



Volunteer Connections

- Available Volunteer Opportunities -

EGLIN, AFB AND SURROUNDING AREAS

ON BASE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Airman's Attic

Where: Airman's Attic Building, 594 Inverness Road

Duration: Long term or one time

Weekdays: Mon & Wed, 1000-1400

What: We need help putting items on the shop floor, sorting items, hanging clothes, cleaning and tidying up the attic. We also need help manning the desk and answering the phone. Other volunteer opportunities include outside cleanup day, moving the lawn or special events.

Point of Contact: Hafdis "Happy" Miller, 907-782-9873

Air Force Armament Museum

Where: Air Force Armament Museum, 100 Museum Drive Eglin AFB FL (off base)

Duration: Long Term

Times: Volunteers work two shifts – either 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. M-Sat

Who: As many volunteers as possible. They could work a rotating schedule so they would not have to work every weekend, unless a volunteer would like a permanent slot. Currently seeking volunteers to greet visitors at the front desk and perform indoor and outdoor gallery patrol Saturdays and Sundays, and to fill in during the week as available.

Population Served: Eglin AFB and local community

Point of Contact: Brian Olmsted, Volunteer Program Manager, 850-882-4151

Air Force Enlisted Village

Where: 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar, FL 32579

Duration: Continuous, year round

Times of Day: Various

Who: anyone, children with parent/guardian present, families, groups, individuals

Point of Contact: Lisa Vaughn /850-651-2635 / vaughn@afev.us / volunteer@afev.us

<http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

Eglin Legal Office

When: Every Wednesday from 1000-1130

Where: 501 W. Van Matre Avenue Eglin Air Force Base

How: Volunteer(s) would serve as witnesses in the Will notarization. 2 volunteers needed for each shift.

Point of Contact: Brea Turner, (850) 882-4612 aac.ja.suspenses@us.af.mil

Eglin Mobile Food Pantry

Dates: Once per month (20 volunteers per event)

Where: West Gate Chapel

Time: 0800-1200

POC: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BAEA72BA4F5C61-53195054-eglin> or email eglinpantry@gmail.com

****Civilian attire, preferably red shirt. Bring your own water bottle/drink.** We also recommend that you bring a cold-weather and/or rain-resistant jacket as we will be working outside for the distribution phase of the event.

Eglin Retiree Office

Where: Personnel building (bldg. 210) 310 W. VanMatre, Suite 168, Eglin AFB

Duration: 3-hour shift

Time of Day: Weekly, one day, currently 4 hours daily with 4 volunteers, 1000 hrs-1400hrs. When fully staffed, 10 volunteers, hours 0900-1200 & 1200-1500

Weekday: Monday PM, Wednesday AM, Thursday AM

Population Served: Assisting retirees & dependents in obtaining information on wide variety of items useful to them

Point of Contact: Director, Col Morgan Lamb, USAF, Ret on Tuesdays, 0900-1300hrs, phone 882-2720; Dan Mancini, SMSgt, USAF, Retired 850-882-5916 eglin.retireeactivities@us.af.mil

Fisher House of the Emerald Coast

Where: 350 Boatner Road, Eglin AFB, FL 32542

What: The house provides a compassionate environment where families and caring friends can nurture one another. We rely on house volunteers to ease the everyday burdens of our guests, enabling the families to devote all their energy to their loved one's medical condition and progress.

- House Volunteers
- Community Ambassador
- What's for Lunch/Dinner? Meal prep

POC: 850-883-2865; or Mia Hughes 850-259-4956; director@fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org
<https://fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org/volunteer/>

Pet Welfare

Where: Pet Welfare- 683 Range Rd, Eglin AFB

Duration: Prefer long-term, but one-time is acceptable

Times of Day: Office: Mon - Sun, 0700-0900, 1600-1800

Who: 16 and over with parent/guardian signature families, groups, Individuals, Large projects available for service organizations or groups.

