



Whatever your interest, whatever amount of time you may have to devote, there is a place for you as a Metroparks volunteer.

As a volunteer, you'll play an indelible role in the quality and continuous improvement of Metroparks across the area. The commitment you will be expected to make can vary depending on your chosen area. Some positions require a regular schedule, others are flexible, even seasonal. No previous experience is needed. We provide all volunteer training sessions as necessary.

#### To become a volunteer:

- [Fill out an online application](#)
- For more information, stop in during Volunteer Services Open Hours, every Tuesday from noon to 2:00 pm at the Metz Visitor Center at Wildwood Preserve.

If you still need more information about volunteering at Metroparks call (419) 407-9703. In addition, when you volunteer at least 15 hours of your time you can purchase a [Metroparks membership](#) at half price.

#### MVP Challenge

Think you've got what it takes to be a MVP of the Metroparks Volunteer Program? Complete the challenge and join the MVP ranks!

To participate, you must have a Metroparks Volunteer application on file and complete seven challenge tasks by the end of the calendar year. Or hit it out of the park and try to complete them all!

Completed MVP Challenge forms can be turned in through one of the following ways:

- Dropped off at the Wildwood Preserve Administration Building front desk
- Emailed to Trish Hausknecht at [patricia.hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:patricia.hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com)
- Mailed to: Volunteer Services, Metroparks Toledo, 5100 W. Central Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43615

All Volunteers who complete the MVP Challenge will receive a t-shirt with their MVP year.

#### Questions about the MVP Challenge?

Contact Trish Hausknecht: [patricia.hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:patricia.hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com) or call (419) 407-9703

I am excited to announce that we are finally ready to start planting at Glass City Metropark. We have 1,400 (!!!) plants to put in the ground and are calling on you, our wonderful volunteers, to give us a hand. This Plant-a-palooza is take place over three days- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be planting from 9:00am- noon all three days! It is going to be a lot of fun AND you get a sneak peek at our brand new and not yet open Metropark!

If you are interested in joining this event please either sign up in Volgistics or let me know at [Meredith.busic@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:Meredith.busic@metroparkstoledo.com) or by call/text at 419-262-8826.

Thank you for all that you do, I hope we see you at Glass City!



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There is a Metropark just minutes away.  
Thank you Lucas County for helping us keep this promise.

# 2020 *Virtual* Toledo and Findlay Race for the Cure

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Donate, Fundraise, and #RaceWhereYouAre! Fall 2020



**REGISTER TODAY!**

[komennwohio.org/virtual](http://komennwohio.org/virtual)

Use #Race419TheCure to share your photos with us!



Sign up to volunteer for The Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure events in Findlay and Toledo! Show your passion for the breast cancer cause and take action. Prove that you too are **More Than Pink®**.

We welcome any and all fun-loving, enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable individuals who are willing to contribute to the success of this important event.



By volunteering, you'll help make your local event a success, which in turn will help Komen fund breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Not only will you make an impact in the fight against breast cancer, you will also have fun, feel rewarded and meet some truly incredible people—survivors, family members, allies and more, all of whom have been impacted by this devastating disease.

## Volunteer Now

We are currently accepting volunteers for our 2020 events in Findlay and Toledo.

We need volunteers for two main tasks:

1. Helping with pre-event planning, organization and marketing in the months leading up to our local event.
2. Working with organizers and other volunteers on Walk day to provide the best experience to our participants.

To sign up for race day activities, please visit the [Toledo Race for the Cure Volunteer Site](#) or the [Findlay Race for the Cure Volunteer Site](#)!

To sign up for pre-race day events, please visit the [Toledo Pre-Race Day Events Volunteer Site](#) or the [Findlay Pre-Race Day Events Volunteer Site](#).

If you are part of a large group that would like to volunteer, please email us at [info@komennwohio.org](mailto:info@komennwohio.org) so that we can assign your group to the perfect task!

Please review, sign, and return the [2020 Volunteer Waiver](#).



