Volunteer Corps
Upcoming events!

- April 8th - Waste Audit
- April 12th - SCORE
- April 18th - Healing Farms
- April 19th - Kayak Retreat

Want to join? volunteercorps.cofc@gmail.com

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Center for Civic Engagement

Volunteer Opportunities!

April 2014

Cooper River Bridge Run Volunteers

The American Diabetes Association has been chosen as one of 15 charities supported by the Cooper River Bridge Run on April 5, 2014! By being one of these charities our duty is to help provide 100 Volunteers the day of the event. We would LOVE your support!!

Volunteer Information:

- Each Volunteer will receive a Cooper River Bridge Run Volunteer T-shirt which must be worn during the event as well as a Goody Bag from the American Diabetes Association. Please provide correct t-shirt size when registering!
- All Volunteers will need to be at Marion Square Park no later than 7am. Several roads will be closing that morning so make sure you get there early!
- Volunteers will be assigned a zone in the park they will be located and duties they are responsible for
- Each volunteer will be asked to stay until approximately 11am

To volunteer, please register at http://diabetes.org/crbrvolunteer.

Contact:
Christina Bickley
South Carolina Chapter
803-799-4246 ext. 3291
cbickley@diabetes.org

27th Annual Carolina Children's Charity Telethon

To help Lowcountry children diagnosed with a birth defect or childhood disease access items or services that are deemed medically beneficial or medically necessary by a medical doctor. All Money Raised Here Stays Here!

Volunteer Information:

Volunteer for our 27th Annual Carolina Children's Charity Telethon on Sunday, April 13, 2014. Volunteers are needed between 12:30pm - 6pm. We could use 10-20 volunteers to work front desk, hold doors, help with parking, etc.

Contact:
Sonya Beale
843-769-7555 ext.2
admin@carolinachildren.org
843-769-7553
www.carolinachildren.org

Event Info:

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014
Time: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Marion Square Park - 329 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403
Sweetgrass Gardens

The mission of the Sweetgrass Garden Co-op, as a 501 (c) 3 Not-for-Profit Corporation, is to provide free, fresh, naturally grown, local produce to charitable food distribution agencies in South Carolina and to support that effort by growing a portion of the produce for income to sustain the enterprise. We cultivate a variety of fruits and vegetables, using sustainable methods and good agricultural practices, as we educate the public about farming, composting, and distributing food to people in need and the organizations that serve them.

**Times:**
Every Saturday from 8:30-12:00

**Address:**
3121 Plow Ground Road, Johns Island, South Carolina

**Contact:**
da.shade@att.net

We supply all equipment, gloves, water, bugspray. It’s helpful if you bring a refillable water bottle. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots (no flipflops, crocs). You will get dirty so don’t wear your best clothes!

**Calendar:**
[www.dnr.sc.gov/Calendar/ViewCal.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/Calendar/ViewCal.html)

Rain or shine every Saturday!

Keep Charleston Beautiful

Keep Charleston Beautiful, is dedicated to promoting the cleanliness and beautification of the City of Charleston through education, public awareness, and community involvement.

We are here to help and support your community cleanup or beautification event. We will provide trash bags, gloves, paper yard bags, rakes, safety vests, pickup sticks, and more.

We will also help recruit volunteers and suggest locations around Charleston that need some TLC.

**Clean Cities Sweep** runs from April 6-12. We hope you will register your group for a volunteer project to help beautify and clean Charleston. Volunteer projects average around 2 hours and can be any event that helps the community and the environment.

For more information:

Contact:
Jennifer Scales
scalesj@charleston-sc.gov

S.C.O.R.E.

The S.C.O.R.E program provides a myriad of different volunteer opportunities. From one time events like “reef builds” to long-term water quality monitoring near our sites. The most committed individuals may want to consider volunteering as a local project coordinator for a specific region or reef site.

We supply all equipment, gloves, water, bugspray. It’s helpful if you bring a refillable water bottle. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots (no flipflops, crocs). You will get dirty so don’t wear your best clothes!

**Calendar:**
[www.dnr.sc.gov/Calendar/ViewCal.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/Calendar/ViewCal.html)

All dates and times are tentative. Please confirm in advance! Call or email us at (843) 953-9068 score@dnr.sc.gov to sign up for an event and get directions to the site!
Lowcountry Food Bank

1st and 3rd Saturday at the LCFB

**What** – Volunteers needed in the LCFB’s distribution center in Charleston. Opportunities include: reclamation (sorting, sanitizing and re-packaging food), and packing food boxes for families in the community.

