



Volunteer Opportunities

| Volunteer Project | Description | Timeline / Hours | Notes |
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| Newsletter Mailings | Help with newsletter mailing - folding, stuffing, and labeling. | Quarterly project that Requires approx. 80 hours of volunteer help. | Blue Skies can coordinate a 4-hour weekend work party for a group as small as (6) or as large as (20). Or, individuals can come in to the office during the week of newsletter prep. to help during the hours of 10am – 4pm. |
| Blue Skies Fundraising Events | Volunteer at one of our three annual events: Casino Night, Golf Tournament or Dinner & Charity Auction | Casino night is generally scheduled on or near St. Patrick's Day in March. The Golf Tournament has typically been scheduled in August or September. The charity dinner and auction is typically in October each year. | These (3) events are the backbone to our ability to provide services throughout the year. Volunteers help with a variety of duties at each event such as overseeing the putting contest or hole in one contest at the golf tournament, act as a greeter, runner or check in help at our auction, or help with our set up, etc. |
| Office Supply Drive | Solicit For-Profit Businesses to donate office supply items for Blue Skies. | This drive is run by a WWU team of 6 students in the months of April / May, and additional support would be appreciated. | The Office Supply drive helps Blue Skies reduce overall operating costs associated with administration allowing more funds to go to support programs and services. |
| Winter Warm-Up Program Coat Drive | Solicit the community for new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, hooded sweatshirts and blankets. Identify a drop off location, send out media announcements. Collect the items and wash/dry if necessary. | Typically best if run in Aug-Oct when families are cleaning out coats for upcoming Fall/Winter. Our Winter Warm-Up Program is typically run Nov 1 – Jan 15 th . | Our Winter Warm Up Program is 100% based on donations of new and gently used items and our ability to serve those in need is based on the donations we receive each year. If you have a community drop location, Blue Skies can assist with press releases. |
| Loaner Instrument Program Drive | Solicit friends, family and community for new or gently used instruments that may be collecting dust in a closet. | This is a project that can be done anytime throughout the year. We need all types of instruments such as flutes, clarinets, trumpets, electric or acoustic guitars, violins, violas, trombones, drums, etc. | Our clients have a difficult time providing basic rent and food for their families, and the cost of a rental instrument is often something they just can't afford. Loaner instruments make all the difference in the world to kids who want to participate in their school band or orchestra. |
| Soles 4 Souls Shoe Give-a-way Event | Volunteer to help with shoe give-a-way. One Friday evening in April for approx. (3) hours. | Help children try on shoes to find just the right size and fit. This event occurs in Spring. | Blue Skies partners with Soles 4 Souls, a national non-profit organization to provide kids with brand new shoes. |
| The Grinch | Volunteer with Tim Chandonnet, a local photographer who offers photos for families, kids and pets. We need your help to wear the Grinch costume. | Event occurs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, from 10-6pm, in Fairhaven. | Tim Chandonnet donates 30% of the income from this event to Blue Skies for Children. |
| Enrichment Summer Camp | Under your direction, design and implement a one week summer camp experience for children who otherwise could not afford to attend a sports camp. | For licensed enrichment providers such as martial arts, sports, dance, art, music, etc. Best if offered during June – August months. | Blue Skies can help identify children interested in participating as well as help with press releases. |
| Tutoring / Training | Under your direction, provide one-on-one school subject tutoring or sports training. | Year round opportunity to mentor a child. You should be well versed in subject or sport. | Blue Skies can help identify children who may be interested. |
| General Fundraiser | Under your own direction, choose activities to help raise funds - such as a car wash, garage sale, community concert, etc. | Fundraising can be done throughout the year. | Blue Skies can assist with small signs and press releases, loan tables or folding chairs, depending on the event. |

Note: Volunteer opportunity may require that you pass a Criminal Background Check