

COMMUNITY MISSIONS
SERVE GUIDE



WAYS TO STAY

CONNECTED

Here are ways to stay up to date
with all things Community Missions:

- 1 Check out our posts and stories on Instagram.**
@au18missions
- 2 Explore AUnited and read the 411.**
All events will be posted in these spots.
- 3 Pay attention in Campus Worship.**
Service opportunities are often announced
and/or displayed on the screens.
- 4 Reach out to Maddy Woodford or another
member of the Community Missions
Servant Leadership Team directly.**

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There are countless ways and reasons to serve during your time AU. Research (Astin et al., 2000) has shown a strong connection between engagement in community service and personal, social, and professional development. Your service also benefits the community, bringing much needed human capital, energy, enthusiasm, and perspective. Most importantly, service is a central part of the Christian life. It is a natural response to a God who came to serve and not be served and calls his disciples to do the same (Mark 10:45).

Anderson University Community Missions seeks to help you do just that. It is our joy to connect AU students, faculty, and staff to their local community, providing them tangible opportunities to join in on God's redemptive purpose here.

To make serving as easy as possible, we have developed this serve guide. Here you will find an overview of our community partners with each profile highlighting the organization's missions, volunteer needs, contact information, and any training or commitment requirements. This guide also includes helpful information on group service opportunities and ways to stay up to date on all things Community Missions.

We pray this information will help you discern where your gifts and passions best align with the needs and opportunities to share Christ's love in Anderson!

MARK 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

NON-PROFITS AND MINISTRIES
IN ANDERSON

LOT Project: Louie's

At Louie's, we serve a community meal and meet other basic needs for our homeless, transient, and housing-insecure neighbors.

Volunteer Needs

Prepare and serve meals
Organize and pass out donations
Interact with guests

Contact

Nate Knox
(864) 381-3081
nate.knox@thelotproject.com

LOT Project: West Market Makers

At West Market Makers, we want to provide an affordable and inclusive creative space for adult makers of all levels and backgrounds to share and grow as a community and give ourselves to the good work of creative stewardship.

Volunteer Needs

Make art with guests
Lead a class
Assist with special projects

Contact

Teresa Bauer
(864) 276-1105
teresa.bauer@thelotproject.com

Hope Missions

HOPE Missions of the Upstate seeks to feed the hungry, provide clothing and shelter, empower, and equip by showing each the love of Christ.

Volunteer Needs

Prepare and serve meals
Welcome guests
Sort donations
Tend to the courtyard

Contact

Dave Phillips
(703) 398-9471
dave@hopeupstate.org

Asher House

Asher House provides a safe place to meet the needs of youth and young adults ages 17-22 who are at risk for homelessness, in crisis situations or need help identifying and implementing their goals.

Volunteer Needs

Cleaning/organizing facility
Collecting/sorting donations
Childcare + Tutoring
Marketing
Leading workshops

Contact

Ellisa Allen
(662) 364-0465
contactasherhouse@gmail.com

Training

Background check
1-on-1 training

Calvary Home For Children

Calvary Home seeks to provide help, hope, and home to abused and neglected children in the Upstate.

Volunteer Needs

Tutoring
Childcare
Landscaping
Sorting donations
After-school activities

Contact

Bre Stroup
(864) 419-6401
bre@calvaryhome.org

Commitment

Full year commitment
required for tutoring

Training

Background check
1-on-1 training

AIM

AIM (accept, minister, inspire) is an efficient non-profit organization that meets the needs of struggling individuals and families in Anderson County.

Volunteer Needs

Sorting food pantry donations
Home repair projects

Contact

Sarah Ann Bannister
(706) 426-3046
sarah.skeleton@aimcharity.org

New Foundations Home for Children

New Foundations exists to help children and families move on to the next chapter in their lives.

Volunteer Needs

Tutoring and mentoring
Teaching a class
Collecting donations

Training

Phone interview
Background check
Drug test
Physical
1 hour orientation

Commitment

4-8 hour/week

Contact

Bethany Hacker
(864) 225-1628
bhacker@newfoundationschildren.com

Special Olympics

The Anderson County Area 14 Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with disabilities.

Volunteer Needs

Coaching teams
Managing stations at games

Training

Background check
Training videos (coaching only)

Commitment

Weekly

Contact

Tessa Hilley
(864) 260-4142
Area12SOSC@gmail.com

Rainbow Gang

The Rainbow Gang is a community leisure and activity-based program that strives to improve our participants' quality of lives by offering evidence-based recreational therapy services.