Population Served: Eglin AFB and surrounding communities, both military and civilian. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer, no-kill animal shelter located on Eglin Air Force Base near Ft Walton Beach, Florida. The shelter places nearly 300 abandoned, stray and homeless cats and dogs a year.

Skills: General office help for office duties.

Cats: MUST love cats, be willing to clean, feed, love and care for our cat population.

Dogs: MUST love dogs, be willing to clean, feed, love, walk and care for our dog population.

For the dog shift: cleaning kennels, feeding, walking, and loving on the dogs. For cat shifts: feeding, cleaning litter boxes/the floor, and loving the cats.

Point of Contact: Emily Sewell, 714-421-9800, petwelfare@embarqmail.com www.petwelfare.net

Youth Center

Where: Youth Center Building 2582

When:

- **Fall Sports:** Soccer ages 5-11
- **Winter Sports:** Basketball ages 5-15/Cheerleading ages 5-8
- **Spring Sports:** Baseball ages 5-12

Times of day: All practices and games are scheduled by the Youth Center.

Mon - Fri 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Who: Active-Duty members, Retirees, DOD and NAF civilians, Contractors, or Dependents at least 18 years old.

Population Served: Children

Skills: Basic knowledge of the sport. All coaches must attend the National Youth Sports Coaches Association Training (provided by the Youth Center) and have a background investigation completed prior to being allowed to meet with the children

Point of Contact: Youth Sports & Fitness Director at 882-8212; Please contact Tara Sheppard at 850-883-0631 for more information.

LOCAL OFF BASE OPPORTUNITIES

ESCAMBIA (PENSACOLA)

United Way of West Florida

7100 Plantation Rd, Ste 18

Pensacola, FL 32504

850-434-3157

Pensacola Humane Society

5 N. Q St

Pensacola, FL 32505

850-432-4250

<https://pensacolahumane.org/volunteer-humane-society/>

211 Northwest Florida

Contact 211 Resource Manager 850-444-7037

resources@uwwf.org

Community Opportunities: Review the community calendar for scheduled one-day events that may need volunteers

American Red Cross of Northwest Florida

9111 Sturdevant St

Pensacola, FL 32514

850-432-7601

BeAHero.NorthFL@redcross.org (904-358-8091)

<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-central-florida/volunteer.html>

Florida Veterans Support Line

1-844-MyFLVet (1-844-693-5838)

FLVET is powered by a network of local non-profit organizations that run Florida's 211 system and funded by the US Department of Veterans Affairs for Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington Counties.

Goal: The Florida Veterans Support Line (FLVET) provides 24/7 emotional support and information about community resources for veterans and their loved ones. Connects veteran's & families to private, non-profit organizations and government agencies (VA and non-VA) that have programs/services that may help to include medical care, housing, counseling, legal, and employment resources.

OKALOOSA

Vet Center Counseling

6 11th Ave Suite G-1

Shalimar, FL 32579

850-651-1000

<https://www.va.gov/okaloosa-county-vet-center/>

Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)

What: Animal Shelter that provides pet adoption, animal control, and veterinary services

When: Varies

Where: 752 Lovejoy Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

How: Various volunteer positions: Volunteers are needed to exercise dogs, bathe puppies and kittens, groom the animals, collect towels & blankets for animals, cut & sew blankets, volunteer at the shelter, work on the website, help with fundraising and special events, serve on a committee, or work at the thrift shop

Number of Volunteers: Open

Good to know: Must complete an application and attend a Volunteer Orientation http://www.paws-shelter.com/volunteer/volunteer_application_0808.pdf

POC/Phone/Email/Website: <https://www.paws-shelter.org/volunteer>

SOCKS-Save out Cats and Kittens

498 Carmel Drive

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

850-863-5756

shelter@saveourcatsandkittens.com

Elder Services of Okaloosa County (Meals on Wheels Program)

