**New Hanover Regional Medical Center**

**2131 S. 17th St., Wilmington  
(910) 343-7784**[**www.nhhn.org**](http://www.nhhn.org)

The Medical Center has many areas of volunteer involvement, and opportunities for new services are constantly evaluated. More than 800 active volunteers give their time and skills each year in direct patient-care services. If you feel you have four or more hours per week to give to a service of your choice, call the above number. The medical center provides a college volunteer program, which is structured to provide college students at all levels of education an opportunity to gain valuable hospital experience in a variety of positions within the network.  Students can make a difference in the lives of our patients, family members and employees and also gain job skills, volunteer experience and earn school credit while working in a professional healthcare setting.

**American Red Cross – Cape Fear Chapter**

[**www.arccapefear.org**](http://www.arccapefear.org)

Volunteer in a variety of different positions, including canten host, post donor care, Assist customers for Health and Safety questions, scheduling, recruiting, training, and support. Become a disaster action team member and help deliver mission to provide relief to victims of disaster and help prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCare Center**

**725A Wellington Ave., Wilmington  
(910) 772-5444**

Hospice serves the needs of clients and their families when terminal illness occurs. Volunteers are needed to visit terminally ill clients, do office work and help with fund-raising events. An 18-hour volunteer training course is required and is offered free of charge three to four times a year. The Annual Festival of Trees is a major fund raiser for Hospice. Hospice also offers a 12-bed inpatient facility for end-of-life care, which is especially helpful when caregivers desire a respite. If interested, call the Volunteer Department at (910) 791-4860.

**Tileston Outreach Health Clinic**

**1605 Doctors Circle, Wilmington  
(910) 343-8736**

[**www.tilestonclinic.com**](http://www.tilestonclinic.com)

Tileston provides the unfortunate with health services including medical, dental, and pharmaceutical care. They are always looking for volunteers to help out in all 3 fields.

**Cape Fear Volunteer Center**

**3201 Jared Ct., Wilmington  
(910) 799-9321**

[**www.capefearvolunteercenter.org**](http://www.capefearvolunteercenter.org)

The goal of the Cape Fear Volunteer Center is to recruit, train and mobilize volunteers in the Wilmington community. The organization also looks to strengthen existing volunteer services within other entities such as churches and civic groups. Aiding numerous non-profit organizations such as the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the Cape Fear Literacy Council, the volunteer center is a great resource for those looking to give something back to their community.

**Big Buddy Program**

**2759 Vance St., Wilmington  
(910) 392-0747**

The Brigade Boys & Girls Club's Big Buddy program matches at-risk youth with positive adult mentors. With more than 150 kids on the waiting list at any time and only a few dozen active mentors, the need for volunteers is constant. Potential mentors are screened and go through training prior to selecting their prospective little buddies. Once matched, Big Buddies are asked to spend a minimum of two hours each week with their new friends. Through this wonderful program, both mentor and child learn many valuable lessons. Big Buddies help with homework, play games or just hang out, building a positive relationship with a young person in need of support. Call the number above for more information.

**Community Boys and Girls Club**

**901 Nixon St., Wilmington  
(910) 762-1252**

[**www.cbgcw.org**](http://www.cbgcw.org)

The Community Boys and Girls Club is a youth development organization dedicated to promoting the health, social, educational, vocational and character development of girls and boys ages 6 to 17. Some of the club's outstanding alumni who achieved professional stardom in the NBA are Michael Jordan, Clarence Kea, Chuckie Brown, Kenny Gadison and Harlem Globetrotter legend Meadowlark Lemon. NFL athletes who participated in this program are Clyde and Jimmy Simmons. For more than 65 years the program has provided leadership and guidance to area youngsters. The club is in constant need of financial as well as volunteer support.

**Coastal Horizons Center**

**615 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington  
Crisis Intervention Line (800) 672-2903 (24 hours)  
First Call For Help (910) 397-0497 (24 hours)  
Rape Crisis Center (910) 392-7460 (24 hours)  
Substance Abuse Services (910) 343-0145 (24 hours)  
Open House: Emergency Youth Shelter (910) 392-7408 (24 hours)**

This private, nonprofit agency serving the tri-county area is for individuals who need assistance recovering from chemical dependency/substance abuse, sexual assault and other crisis situations. There is also an emergency-care shelter for youth ages 8 through 17. Other programs include HIV/AIDS outreach, pregnancy testing, criminal justice alternatives and food vouchers. Volunteers are needed to work with children at the shelter, respond to calls to assist victims at their home or in the hospital, and to answer the crisis line. A 48-hour training program is required. The training program is offered twice a year in January and September.