**When** -- Reoccurring volunteer opportunity (1st and 3rd Saturday of every month)

**Where** – The Lowcountry Food Bank

**Why** – Volunteer support is a critical part of the LCFB’s distribution of over 18 million pounds of food a year.

***All volunteers need to attend an orientation prior to events***

*To get involved as a volunteer, email or call the Lowcountry Food Bank Volunteer Manager, Autumn McCarver, at (843) 747-8146 ext. 120

More information: [www.lowcountryfoodbank.org/volunteer](http://www.lowcountryfoodbank.org/volunteer)

Address: 2864 Azalea Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina

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Miracle League

The Charleston Miracle League was founded almost 10 years ago with the goal of enriching the lives of disabled children and adults in Charleston. We now have almost 200 players that come out in the spring and fall to increase their physical skills, build self-confidence, and most importantly HAVE FUN!

Volunteering can include simply being a “fan in the stands” or being matched with a player to help them around the bases or field the ball (called being a “buddy”) or helping with concessions or registration; coaches are also needed.

**Address:**
780 W est O ak Forest Drive, Charleston, SC 29407

**How to Join:**
Apply online or email, scan, fax to Mira- cleLeagueED@gmail.com

More information:
[www.charlestonmiracleleague.org/volunteer/application.html](http://www.charlestonmiracleleague.org/volunteer/application.html)

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Green Heart

**Work Location:**
On Site at Mitchell Elementary

**Volunteer Hours:**
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30PM-7:30PM

**Position Description:**
Garden Volunteers are a crucial part of helping to maintain the garden and make sure it is serving as not only an outdoor classroom but as a working farm.

Volunteers will be asked to help with general farm tasks: weeding, planting seeds, harvesting produce, digging, building, and watering. Tasks may also include general maintenance.

**Email:** info@greenhearts.org

Garden Volunteers help the Green Heart Project ensure that the garden is producing fresh fruits and vegetables and that the garden is ready for students to learn.

**Qualifications:**
Garden Volunteers do not need any prior gardening experience, just a passion for Green Heart’s mission. Being polite, patient and respectful is a must.

More information: [www.greenheartsc.org](http://www.greenheartsc.org)

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Stamp out hunger is coming up May 10th! Leave non-perishables and the mail service will pick them up!

These events are for one-time service.

If you are looking for a recurring volunteer email or stop by the office.
Volunteer Corps

Volunteer Corps is a student organization run out of the Center for Civic Engagement that gives students the opportunity to volunteer as a group several times per month. This semester’s service projects included volunteering at Lowcountry Orphan Relief, Miracle League, farm/garden work, environmental clean-ups, blood drives, Pet Helpers and Habitat for Humanity.

Their last event will be at S.C.O.R.E on April 12th.

For more information and to sign up, contact Volunteer Corps at volunteercorps.cofc@gmail.com or Facebook: CofCVolunteerCorps Twitter: CofCVolCorps Pinterest: cofcvolcorps

Service Clubs

If you are interested in service consider joining a service oriented club!

- Alternative Break
- Habitat for Humanity
- Best Buddies
- Circle K
- CofC United Way
- Relay for Life
- EsQ me
- Rotract Club
- Special Olympics
- Student Alumni Assoc.
- Wish-makers on Campus
- Alpha Phi Omega
- Students for Social Innovation
- Sociology Network
- Golden Key Society

Check Orgsync for more ways to get involved!

Hospice Volunteers

Hospices are always in need of volunteers to visit with patients to provide companionship, run errands, and assist with administrative work.

Most hospices require a background check and drug test. An additional orientation session may also be necessary.

Amedisys Hospice
1027 Physicians Dr. Suite 240, Charleston, SC 29414
Contact: Stephanie Reinhardt | 843-554-7161 steph- anie.reinhardt@amedisys.com
www.amedisys.com

Beacon Hospice
501 Wando Park Blvd Ste. 100, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
Contact: Darrell Bare, 843-972-0500 dbare@beaconhospicesc.com
www.beaconhospicesc.com

Embrace Hospice
3640 Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, SC 29418
Contact: Megan Taft, 843-749-0399 mtaft@embracehealthcare.org
www.embrace-hospice.com

Serenity Palliative and Hospice Care
12 Farmfield Avenue, Ste B. Charleston, South Carolina 29407
Contact: Carolina Witter 843-556-3119 cpwitter@aol.com

SouthernCare Hospice
9294 Medical Plaza Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406
Contact: Rachel Pineda 843-569-0870 Rachelpineda@southerncareinc.com
www.southerncareinc.com

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Get Involved!

Contact us...
There are several ways to get involved with service in the community through the Center for Civic Engagement:

1. “Like” us on Facebook
   CoFCenterForCivicEngagement

2. “Follow” us on Twitter
   VolunteerCofC

3. Join our listserv
   Receive emails with the latest volunteer information by emailing: volunteer@cofc.edu

4. Visit our office
   Lightsey Center
   2nd floor, Room 203
   Phone: 843-953-5838
   Email: volunteer@cofc.edu

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