

## **2Hours 4Change: A Quarterly Volunteer Bulletin for Greater Newburyport** *Have You Given Your Two Hours this Month?*

### **Immediate, Short-Term Needs for Volunteers:**

**Pettengill House**  
**13 Lafayette St., Salisbury**  
**Contact: Megan Harris at 978-463-8801 ext. 16**

We are looking for some volunteers to assist in the collecting, sorting and distributing of winter coats to our clients in need. We are looking to collect and sort on Friday November 5, Friday November 12 and Friday November 19 from 10am - 2pm. During this time volunteers will be receiving donations, sorting the coats and hanging them on the racks.

We are also looking for volunteers beginning Tuesday November 30th and for the next two Tuesdays (December 7th & 14th) from 9am - 2pm and also 4pm - 7pm.

**Community Giving Tree**  
**570 Main St., W. Boxford**  
**Contact: Leslie Levenson at [leslie@communitygivingtree.org](mailto:leslie@communitygivingtree.org)**

Community Giving Tree provides recycled baby equipment and clothing to low income children in Essex County Massachusetts throughout the year. During the holidays, the organization collects NEW holiday gifts to distribute to families struggling to make ends meet. Donations include: hats, mittens, diapers, baby layette, pajamas, children's underwear/socks, toys, toiletries, fleece blankets.

Volunteers are needed to conduct collection drives at their school, business, club, or place of worship. All donations must be delivered to Community Giving Tree by Friday, December 10th.

Individual donors can help out during the holidays by making Holiday Friendship Boxes:

#### *Holiday Friendship Boxes*

Fill a shoe box with small gifts and necessities for a child in need.

*Babies:* Hat, Rattle, Undershirt, Pacifier, Bibs, Sippy cup, Sleeper

*Children:* Hat, Mittens, Small Toy, Underwear, Socks, Toothbrush/Paste, Soap, Shampoo, Crayons, Markers, Hair Clips, Lotion, Crafts

*Teens:* Hats, Gloves, Scarves, DVDs (PG13), Underwear, Socks, Body Wash, Deodorant, Inexpensive Jewelry, Ball Cap, Water Bottle, School Supplies

*Wrap the box and lid separately, so we can peek inside. Label boy/girl and approximate age on the outside of the box. Community Giving Tree must receive the boxes by December 10th for distribution in time for the holidays. No food, candy, guns, battery operated toys, or candles.*

**Big Friends Little Friends and Stand & Deliver**  
**Family Service, Inc.**  
**430 North Canal Street, Lawrence**  
**Contact: Leah Feroce, Program Coordinator**  
**978-327-6640 or [lferoce@familyserviceinc.com](mailto:lferoce@familyserviceinc.com)**

The mentoring programs of Family Service, Inc. are looking for committee members for its annual Bowl a Strike for Kids fundraiser. Committee members will help recruit teams and secure sponsorships to raise money for Family Service, Inc. The event will be held in February at Pilgrim Lanes in Haverhill, MA.

## **Spotlight on... The Newburyport Learning Enrichment Center**

**Contact: Nancy Earls, Project Director**

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The Newburyport Learning Enrichment Center (NLEC) is located at 15 Storey Avenue, Newburyport. The NLEC offers after school programs for low income students and families. Programs include Tutor/Mentor services, literacy programs, book groups, cultural arts and recreation programs, cooking and nutrition and Family Mentoring.

The Newburyport Learning Enrichment Center's mission is to:

- Facilitate long term mentor relationships that support students who are struggling academically, emotionally and socially.
- Provide access to cultural arts activities in the community.
- Create stronger links with community partners to help reduce social isolation and boost a sense of belonging to the greater Newburyport community.
- Provide resources to support the families of the students who come to the Center.

### **The next Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday, November 3 at 6PM**

Meetings will be at the Learning Center located at 15 Storey Avenue in Newburyport. Attendance at this orientation is not a commitment to volunteer, but an opportunity to learn about the program. If you cannot make this date, contact Nancy Earls to schedule a meeting.

### **We have many students requesting academic support and are looking for a variety of other volunteer positions, including:**

- Volunteer tutor/mentors to work with low income students in grades K-12. They meet with their students twice a week for an hour to provide academic, social/emotional support and friendship.
- Volunteers to supervise after-school homework clinics at the NLEC. The clinics will run 3 - 5PM Monday - Thursday. There will be high school and middle school students on hand to work directly with the younger students. The adult volunteer is there in a supervisory capacity. They can volunteer for as many or few days as they like.
- Volunteer instructors for after-school clubs (knitting, book groups, games, drawing, scrap booking, cooking, etc.) Any hands-on activity, hobby or life skill they can share with a small group (8-10 children). The NLEC can provide snacks, most materials (within our means) and NHS student volunteers to assist. These groups can meet on a weekly or monthly basis (or anywhere in between).
- Volunteer "Family Mentors" to work closely with low income families. Mentors will:
  1. Help parent/guardian learn to navigate the child-serving networks.
  2. Identify available services and supports in the community
  3. Provide assistance with budgeting and financial literacy.
  4. Support and coach parent/guardian with job search skills.

## **Other Ongoing Needs:**

**Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley**  
**Contact: Gerry Proulx, Volunteer Recruiter**  
**1-800-892-0890, Ext. 1445 or gproulx@esmv.org**

Volunteer Needs:

Friends in Deed Volunteers, to visit with an elder, and also help with food shopping & picking up prescriptions.  
Volunteer Drivers, to drive elders to medical appointments.

**Note:** We have significant needs throughout the 23 cities and towns in the Merrimack Valley; mileage reimbursement available.

**First Parish Newbury**  
**20 High Rd., Newbury**  
**Contact: Rev. Nancy Haverington**  
**(978) 465-1156 or ministernancy@aol.com**

Adult mentors and youth buddies for a fantastic new Special Needs Sunday School Sundays 9-10AM now through May 22nd. Buddy up with one child, teen, or young adult with autism or other developmental disorder and help him or her participate in this fun, friendly, and well structured program for ages 5-20.

Also needed: behind the scenes volunteers to "man" the CD player, deliver musical instruments, and set up materials.

Compassion, flexibility, reliability required. No religious background needed.

**Pennies for Poverty**  
**Newburyport**  
**Contact: Cathie Gould, 2c4c@2cents4change.com**

We have several openings including President in 2011, Treasurer, Clerk, Publicity and Together Chair. If you want to help mold the future of Pennies, we need you! From marketing to policy to developing and organizational issues to running the Board, we need your skills. This is a 2 year commitment of 4-10 hours a month not including events and Board meetings.

The mission of Pennies for Poverty is to lessen the current effects of poverty and crisis while working simultaneously to eliminate the root causes of poverty and crisis in the future. Our vision is to eliminate poverty in Newburyport by the year 2025.

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