**Domestic Violence Shelter and Services Inc.**

**2901 Market St., Wilmington  
(910) 343-0703**

[**www.domesticviolence-wilm.org**](http://www.domesticviolence-wilm.org)

This agency shelters women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. Volunteers are needed for the Vintage Values resale shops, office work, transportation, children's programs, court advocacy, fund raising, outreach/education and direct services. Volunteers can assist with emergencies on an on-call basis. The shelter supported more than 1,500 women and children in the past year. Volunteers are always needed at the stores to serve customers and sort donations. You can also help by donating gently used clothing and merchandise for resale. The Vintage Values stores have locations at 609 Castle Street, 413 S. College Road in University Landing and 3226 S. College Road in the Monkey Junction area. All proceeds from the Vintage Values stores go to support the Domestic Violence Shelter.

**Elderhaus, Inc.**

**1950 Amphitheater Dr., Wilmington  
(910) 343-8209**

Elderhaus provides structured and stimulating daycare activities for adults, primarily the elderly, and weekend daytime respite for caregivers. Elderhaus serves persons with a variety of needs, including those with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Elderhaus also serves veterans. Volunteers are needed as program aides, activity assistants, meal servers and van assistants. Volunteer board members oversee fund-raising, public relations, educational activities and more. Elderhaus has a 7,000-square-foot center to serve the area's increasing need for these services. Elderhaus serves New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick counties.

**Good Shepherd House**

**811 Martin St., Wilmington  
(910) 763-4424**

[**www.goodshepardwilmington.org**](http://www.goodshepardwilmington.org)

This homeless shelter and soup kitchen needs volunteers to work in many different capacities. In the day and night shelter volunteers are needed to work at the front desk greeting guests and answering the phone and also to sort donations of clothing. Every evening, volunteers are needed to help with checking in guests for the night shelter. People interested in working in the kitchen are needed to prepare and serve meals and help with clean up. Volunteers also are needed for Second Helpings, a food salvage program. In 2007 Good Shepherd Center served 100,000-plus meals to the hungry, sheltered more than 1,000 men, women and families with children, and salvaged and redistributed 300-plus tons of food through their soup kitchen and more than 20 other agencies in the community who also feed the hungry. Opportunities are available for individuals of every age, interest, and schedule — days, evening, and weekends. Call for a tour and to explore the many ways that you can make a lasting, positive impact on the lives of those in need, whether as an individual volunteer, family, group or congregation. People can stop by between 8 AM and 5 PM to donate food and clothing.

**Boy Scouts of America, Cape Fear Council**

**110 Longstreet Dr., Wilmington  
(910) 395-1100**

This organization requires a tremendous number of volunteers to assist the many Boy Scouts in the Cape Fear area. The Boy Scouts need board and committee members as well as a host of leaders, coaches and advisors. Volunteers are needed for the Sports Club Program, which combines traditional Scout activities with a basketball league for inner-city boys from ten housing developments. They meet Saturday mornings to play basketball and participate in Boy Scout meetings. If you're interested in volunteering for the Sports Club Program call (910) 395-1100 ext. 25.

**Public Schools**

School systems offer a variety of volunteer opportunities that are essentially the same from system to system: helping in the classroom, tutoring, serving as a mentor for at-risk students, working in dropout-prevention programs, helping minority students achieve success, getting involved with the PTA/PTO. If you want to volunteer your time to the public schools, contact the Community Schools/Public Information Office in each system: New Hanover County School System, Wilmington, (910) 763-5431; Brunswick County School System, Central Office, Southport, (910) 253-2900; Pender County School System, Burgaw, (910) 259-2187.

**Brunswick Family Assistance Agency**

**(910) 754-4766**

This organization needs volunteers to help families in need of food, shelter, furniture and other necessities. It also needs help with the pantry, fund-raisers, food drives to stock the pantry, and distributing clothes. It distributes more than 500 Christmas baskets across Brunswick County and has a food pantry that distributes more than 197,000 pounds of food each year.

**Providence Home of the Family Emergency Teen Shelter, Inc.**

**5310 Dosher Cutoff SE, Southport  
(910) 457-0440**

In November 1997 Providence Home opened its doors as the result of efforts of area churches, civic organizations, volunteers, grant money, donations and fund-raisers in the renovated Dosher House, former home of Dr. Dosher. A temporary residential facility with a maximum length of stay of 90 days, it serves at-risk children between the ages of 10 and 17. The home offers a nurturing atmosphere with safety, food, clothing and shelter to youth in need of a short-term safe haven. In addition to volunteer needs in Sheltered Treasures and the thrift store, which raises funds for the home, Providence Home needs volunteers to work on fund-raising projects, such as the annual golf tournament. Donations of household supplies, toiletries, art supplies and gift certificates are always helpful. If you have a special talent such as art, playing an instrument or making crafts, the administration would be happy to hear from you.