207 Hospital Drive N.E

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-833-9165

<https://www.elder-services.org/> volunteer

Florida Health Department

221 Hospital Drive NE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-833-9240

Email:HealthyOkaloosaPIO@flhealth.gov

Catholic Charities-Fort Walton

11 First St SE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-244-2825

<https://ccnwfl.org>

Children in Crisis

1000 Luke's Way
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547
850-864-42742

<https://childrenincrisisfl.org/get-involved/#volunteer> or email: SarahTraver@ChildreninCrisisFL.org

Sharing-Caring Inc-Ft Walton Beach

126 Beal Pwky
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
850-244-0778
Email: support.sncfwb@gccoxmail.com

United Way Emerald Coast-Ft Walton Beach

112 Tupelo Avenue
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
850-243-0315

<https://www.united-way.org/volunteer>

The Salvation Army -Ft Walton Beach

425 Mary Esther Cut Off NW
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
850-243-4531

Opportunity Place Inc -Ft Walton Beach

305 Lovejoy Rd NW
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
850-659-3190

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwest Florida

What: Big Brothers Big Sisters is a one-to-one mentoring program that serves children in K-8th grade by placing them with a positive role model in the school or community setting. We serve children from single parent households, grandparents raising grandchildren, and other special/unique circumstances. We need volunteers that are willing to pair with a child either in the school or community setting. Our school-based volunteers meet at a local elementary school once a week for 1 hour and can eat lunch, work on homework, or read a book with their assigned child. This commitment is for the length of the school year (August-May). Our community centered volunteers would pair with a child near their location and would meet with their assigned child 2x in-person monthly for 1 year. They can make their own schedule, but they would facilitate

these meetings directly with the parents and transport the children to and from the activity. (going to take their Littles fishing, playing a sport, going to the zoo, etc.)

When: On-Going

Where: Fun and educational activities around town

How: Option #1: School-Based Mentoring – **Option #2:** Community Based Mentoring

Good to know: Big Brothers Big Sisters provides full-time staff to support their mentors and their relationships with their Little Brother or Little Sister.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Point of Contact: Katy Thompson, 850-565-9584 or 850-664-5437

Homelessness and Housing Alliance

906 Marwalt Dr G

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-409-3070

The Arc of the Emerald Coast- Okaloosa-Santa Rosa- Walton

123 Truxton Ave

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-863-1530

Shelter House Inc

16 Ferry Rd SE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-243-1201

Email: volunteer@shelterhousenwfl.org or application found at <https://www.shelterhousenwfl.org/give-help/get-involved/volunteer/>

Fresh Start for Children & Families- Okaloosa-Santa Rosa- Walton

8 Bobolink St NE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-243-5648

<https://freshstartfl.com/contact-us/>

Okaloosa County Council-Aging

207 Hospital Dr NE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-833-9165

Waterfront Rescue Mission Thrift Store

110 Hollywood Blvd NW

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-244-2726

Email: info@waterfrontmission.org

S4p Synergy Inc-Food Bank

24 Bass Ave SW

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-362-6977

Habitat Restore

What: Habitat ReStore-Fort Walton Beach

When: Tuesday - Friday, 1000-1800, Saturday, 0900-1700, flexible hours

Where: 39 SE Eglin Parkway Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Crestview ReStore, 595 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL (next to KFC)

How: Various duties consist of processing donations, displaying items for sale, assisting customers with purchases, loading and unloading items from the truck. Visit www.habitfwb.org/volunteer to sign up for a shift online.

Number of Volunteers: Open

Good to know: Proceeds from Okaloosa County ReStores support the work of Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County. When we get volunteer groups, we like to use them to help with purging, organization and moving large items, some exterior jobs if needed like painting or landscaping.

Point of Contact: Susan Coxwell. 850-315-0025 / volunteer@habitatfwb.org

*If anyone would like to sign up for one of these volunteer opportunities, they will need to go to habitatfwb.org and complete the New Volunteer Registration.

