

AMHERST CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES ~

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are an integral part of the Amherst Center for Senior Services and in the lives of our members. Hundreds of volunteers donate tens of thousands of hours of service in the community each year.

Whether you wish to be of service as a way to meet new people, pursue a passion or simply “give back”, we can help you find your volunteer niche.



Members of the Amherst Center for Senior Services are always invited to be part of the award-winning Volunteer Program. With a database of volunteers boasting over 1,700 who have provided over 99,000 hours of service last year. Our volunteers are a positive force in the community.

Senior Center staff meet with each prospective volunteer to determine the best match for that individual. Having a designated person on staff at the Center who can work with each senior one-on-one to make a volunteer placement happen is priceless. Many seniors do not know where to start when looking to volunteer and may not realize what valuable assets they could bring to a position. A brief interview can provide an opportunity to determine the right fit for a volunteer.

New volunteers may choose to provide service right at the Senior Center where there are a variety of options. These volunteers often train by spending time with current Center volunteers “shadowing” them. Our volunteers are also briefed in a positive code of conduct that emphasizes “respect for diversity”. Volunteer positions within the Center range from the Volunteer Welcome Desk, Gift Shop, New Member Orientation, Community Services Clubs, performance groups and more. There are also opportunities to provide volunteer services on an occasional basis at a special event or program

Volunteers may also choose to work at over 80 agencies in the community where relationships have already been established with the Senior Center. Our staff will be happy to connect the new volunteer with the agency and get the process underway.



The Volunteer Program at the Amherst Center for Senior Services received the **Network in Aging's 2012 Program of Excellence Award** for outstanding and innovative contributions to the geriatric citizenry of WNY.

The Network in Aging's mission is to help members enhance their efforts to improve the quality of life for older persons and their families by providing them with opportunities for resource exchange, professional development, and stimulation of interdisciplinary collaboration.

*Volunteer Services is located in the Amherst Center for Senior Services
at 370 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, New York 14228.*

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers at the Amherst Center for Senior Services volunteer in many roles within the Center as well as at over 80 organizations in the Western New York community including:

Albright-Knox Art Gallery	Journey's End
Alzheimer's Association	Junior Achievement
American Cancer Society	Kavinoky Theater
American Heart Association	Kleinhans Music Hall
American Lung Association	Knitting Club
American Red Cross	Libraries
Amherst Adult Day Services	Literacy Volunteers
Amherst Meals on Wheels	Mailing Committees
Amherst Schools	March of Dimes
Amherst Senior Citizens Foundation, Inc.	Monday Community Service
Amherst Senior Services Advisory Board	Musicalfare
Amherst Senior Transportation Services	Music Combo
Audubon Café	Needlework
Baker's Rack	New Member Orientation
Bingo	Niagara Frontier Radio Reading
Blood Pressure Testing	Nursing Homes
Botanical Gardens	Nutrition Lunch Program
Bridge Club	Olmstead Park Conservancy
Buffalo City Schools	Ombudsman
Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society	Pinochle Club
Buffalo & Erie County Meals on Wheels	Quilting Club
Buffalo-Niagara International Airport	Reader's Theater
Buffalo Philharmonic	Recorder Consort
Buffalo Psychiatric Center	Registration
Buffalo Museum of Science	Riviera Theater
Buffalo Zoological Gardens	Ronald McDonald House
Caddy Bags	Roswell Park
Coffee Table	SPCA- Buffalo & Erie County
Camera Club	St. Joseph's Table
Caps for Kids	Senior Moments
Central Referral Service	Senior Outreach Services
Chess Club	Senior Singers
Coffee with the Candidates	Shea's Buffalo
Cystic Fibrosis	Sports Club Leaders
Darwin Martin House	Stained Glass Club
Dinner Club	Studio Arena
Dominoes	Super Seniors
Food Pantries	Telephone Assurance Program
Food Shuttle	Travel Club
Four Seasons Crafters	Tune-ups
Friendly Visitors	University at Buffalo
Friends of the Foundation	Veterans Groups
Gift Shop	WNED Channel 17
Gilda's Club	Wednesday Community Service
Graycliff Conservancy	Welcome Desk
Habitat for Humanity	Woodcarvers
Health Fairs	
Hospice & Palliative Care Center	
Hospitals	

