



Great Falls Rescue Mission

A Beacon of Hope Since 1963

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(406) 761-2653



VOLUNTEER
NEWSLETTER
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UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sponsor

As we all come together again this year to build the unified back to school event, we need our community to come together. Please help us ensure all of our vulnerable students have their needs met so they can start the school year Ready to Roll! You can give through any of the Charitable organizations listed below.

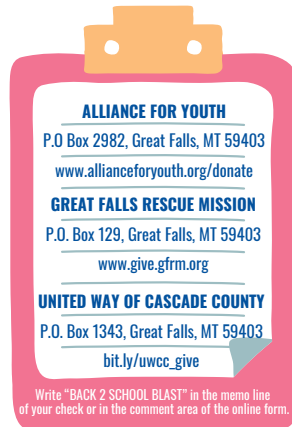
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
NOON - 4 PM**
Mansfield Convention Center

Adopt a Student
For \$50, you can adopt a student. Our goal is 1,500 students!

Event Sponsorship
\$5,000 Sponsor Level-Event acknowledgement placed in every backpack, live radio remote, social media, banner at event & all printed materials

\$1000 Sponsor Level-Banner at event & information placed in every backpack

Brought to you by **Town Pump Charitable Foundation & this community!**



Contact:

Kristy Pontet-Stroop,
kpontet-stroop@allianceforyouth.org,
Carrie Matter, carrie.matter@gfrm.org
OR Gary Owen, go@uwccmt.org

Volunteer Opportunities for Back 2 School Blast:

If you're interested in volunteering for Back 2 School Blast, contact Lynne Staigmiller, lynne.staigmiller@gfrm.org or (406) 761-2653.

We'll be stuffing backpacks the week of August 5-9, 2024. Set up for the event is August 15th. We're also looking for volunteers to work the day of the event, including hairdressers, parking lot attendants, face painting, outdoor games, registration/check-in, clean up and tear down. Call Lynne and find out how you can join us and be a part of this wonderful community event.



Church Sponsorship & Volunteers

We're in the planning stages for the 3rd Annual Back 2 School Blast. We're asking churches to sponsor the Food Court for this event and to recruit volunteers to help feed the families who will be attending. Last year we fed 1,500 people when they brought their children to pick up their backpacks and receive services to prepare for the school year.



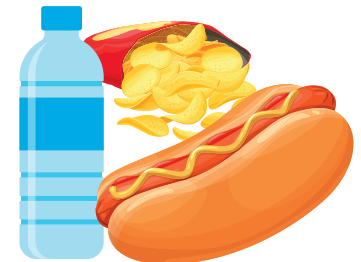
**Sponsor Levels:
\$1,000, \$500,
\$250, \$100**

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ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH
P.O. Box 2982, Great Falls, MT 59403
www.allianceforyouth.org/donate

GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION
P.O. Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403
www.give.gfrm.org

UNITED WAY OF CASCADE COUNTY
P.O. Box 1343, Great Falls, MT 59403
bit.ly/uwcc_give



Contact **Quenby Klippenes,**
openspacesrealestate@gmail.com
(406) 799-9378



Register Today!

- A community wide event for school-aged children, in collaboration with multiple partner agencies. Children will receive:
- BACK PACKS FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- IMMUNIZATIONS/VACCINATIONS, SPORTS PHYSICALS
- HEALTH RECORDS, HAIRCUTS, DENTAL SCREENINGS
- WELLNESS CHECKS, FOOD! FUN! PRIZES!

VIP PREFERENCE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PREREGISTER.

ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH
3220 11th Ave S
Monday-Friday 9 am - 6:30 pm

**GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
408 2nd Ave S, East Entrance
Monday-Friday 9 am - 5 pm

OPPORTUNITIES, INC
Community Resource Center
1123 Central Ave.
Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, NOON - 4 PM
(11AM - 4PM for Kids who Pre-register)
Mansfield Convention Center, 2 Park Drive S, h2sblast.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:



**VOLUNTEER
ORIENTATION
MAY 23, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 PM**

WE 

Our Volunteers

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
(EAST ENTRANCE)
408 2ND AVE. S.
RSVP (406) 205-0691**



Volunteer Opportunities:

We have Volunteer Orientation the fourth Thursday of the month. The next one is May 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the administration office conference room, 408 2nd Ave. S., East Entrance of the Cameron Center. You can RSVP by visiting: <https://volunteer.gfrm.org>.

When you attend an orientation you will receive:

- A volunteer application
- A volunteer information packet
- Instructions on how to become a regular volunteer.

If you're not able to attend the monthly orientation, you can request an individual tour and we can help you figure out where your time and talents could be best utilized.

Got questions?

Contact our volunteer coordinator, Lynne Staigmiller, (406) 761-2653, lynne.staigmiller@gfrm.org.

MEET THE INTERN WORKING AT GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION:

We've been blessed with an intern here at the mission; her name is Katie Maphies.



Katie and her brother were born and raised in Great Falls. She appreciates being in Montana since she loves snow skiing and spending time at her grandparents' ranch outside of Great Falls.

Katie started out her career as a hair dresser. That's where she learned that everyone has a story and people frequently just need someone to listen. It's very therapeutic for them to share their stories.

Katie started volunteering at Great Falls Rescue Mission while still doing hair. She eventually decided to start school and study social work. She continued to volunteer at the Cameron Family Center working with the kids in the youth department.