Emerald Coast Science Center

31 Memorial Pkwy SW

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-664-1261

Email: volunteer@ecscience.org

Bridgeway Center

137 Hospital Dr NE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-833-7500 or Human Resource/ Quality Coordinator 850-634-0039

Ft. Walton Beach Developmental (Become a mentor/Community event)

1045 Marwalt Dr

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-862-0108

<https://www.fl-mentor.com/who-we-are/mission-values>

90Works (Social Services)

648 Anchors St NW Unit 3A

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

855-909-6757

Goodwill Gulf Coast-Fort Walton

913 Beal Pkwy

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

855-864-6677 or Volunteer Coordinator Lydia Gaudet (251) 380-7150

Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge (ECWR)

What: Various

When: must attend a Volunteer Orientation held on the second Saturday of every month. More information can be found at our website www.emeraldcoastwildliferefuge.org along with downloading our Volunteer Application.

Where: 105 Santa Rosa Blvd (on Okaloosa Island), Fort Walton Beach 32548

Why: Volunteers can prepare animal diets, clean cages, dishes, laundry, and general facility cleanup/maintenance. Volunteers can be involved on many different levels and may graduate to perform animal pickups and rescues. The ECWR rescues, rehabilitates, and releases approximately 2,000 sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals each year. This includes our native Florida panhandle wildlife, along with dolphins, whales, manatees, and sea turtles stranded in our region of the Gulf of Mexico

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible; must be 16 years old

Good to Know: There are inherent dangers when working with wild animals. Training on how to properly handle the animals will be provided. Volunteers will also work both indoors and outdoors in the elements, regardless of the weather. Overall, compassion and a love of animals is a must! **All volunteers must RSVP for orientation (there is limited space at each session).** Orientation includes a presentation detailing the different volunteer opportunities available and a tour of our facility. There is a small volunteer fee for repeat volunteers that covers the cost of your volunteer shirt and any training (this fee is not due at the first orientation). ****If you**

are interested in one time volunteer opportunities, you do not need to attend orientation. Currently, one-time volunteer opportunities are limited to our once-a-month community workdays. Students 9-15 can apply to our Youth Advisory Council - applications are open in January and August.

POC/Phone/Email/Website: <https://www.emeraldcoastwildliferefuge.org/volunteer>

Food for Thought

What: Non-profit organization to fight childhood hunger in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Student and Adult Volunteer Opportunities. Attend information sessions to learn more information.

<https://ffttl.org/pages/volunteer-with-us-updated-page>

POC: Tiffanie Nelson, Founder/Exec Director; (850) 290 – 4056; Volunteer@ffttl.org

Habitat for Humanity

What: Home Construction

When: Each Tuesday 8am – 12pm and Saturday 8am – 2pm

Where: Habitat Build Site locations in Okaloosa County

How: sign up online at www.habitatfwb.org/volunteer

Good to know: Volunteers assist with general construction such as framing, painting, and insulating. Volunteers are asked to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get messy

Number of Volunteers: Up to 25 per site

Point of Contact: Susan Coxwell, 850-315-0025 ext. 3 / volunteer@habitatfwb.org
www.habitatfwb.org/volunteer

Our public shifts are Tuesday 8am-1pm and Saturday 8am-3pm (lunch provided). But, if a team would like to schedule another weekday shift, besides Friday, the project manager is more than happy to do that. Volunteers would need to wear weather appropriate clothing and closed-toed shoes. No building experience is needed.

Healing Paws for Warriors: Okaloosa-Santa Rosa- Walton

What: Providing rescue to (ADA) trained service dogs for veterans faced with Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Military Sexual Trauma (MST)

When: POC will provide specific times based on volunteer service area/section

Where: Contact POC for details

Good to know: Non-profit experience, familiarity with PTSD, TBI or MST

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

POC/Phone/Email/Website: <https://www.healingpawsforwarriors.org/volunteer> 904-686-1956

Scouting America: Okaloosa-Santa Rosa- Walton

What: a wide variety of volunteer opportunities from working with a Scout Unit to helping with our District Committee. The District Committee could vary from helping our membership team with tabling at school and community events to helping with District events such as Fishing Rodeos, Range and Target Activity Days, or Camping events.

