

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVITY	PURPOSE	BENEFIT
COUNSELING – assisting staff during summer, winter, and/or respite camp sessions.	To help staff ensure a fun, safe, and memorable vacation for our participants.	Room, board, and training provided. Experience sharing with people with disabilities and make a difference in many people’s lives, while having fun!
TRAVEL GUIDE – travelling with participants and staff to various destinations across the United States and Canada.	Enhance the quality of the participant’s vacation by creating a fun and safe environment.	Transportation, room, and board provided. Gain experience, have fun and make a difference in many people’s lives.
PROGRAM AREAS – organize and implement an art project, music lesson, assist in fishing, cooking and many more program areas of camp...	To share a skill or hobby with someone else; adding extra energy, insight, and enthusiasm to a program.	Practice your skill, have fun , meet new people, and make a difference in many people’s lives!
CURTAIN-MAKING – sewing curtains for cabin windows. Patterns and materials provided by Friendship Ventures.	To provide participants, volunteers, and counselors with a private living area.	Practice skills, participate and make a difference in the comfort of your own home.
GROUNDSKEEPING – raking leaves, shoveling, spreading wood chips, clearing brush, maintaining trails, etc.	To enhance the beauty and quality of the facility.	Practice skills and obtain personal satisfaction from helping Friendship Ventures.
MAINTENANCE – general maintenance of buildings and/or automobiles.	Improve the quality of the “things” that make Friendship Ventures run smoothly.	Practice skills and obtain personal satisfaction from helping Friendship Ventures.
FUND RAISING – special events or individual.	90% of funds raised goes directly to the individuals we serve.	Meet new people, build communication skills, and raise funds to help provide participants with a quality vacation.
ENTERTAINMENT – share your music, magic, or any special talent!	Enhance the vacation for participants by adding more laughter and excitement.	Practice your skill(s), have fun , and gain personal satisfaction.
TELEMARKETING – calling various groups, families, businesses, etc.	To obtain information and/or donations.	Meet new people, build communication skills, and provide participants with a quality vacation.
NURSING – Assisting with medication administration, paperwork, and other miscellaneous health-related activities.	To help provide a safe and healthy environment for Friendship Ventures’ participants.	Practice skills, gain experience and knowledge, meet new people, and make a difference in many people’s lives.
PHOTOGRAPHY – taking photographs of the various programs offered by Friendship Ventures.	Quality photographs are needed for our brochures, displays, and albums.	Practice skills and have fun while making a difference.
TREAT DONATIONS – making and delivering fresh home-baked goods on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings.	To show staff and volunteers how much they are appreciated for what they do and give them a taste of home.	Practice skills at home while making a difference for many people.

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CLERICAL – filing, data entry and other office related assistance.	To provide a quality and efficient service to the customers we serve.	Practice skills, meet new people, and help Friendship Ventures continue to provide a quality service.
PLANTING FLOWER BEDS – in the spring.	To enhance the beauty and quality of the physical plant.	Enjoy a beautiful setting, the outdoors, and enhance the beauty of the environment.
CARPENTRY – help in the remodeling and building of various buildings at camp.	To provide quality living and recreation quarters for participants, staff, and volunteers.	Practice carpentry skills, meet new people, and enhance the quality of the facility, so participants will have a fun and safe vacation.
SOCIALS – share ice cream and beverages (summer) or hot chocolate and popcorn (winter) with participants, volunteers, and staff.	To give participants, volunteers, and staff a treat during an all-camp activity.	Meet new people, have fun , and make a difference in many people’s lives.
FACILITY CLEANING – clean floors, walls, etc. in cabins and/or other buildings.	To enhance and provide a healthy environment.	Practice skills, enjoy a beautiful setting, and make a difference in many people’s lives.
HOST FAMILIES – host one or more international staff. We hire over 40 international staff each summer from all over the world.	To give international staff the opportunity to share and learn more about Minnesota and its’ residents.	Meet new people, learn about a different culture, and make a difference for someone else.
CONSTRUCTION – build a walkway, canoe rack, signs, and/or other things.	To enhance the quality and beauty of the facility.	Practice skills and <i>see</i> how your effort benefits others.
ADOPT-A-BUILDING – choose from a variety of buildings. Replace old mattresses, make repairs, and create a warm environment for participants.	To enhance the quality of the buildings at Camp Friendship or Eden Wood Center.	Practice skills, work with others, and enjoy feelings of personal satisfaction knowing you enhanced the environment for Friendship Ventures’ participants.
PAINTING – cabins and/or other buildings.	To enhance the beauty and quality of the physical facility.	Practice skills, enjoy a beautiful setting, and make a difference in many people’s lives.
PUBLIC RELATIONS – writing articles, posting bulletins, presentations, and/or other advertising.	To inform others about services provided by Friendship Ventures.	Practice skills, meet new people, and make a difference.

ACTIVITIES CAN BE DONE AS A GROUP OR INDIVIDUALLY. VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AGE 14 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE PARTICIPANTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION, CONTACT VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT: 1-800-450-8376 OR

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**It’s easy to
 Make a difference!**