Be a part of the Northwest Ohio environmental tradition to remove marine debris floating down our rivers, streams, and in our lakes! Clean Your Streams Day (CYS) provides a positive impact on the environment and in our community. For three hours on one day in September, approximately one thousand volunteers join forces to remove marine debris from over 30 miles of rivers in the greater Toledo-area. Volunteers gather at one of the several kickoff

locations to clean up dozens of high-profile stream bank sites along 5 major waterways, tributaries, and ditches throughout the community. Volunteers of all ages remove and record what they find on data cards, which are later sent to the Ocean Conservancy for inclusion in International Coastal Cleanup records. Many groups, such as youth volunteer groups, businesses, church groups, and environmental organizations participate in friendly CYS group challenges.

Register [online here](#) for CYS24 on September 26th! Your safety is, as always, our priority. We've updated some of our programs to maximize your safety during this time check them out [here](#). If you have questions on how to utilize the CleanSwell App for the virtual option-[click here](#)



There are many ways to support this effort, and we hope you'll join us this year, for the COVID friendly 24th Annual Clean Your Streams Day!

1. [Register for CYS24!](#)
2. [CYS 24 Safety Plan](#)
3. [Thank You to Our CYS 24 Sponsors!](#)
4. [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
5. [CYS Photo Albums](#)



Volunteers allow Read for Literacy and Claire's Day to provide quality programming year round in our community. To learn more about our volunteer program and to join the 1800 volunteers who give countless of hours each year email [readfl@toledolibrary.org](mailto:readfl@toledolibrary.org) or call [419-242-7323](tel:419-242-7323) and speak to a staff member.

## **Volunteer Opportunities for our Signature Lines of Service:**

### **ADULT & FAMILY LITERACY (2-3 hours per week; training is 3 hours)**

**Adult literacy**, our largest and longest running program, has more than 150 participants engaged in learning; from reading books to learning life skills for the workplace, our student needs are met on an individual learning plan.

**English Language Learners** affords speakers of other languages the opportunity to improve their English language speaking, reading and writing skills. Tutors currently work with students whose first language is Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Arabic and more. Additionally, Read for Literacy volunteers will also assist these students in preparing for completion of their US Citizenship test.

**Creating Family Readers** is Read for Literacy's newest pilot program, initiated in 2014 with funding from the Toledo Community Foundation, ProMedica and O-I Foundation. We are working in the community to combine our Adult Literacy Program and Creating Young Readers program in a non-classroom setting. Reader friends and tutors work with the family individually and as a unit to increase literacy knowledge.

### **CLAIRE'S DAY (1-2 hours per month or Day of Event—time and training to be determined)**

**Claire's Day** is a signature line of service dedicated to inspiring children and families to be lifelong readers through exposure to a variety of literacy opportunities and experiences. We do this to honor Claire Lynsey Rubini, who passed away from a heart condition in 2000 when she was just ten years old. Our programs and services embrace her favorite activities, including telling stories, dancing, making crafts, and reading.

*Claire's Day Book Festival  
CARE Awards  
Author & Illustrator School Visits  
Claire's Night*

### **CREATING YOUNG READERS (3-4 hours of training and orientation—background checks required)**

**Creating Young Readers Pre-school** program was started in 2006 and allows volunteers the opportunity to work with children ages 3, 4 and 5 who are at risk of falling behind in emergent literacy skills. Above all is sharing the joy of books with children who might not otherwise experience reading with a caring adult.

**Creating Young Readers-Elementary School** program provides children in grades K-2nd grade with volunteer "Reader Friends" who work with them one-to-one to increase early literacy skills necessary to experience success in the classroom. Additionally, this program includes book distribution, parent advocacy, and information to engage parents with their children in at home reading time.

### **LITERACY OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS (Training provided, in some cases, background check required)**

**Literacy Outreach** is our opportunity to travel into the community and share our love of reading with others at health fairs, low-income housing developments and others places where children and families gather for recreation and to learn. We distributed more than 10,000 books and family activity sheets in our outreach work and look forward to expanding the program each year.

**General Office Volunteer & Receptionist** provides the opportunity to work in our office assisting staff with various special projects, entering data, answering phones.

**Special Event Committee and volunteers on Day of Events** make it possible for Read for Literacy to raise funds and provide quality programs. Training is provided for event volunteers.



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## JOIN FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Our organization is fueled by a host of incredible volunteers. From setting up mobile pantries to making sandwiches & packing lunches to administrative work in our office, lending a hand in our warehouse, & helping out at the Saturday Morning Farmer's Market, people just like you are helping to feed Toledo in a thoughtful way. We need your help now more than ever!

