chain

Sticky Fly fundraising...find a popular teacher and lots of duct tape, at lunchtime set up a chair against a wall and have the teacher stand on it. Sell a yard of duct tape for \$1 and have students tape the teacher to the wall. When out of tape, remove the chair and see how long the teacher can stick

Chocoholic Challenge...give up chocolate (or soda, energy drinks, etc.) for a month and get friends to sponsor you for each day

Dance Marathon...organize an all day event where participants are sponsored for every hour they stay on the dance floor (any marathon works...bowling, singing, swimming...)

Sports tournament...organize soccer, football, baseball, tug of war game, donate ticket proceeds

Raffle fundraising...sell tickets for a raffle to win a fabulous prize (may require Kane County raffle license and adult raffle manager)

Snowman building contest...charge entry fee, or have spectators "vote" for winner with dollars

Beard Drive...have male students grow facial hair until a donation goal is reached

**Just ideas to get you started...let your creativity run free!**

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