

Volunteer Orientation



Waunakee

Neighborhood Connection

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this workshop, you will be ready to:

- Tell the story of Neighborhood Connection's history
- Discuss the scope of needs that exist in the greater Waunakee area
- Describe the roles of volunteers in the organization
- Explain the key policies and procedures that guide volunteer service
- Take the next steps to becoming a volunteer

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

What images and/or narratives made the most impact on you in the lobby and on the tour? Why?

UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

In 2018, in Wisconsin:

- 11% of residents have income below the Federal Poverty Level
- 34% could not afford basic needs such as housing, childcare, food, transportation, and health care (below the ALICE* threshold)
- Cost of basic household expenses is \$68,472 for a family of four, \$21,624 for a single adult, \$24,000 for a senior adult (ALICE threshold - **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed)
- Federal poverty level is \$25,100 for a family of four, \$12,140 for a single adult
- 60% of all jobs in Wisconsin are hourly and 59% of them pay less than \$20 per hour

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Household Survival Budget

	SINGLE ADULT	SENIOR (1 ADULT)	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs			
Housing	\$526	\$526	\$767
Child Care	\$-	\$-	\$1,297
Food	\$264	\$224	\$798
Transportation	\$326	\$280	\$795
Health Care	\$214	\$468	\$699
Technology	\$55	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$164	\$182	\$519
Taxes	\$253	\$265	\$756
Monthly Total	\$1,802	\$2,000	\$5,706
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$21,624	\$24,000	\$68,472
Hourly Wage*	\$10.81	\$12.00	\$34.24

Waunakee

- 3.82% overall poverty rate
- ____% households below the ALICE threshold (1189 households)
- 8% of students are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program
- 3.5% unemployment rate
- \$850-\$1170 per month average rent

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection Clients

Current number of households _____

Current number of family members _____

Number of store visits in recent month _____

Number of families that shopped in recent month _____

When Might Your Family Benefit from Support?

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

Vision, Mission, and Values

We envision a thriving community where everyone is valued.

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection addresses financial and social mobility by providing programs and resources that engage neighbors to support and empower one another.

- Trust
- Empowerment
- Respect
- Compassion
- Community engagement
- Equity

Programs and Services



Volunteer Opportunities

Administration

- Historian
- Recordkeeping
- CRM/Data entry
- Building and grounds maintenance
- Cleaning - Sparkle team!

Fund Development

- Grant and donor research
- Event chairmen/committees
 - Bowl-a-thon (April)
 - Fall event TBD (Oct)

Public/Community Relations

- Webmaster
- Social media
- Special events (tabling, kids' activities)
- Photography/Videography

Client Services

- Welcome desk (shifts available Mon/Wed/Fri between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm)
- Community store
 - Department coordinators (e.g., accessories, clothing)
 - Sorting room (shifts available Mon/Wed/Fri between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm)
 - Washing/mending
 - Client shopping customer service (shopping days per WNC calendar)
 - Large item pick-up/delivery

Programs

- Adopt-a-Family (Nov/Dec)
- Vehicle donation
- Build-a-Bed
- English language group
- Donation drives
 - Fill the bus (Aug/Sept)
 - Coats & winter gear (Fall)
 - Laundry soap & diapers (Fall)
 - Lights & cords (Dec/Jan)
 - Spring cleaning/Great Scrub Up (Mar/Apr)
 - Fun in the Sun (May)
- Days of Service
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan)
 - Global Youth Service Day (Apr)
 - 9/11 Day of Service (September)
 - Family Volunteer Day (November)

Next Steps and Getting Started

Consider:

How much time do I want to give?

Am I committed to the mission? Which aspect of it excites me the most?

What skills or knowledge do I want to share?

What skills or knowledge do I want to gain?

Which opportunity, or opportunities, interests me most?

Ready to get started? Here are the steps to follow:

- Complete the [online volunteer application](#).
- Participate in an interview with Stacey Dudley, client and volunteer services manager. She will contact you to set this up once you have submitted the application.
- Download and review the following documents from our website: [Volunteer Handbook](#), [Confidentiality Agreement](#), and [Liability Waiver](#). Bring the completed signature page of each of these documents with you to the interview. If you are unable to print them at home, we can provide a hard copies for you.

During your interview with Stacey, you'll select the volunteer assignment(s) in which you'd like to serve and arrange for any additional training that we'll provide to make sure that you are prepared and successful in your role.

- Start volunteering and become part of the Neighborhood Connection story!