**Ready to volunteer now? Email [info@feedtoledo.org](mailto:info@feedtoledo.org) to sign up today!**

### FRIDAY NIGHT LUNCH PACKING

Every Friday night, Food For Thought gathers volunteers to make PB&J lunches for our neighbors. Currently, we are continuing this opportunity offsite on Thursday and Friday nights with smaller groups of volunteers. We are in need of healthy volunteers both evenings. If you would like to help please contact us for more information. Email us [here](#) or call 419.972.0022

### SATURDAY MINI-MOBILES

Each Saturday morning, we get to know our neighbors as we share the lunches we've packed with people throughout the downtown Toledo area. Individuals and groups accompany Food For Thought on our normal bus stop routes as we provide food, water or coffee — as well as conversation with the people we meet — sunshine or snowfall. Saturday distribution will meet at our distribution site, the Cherry Street TARTA terminal at Cherry Street and St. Clair and runs from 10am-12pm.

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

Food For Thought operates a series of mobile food pantries in the Toledo area throughout the month. We are committed to continuing these services during this time of uncertainty. Many of these pantries require additional volunteer support to operate. Our mobile food pantries provide emergency food assistance to people in need and allow them to choose from a variety of items, including fresh produce. Visit our calendar [here](#) to find our locations and e-mail our staff [here](#) to see how you can help!

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Toledo Farmers Market Table - Saturdays 8am-12, 12-2pm May through October** We're seeking a committed group of volunteers to man our table at the Toledo Farmers Market. Collect monetary and market coin donations, solicit and collect produce donations from farmers, represent Food For Thought to the community, sign up volunteers, and have a good time just enjoying the market. Our staff will coach you through the first couple Saturdays, don't worry! Sign up for a shift with a friend and do your market shopping during the other shift. It's a great way to start your Saturday! Sign up and learn more [here](#)

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# VOLUNTEERS



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**We need volunteers** to help with things like **joining us as a Lunch Hour Hero!** What does this mean? Consider reimagining an hour or so of your day to "don a cape" and make an easy but important impact over lunch, instead of working out or taking a coffee break. Read on to see the quick and easy ways that an hour or two of your time can change things for people in our community!

**Meal Distributions:** These heroes help distribute meals to children in our community at one of the many distribution sites run by Connecting Kids to Meals, Village on Adams and other partners. If you are able to help on multiple days please do so as consistent volunteers will help expedite the distribution, and make it easier to ensure healthy distribution practices. Think about being a [#LunchHourHero](#) to make a big impact over lunch! Most of these locations are outside, so dress appropriately.

**Meal Kit / Supply Load Up / Sorting:** These heroes will help in a variety of ways with loading/unloading materials and completed kits. Locations will vary, and volunteers should feel comfortable lifting boxes and tubs ranging from 20 - 30 lbs. Please see shift description for location details.

**Snack Pack Builds:** Heroes will help pack shelf stable snack packs (or dried fruit kits) at United Way, which will be handed out at Connecting Kids to Meals and partner distribution sites every Friday.

**Senior Wellness Kit Builds:** Volunteers will help assemble wellness/hygiene kits for seniors in partnership with the Area Office on Aging at the Margaret Hunt Senior Center.

**Please sign up for available shifts below** (simply click on the button to sign up). We are doing all that we can to keep these opportunities small group, and ask volunteers to take their temperature before heading out to any of the volunteer sites, **bring with them a mask/face covering which must be worn at the site**. On arrival volunteers need to wash hands, wear gloves & masks, etc.

We ask that if you are sick, are someone in a high-risk audience or someone who cares for that population, you do not volunteer for a public facing shift at this time.

By signing up for our [volunteer newsletter](#) or visiting [www.volunteerToledo.org](http://www.volunteerToledo.org) you can stay up-to-date on new needs in our community. Change doesn't happen alone, even a single volunteer hour makes a huge difference!

**QUESTIONS?** Email [volunteer@unitedwaytoledo.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwaytoledo.org)

**To volunteer click here** <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/93d73da07a4c9efc35-mayvolunteer>