



Volunteer Connections

Fall 2023

Welcome back to the Homes First Volunteer Connections! It is time to catch up on our volunteer activities and opportunities. We have had such a great volunteer response from the community! We could not be more honored and proud to welcome new volunteers! Many thanks to those already volunteering their time and talents, and welcome to those we are onboarding! We look forward to working with you!



We had an amazing summer of volunteer activities! Boy Scout Troop #48 was at it again! They spent a day cleaning up overgrown ivy and



weeds. They also secured a donation of beauty bark and flowers to make the property look amazing! On

another day, this awesome Troop spent the day cleaning up the remnants of a large, fallen tree and cleaning up weeds! These young men are great examples of what it takes to maintain a healthy community! Thank you so much for your time, energy, and talents!!



A very special thanks to Starbucks at Hawks



Prairie and manager, Kat Dozier! Kat is always on the ready to jump in, recruit staff from local Starbucks stores to volunteer for events, donate baskets for new residents, and coffee

for volunteer events. Local Starbucks stores also donated and served coffee for our Annual Heroes for Housing Breakfast! Thank you, Kat, for adopting Homes First and for always being there when we need you!!

Many thanks to Karen Romanelli, De Phillips, and Kat Dozier and Alex Powell from Starbucks for spending an afternoon in July on the Capital grounds representing

Homes First at the Combined Fund Drive! The entire team gets extra points for hanging out in the heat! We love our Volunteers!!



Current Volunteer Opportunities

~ We now have 11 properties with solar panels! We are looking for someone willing to do some research about cleaning recommendations and costs for cleaning solar panels.

~ We would love to have an artist create a mural approximately 3 or 4' square-ish for us in our office! If you are blessed with such talent and want to contribute, please give us a call!

~ Our supply closet is a mess—again! We'd love to have someone willing to work with our Deputy Director to make her organization dreams come true!

~ If research is your thing, we'd like someone to do some digging into local businesses so we can contact them for in-kind donations. We expect this will take only an hour or so!

Volunteers are Marvelous!!



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~Elizabeth Andrew

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~Ghandi

"Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than beat the odds; it changes the odds." ~William J. Clinton



Long Term Volunteer Needed

We are going digital! We are planning to move all of our resident files from paper to digital. This will require a good deal of organization and planning. Once we have a system in place, it will take a lot of time to actually do the work of scanning and moving the files. We are hoping to recruit someone now who can be in on the planning and organization stages of the project. If you love to make things make sense, we'd love your help!

Special Volunteer Request

We have recently purchased a home on a large piece of land. We have a partnership with South Sound Senior Services to participate in their Home Sharing Program, and will house two seniors in the home.

We are looking for an individual or group (with a lawn mower!) who would be willing to maintain the grounds once or twice a month. The property is partially natural, and has a lot of grass as well. While we hope we can house someone who loves gardening given the



potential of the property, we don't expect senior residents to mow such a large piece of property. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out with any part of this, please give me a call!

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