Katie now works as a family activity supervisor. She comes along side families, helping parents as they reunite with their children. She also assists them in getting their identification and documentation in order to secure housing. This includes birth certificates, Social Security cards, IDs and just helping them navigate that, since it can be confusing.

Katie can relate to loss. Her mother passed away when she was only 7 years old. Her father passed away when she was 26 years old. She is blessed to have her grandparents living close for support. She empathizes with those who don't have family support.

Katie has seen a lot of success stories at the mission as they help families learn to live with structure instead of chaos.

Katie has been with the mission for three years now and has continued her studies in social work. She graduates this month with her bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW) through the University of Montana.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

During the week of April 21-27, we highlighted our volunteers on social media. In 2023 we had **692** volunteers contribute over **5,638** hours. Of the 692 active volunteers 235 served in multiple capacities.



CAMERON FAMILY CENTER YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

How can you support
Summer Camp? 

GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION
408 2ND AVE. S. GREAT FALLS, MT
VOLUNTEER.GFRM.ORG **JUNE AUGUST**
17-15

FOR MORE INFORMATION: **406-205-0667**

Cameron Family Center - Youth Program

NEEDS LIST FOR YOUTH SUMMER CAMP:

SPRAY ON SUNSCREEN, HAND SANITIZER WITH PUMP, ALOE VERA, FIRST AID SUPPLIES, CHAPSTICK, TOWELS, REGULAR TARPS, CANVAS PAINTING TARPS, SWIM GOGGLES, DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLES, SWIM TRUNKS AND ONE-PIECE GIRLS SWIMSUITS (YOUTH SIZES: SM, MED, L, XL), XL & L YOUTH LIFE VESTS, WHITE T-SHIRTS (YOUTH & ADULT ALL SIZES), DISPOSABLE DRINK CUPS, GARBAGE BAGS, ZIPLOC BAGS, BUG SPRAY, SHAVING CREAM

SNACKS - GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX, FRUIT, FRUIT SNACKS, GO-GURTS, POWDERED DRINK MIX, SNACK-SIZE CANDY BARS, ICE CREAM BARS, COOKIES, CHIPS, CRACKERS

CRAFT SUPPLIES: ACRYLIC & TEMPERA PAINT, MARKERS, POPSICLE/CRAFT STICKS, ARTIST SKETCH PADS, STRAWS, RUBBER BANDS, WATER BEADS, BIG BUTCHER PAPER, PIPE CLEANERS

GAME SUPPLIES: BASKETBALLS, VOLLEYBALLS, FOOTBALLS, SOCCER BALLS, FOAM DODGE BALLS, WATER BALLOONS, REFEREE WHISTLES, SQUIRT GUNS, NERF GUNS & DARTS, BADMITTEN BIRDIES, RAFTING INNER TUBES

OTHER: YOUTH OR INDIVIDUAL BUS PASSES, TOWN PUMP FUEL GIFT CARDS, SWIMMING POOL PASSES, ELECTRIC CITY WATERPARK

Cameron Family Center - Youth Program is in need of

SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help with our Summer Camp for Youth here at Great Falls Rescue Mission. The Youth Program Director is planning a fun summer program to include: morning worship and prayer, swimming, crafts, hiking, field trips, basketball camp, games, spend a week at a local camp and a field trip.

Individuals are encouraged to contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Lynne Staigmilller, lynne.staigmilller@gfrm.org, (406) 761-2653. You can also visit our website: volunteer.gfrm.org.

Volunteer church groups can contact Youth Director, Athena Ayers, athena.ayers@gfrm.org, (406) 761-2653.



Golf Marathon

Tee-up a great day with family & friends
Join us for a fun golf day to raise funds for
GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION

• GOLF • SPONSOR • DONATE

July 19, 2024
Signal Point Golf Club
Fort Benton, MT



To register, go to gfrm.org/golf-marathon
(406) 761-2653



Good Samaritan Awards for 2023 were presented to (l to r): Philip Nehiley, Lee Ann Nehiley, Dawn Goulet and Marlene Killion. Not pictured: Mike Friman.

We  Our Volunteers

Thank you for sharing your time
and talent with us in 2023!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ALL YEAR LONG!

Interested in serving as a group or an individual? Serve anytime! We are always looking for volunteers to dedicate time and talent to the following opportunities:

- Cameron Family Center Guest Assistance
- Meal Serving & Food Prep
- Service Projects & Cleaning



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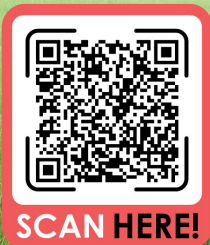
THE CAUSECONNECT VOLUNTEER APP IS NOW CAUSER!

We're excited to share the refreshed name for your Get Connected Volunteer App. Previously listed as CauseConnect, volunteers can now find the app under the name Causer.



For all users that already have the app, it will automatically update to the new name. New users can find the app in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store by searching "Causer." All links to the app on your volunteer site remain live.

This new name represents our continued commitment to helping volunteers connect with the causes they care about and the organizations that champion them!



New Volunteers Can Download
the App Here!




WE ARE HIRING!

We have job openings for for Summer Camp Counselors,
Cameron Family Center Supervisor,
Women's Shelter Part-time Supervisor.
Apply today!

- Summer Camp Counselors
- Women's Shelter Part-time Supervisor
- Cameron Family Center Supervisor

APPLY NOW

 gfrm.org/employment
(406) 761-2653 | Toll Free: (877) 205-5303
408 2nd Ave. S., P. O. Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403-0129