When: At the unit level – that would most likely be weekly for 2 hours in the evening with the potential for 1-2 weekend events per month. At the District level – we have monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 7PM.

Where: varies based on involvement. There are units across the panhandle. Local district meetings occur in Niceville.

Number of Volunteers: 5-6 for programs, and 5-6 to help units with various recruitment events.

Good to know: All our Volunteers are paid members of the National Organization; the fee is \$65 for the year. This fee goes to the National Organization to cover membership fees and background checks. We want to meet you where your passion is and where your schedule allows! We have a place for everyone.

Point of contact: Josie Wondracek, 904-631-1677

NICEVILLE

The Pavillon

1053 E John Sims Pkwy

Niceville, FL 32578

850-833-9212

CALM-Crisis Aid for Littles and Moms

201 Redwood Ave

Niceville, FL 32578

850-279-6419

<https://nicevillecalm.com/volunteers-application>

HCA Florida Twin Cities Hospital

2190 Highway 85 N

Niceville, FL 32578

850-678-4131

Sharing & Caring Niceville

What: Pantry worker: maintaining inventory, receiving and distributing food. Interviewer: interviewing clients, entering info into computers and assisting with needs. Food pickup: picking up food items and delivering them to Sharing & Caring.

When: ongoing. One 3-hour shift per week (1130-1400 M, T, Th)

Where: 104 Bullock Boulevard, Niceville, FL 32578

POC: 850-678-8459, Info@Sharing-N-Caring.org; <https://sharing-n-caring.org/nicevillehowtohelp.html>

Niceville Library

What: Possible Positions include Circulation Aide, Program Aide, Reference Aide, Seasonal Assistant, Tech Services Aide

When: ongoing

Where: 206 Partin Drive North, Niceville, FL 32578

How to Become a Volunteer:

- Complete and submit the [Volunteer Application Form](#)
- Complete a brief in-person interview
- Request or be selected for a particular job or task
- Receive an orientation including a tour of the building, introduction to the library staff, and a copy of the volunteer policy
- Receive specific job orientation and training from the supervisor of the department for whom the volunteer is assigned**Some tasks are more physical than others. Volunteers should be able to carry up to 25 pounds and must be able to reach our top shelves and bend or kneel to reach our lower shelves.

Point of Contact: Volunteer Coordinator: 850-279-6436 ext. 1500 <https://cityofniceville.org/181/Volunteers>

CRESTVIEW

Emerald Coast Hospice

550 W Redstone Ave #310

Crestview, FL 32536

850-689-0300 (Kim Bowman 850-398-3692)

Area Chamber of Commerce

1447 Commerce Drive

Crestview, FL 32539

850-682-3212

info@crestviewchamber.com

Sharing-Caring Inc-Crestview

298 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave

Crestview, FL 32536

850-682-1907

Email: help@sharing-n-caring.org

West Florida Area Health Education Center

1455 S Ferdon Blvd #B1

Crestview, FL 32536

850-682-2552

Email: info@wfahec.org

Habitat Restore

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SANTA ROSA BEACH

Sharing-Caring Inc-Santa Rosa Bch

112 Lynn Drive

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

850-267-2866 ext 202

Email: help@sharing-n-caring.org

PANAMA CITY

Central Panhandle Office-American Red Cross

475 Harrison Avenue

Panama City, FL 32401

850-601-5199

BeAHero.NorthFL@redcross.org (904-358-8091)

<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-central-florida/volunteer.html>

GLOBALLY

Habitat for Humanity

<https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/long-term-opportunities/international>

United Nations

<https://www.unv.org/become-volunteer/volunteer-abroad>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

<https://988lifeline.org/get-involved/>

Smithsonian Institute

<https://www.si.edu/volunteer>

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

<https://www.rescue.org/volunteer>

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html?srsltid=AfmBOop9k8CxcE7L_yL-KRDC3jiUB0Uh-RxXOUUsU4LDN6m78ufhcLusa