**Wilmington Family YMCA**

**2710 Market St., Wilmington  
(910) 251-9622**

If you're a real hands-on volunteer, this is certainly the place for you. Be a youth sports coach, nursery attendant, housekeeper, front desk greeter, volunteer summer counselor or Special Olympics volunteer. The Y has a great aquatics program that offers activities for all individuals, and they need volunteers for their Special Populations program for those with disabilities. The YMCA is always looking for volunteers with a wide variety of skills and interests, so give them a call and let them know what you can do.

**YWCA of the Lower Cape Fear**

**2815 S. College Rd., Wilmington  
(910) 799-6820**

The YWCA needs volunteer assistance with youth, clerical and maintenance programs. If you'd like to tutor after school, facilitate a racial dialogue group or help with a special event, call the YWCA, which serves women and their families with fitness, health, personal development, job training, counseling and childcare programs. The YWCA functions as an advocate for women's rights, diversity and the elimination of racism.

**Junior Achievement of the Cape Fear Region**

**217 N. Fifth Ave, Ste. 101, Wilmington  
(910) 762-3690**

Junior Achievement's programs inspire kids to learn the economics of life and gain the keys to success in a free enterprise system. Volunteers are needed to provide role models and facilitate activity-based programs that help students develop their own business sense. Through the sponsorship of local corporations, Junior Achievement of the Cape Fear is able to provide its programs to area schools and give its volunteers all of the training, materials and support they'll need for a rewarding classroom experience. A volunteer teaching commitment would involve one hour per week for five to six weeks. All volunteers are welcome, regardless of background or level of experience. Besides teaching, volunteers are also needed to help with fund raising, public relations and administrative work.

**Guardian ad Litem**

**316 Princess St., Ste. 122, Wilmington  
(910) 341-1515**

The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program matches trained volunteers with children who have been indicated in abuse or/and neglect cases. Volunteers, paired with attorney advocates, make recommendations regarding the best interest of the children in order to ensure a safe, nurturing and permanent home. Volunteers collaborate with community agencies and provide written reports to the court regarding the children's needs and status. Thirty hours of pre-service training are required. This program serves more than 600 children in New Hanover and Pender counties. The GAL program has an ongoing waiting list with an average of 100 children in need of volunteer advocates.

**Girls Inc. of Wilmington**

**1502 Castle St., Wilmington  
(910) 763-6674**

Girls Inc. is an after-school and summer program primarily for girls ages 4 through 18. It offers programs in career and life planning, health and sexuality, leadership and community action, sports, culture, heritage, self-reliance and life skills. Volunteers are needed as tutors, group leaders and fund-raisers. Girls Inc. also needs people to assist with homework, sports, cooking, field trips and adolescent pregnancy-prevention programs.

**Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina**

**Serving Wilmington and New Hanover County, Wilmington  
(800) 558-9297**

The Girl Scouts need volunteers to serve in many positions. Adults serve as troop leaders, outdoor activities facilitators, trip chaperones, consultants, organizers, trainers, product sales coordinators (we're talking cookies here) and communicators. People with special skills and talents are also needed to share their wisdom. This council serves girls ages 5 to 18 in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties and offers leadership development through fun and rewarding programs.

**Dreams Center for Arts Education**

**515 Ann St., Wilmington  
(910) 772-1501  
www.dreamswilmington.org**

DREAMS seeks volunteers all year long to act as cultural mentors, teaching assistants and office help. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteers should be enthusiastic and eager to work with children. Experience in the arts is helpful but not necessary. One great aspect of volunteering is getting to experience the classes in the same way that the children do, learning something yourself in the process.

**Blankets with Love**

**(910) 201-1608**

Brunswick County volunteers involved in Blankets with Love make blankets, which are distributed to babies, children and teens who are ill or have been traumatized and are being helped in shelters, in hospitals and in foster care. The blankets are also carried by EMT personnel and sheriff's units to comfort children in emergency situations. Blankets can be crocheted, knitted, quilted or fleece and can be made in your home and/or at the monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month. In addition, these volunteers make lap robes for patients who are confined to nursing homes. Donations of materials such as yarn and fabric are welcome as well.

**Salvation Army**

**820 N. Second St., Wilmington  
(910) 762-7354**

The Salvation Army provides shelter for the homeless and assistance for people in difficult circumstances. It needs volunteers in fund-raising activities and public relations efforts. Volunteers may serve on the Advisory Board and Ladies Auxiliary and in the shelter, which serves men, women and children. Volunteers may also work at the thrift store, the Woodlot Project, Christmas fund-raisers, the toy and food distribution center, the annual Coats for the Coatless drive and on disaster relief teams. The shelter provides emergency housing to more than 20,000 individuals each year and has a Soup Line serving meals seven days a week between 5:30 and 6 PM for the public. This food program serves nutritious meals to more than 60,000 people each year in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and New Hanover counties.