Volunteer Needs

Facilitate an activity or participate in pre-planned ones

Contact

Kathy Schofield
(864) 260-4142
rainbowgang@andersoncountysc.org

Champion Center for Special Children

The Champion Center is a nonprofit Day Center for children living with "different-abilities" and special needs that provides early education, on-site critical therapies and specialized daily care.

Volunteer Needs

Help with projects
Assist teachers with
Classroom activities

Contact

Laura Capell
(864) 314- 5689
laura@thechampioncenter.com

Training

Application
Background check
Meeting with leadership team

Backyard Bible Club

Backyard Bible Club engages underserved youth in Anderson in Gospel conversations and after-school activities.

Volunteer Needs

Playing with kids
Facilitating group discussion

Contact

Mackenzie McKee
(864) 483-2808
mmckeeIII@andersonuniversity.edu

Linley Park Acute Nursing Home

Linley-Park is a rehabilitation and long-term care center that seeks to assist the elderly with recovery after a surgery, illness, or injury.

Volunteer Needs

Host group activity (e.g., bingo)
Interact with patients

Contact

Anna Brannon
anna.brannon@linleyparkpa.com

Gentiva Hospice Volunteer

Genitive Hospice seeks to provide patients with life-limiting illnesses with comfort and compassion so they may experience the best possible quality of life.

Volunteer Needs

Provide companionship to assigned patient

Contact

Amanda Thomas
(336) 608-9682
amanda.thomas@gentivahs.com

Commitment

Weekly or bi-weekly consistency preferred

Emmanuel's Hammer

Emmanuel's Hammer seeks to share the love of Christ by rebuilding homes and lives.

Volunteer Needs

Home repair projects

Contact

Daniel Phillips
(864) 401-0287
daniel@ehammer1.org

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity helps families build and improve places to call home.

Volunteer Needs

Home construction projects
Repair projects

Contact

Gretchen Saule
(864) 375-1177
admin@habitatanderson.org

Training

Volunteer waiver

Habitat for Humanity: Restore

Habitat for Humanity helps families build and improve places to call home.

Volunteer Needs

Organize donations
Maintain retail area
Administrative duties

Contact

Savannah Creswell
(864) 375-1177
restorevolunteer@habitatanderson.org

Training

Volunteer waiver

Good Neighbor Cupboard

GNC provides food for sheltered and unsheltered families experiencing food insecurity.

Volunteer Needs

Unloading and organizing food donations

Contact

Jeanne McEvoy
(864) 224-1701
goodneighborcupboard@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels

MOW seeks to serve the health needs of the underserved citizens of Anderson County through community engagement and partnerships with those who care.

Volunteer Needs

Packing and delivering meals

Contact

Kenzie Sugden
(864) 225-6800
kenzie@acmow.org

Anderson Free Clinic

Anderson Free Clinic serves the health needs of the underserved citizens of Anderson County.

Volunteer Needs

Pharmacy volunteers to run front window
Clinic volunteers to help triage

Contact

Michelle Nixon
(864) 512-7809
michelle.nixon@anmed.org

Commitment

Semester commitment with shifts being at least 3 hours each

Training

CNA license required for clinical work

Anderson Pregnancy Care

Anderson Pregnancy Care partners alongside women and their families through pregnancies and parenting. They work to equip them with the tools and resources to be successful.

Volunteer Needs

Childcare
Working boutique
Client advocacy

Contact

Kaitlyn Andrews
(864) 309-6233
kaitlynandrews@andersonpregnancy.org

Commitment

Weekly with shifts being at least 2 hours each

Training

Volunteer application
Training videos (depending on role)

GROUP SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES

Our community partners gladly welcome individuals as well as groups. Once a month, Community Missions facilitates a 'Group Serve Day' where AU students, faculty, and staff go out and serve at one of these sites together. The hope is that these serve days would be an opportunity to connect with others and launch you into regular rhythms of service.

You too can coordinate a group serve day for your student organization, community group, or with a group of friends! Just reach out to the organization of your choice using the contact information provided in this book and let them know you are interested in bringing a group of people. You can also schedule a meeting with us and we would be happy to facilitate the connection for you.

some of our favorite group opportunities





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