

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### New

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF TAOS** is looking for someone with grant writing experience to help the organization write and research possible grants available. Contact Kevin Miller at (575) 758-7827.

**TFAF BOARD VOLUNTEERS.** Taos Fall Arts Festival is seeking interested parties with a passion for the arts to commit to support the artists of Taos County by volunteering as a TFAF board member. There also are volunteer options open as committee members. Contact Paul Figueroa, (575) 779-8579, or Rikki Pass, (719) 492-1264, to discuss chair responsibilities and arrange an interview. Available board positions include treasurer, secretary chairperson, volunteer committee chairperson, in addition to others.

**EQUINE SPIRIT SANCTUARY** seeks volunteers for horse rescue, with equine-assisted learning and therapeutic programs for people. Open for visitors Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment at Equine Spirit Sanctuary, 13 Los Caballos Road, Ranchos de Taos. To volunteer, call Jim Mitchell, (575) 758-1212, or email [jmitchell@equinespiritsanctuary.org](mailto:jmitchell@equinespiritsanctuary.org).

**Ongoing**  
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

seeks English-speaking and bilingual volunteers for its Road to Recovery, which provides transportation for cancer patients to and from treatments, and Look Good Feel Better, which helps female cancer patients cope with appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments, programs. For details and to sign up, call (575) 751-8927.

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** provides mentoring relationships for boys and girls ages 5-18 through school- and community-based programs. Call Orallia González, (575) 779-0003, or Karen Koyote, (575) 770-5751.

**COMMUNITY AGAINST VIOLENCE** seeks volunteers for front desk and telephone reception, office work, fundraising, events, landscaping, the CAV Thrift Store and community outreach efforts. Volunteers must fill out an application and pass a background check. Download applications at [taoscau.org](http://taoscau.org) or stop by 945 Salazar Road, Taos.

**HEART OF TAOS**, the organization helping homeless and imminently homeless women and their children and pets of Taos County, is seeking volunteers to help with transportation for women. HEART also seeks Smith's gift cards of \$25-50 to help with the cost of items not allowed with food stamps - feminine hygiene



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products, toilet paper, etc. Contact Ama at (575) 776-4245 or visit [heartoftaos.org](http://heartoftaos.org).

**HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** seeks volunteers to serve their community hospital. Adult men and women are needed in the gift shop, day surgery and as patient advocates. Teens are needed to

serve in a variety of hospital functions. Adults and teens, call Judy Rebholtz, (575) 751-1188, or pick up an application in the gift shop at Holy Cross Hospital.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING** with Mt. Home Health Hospice. Visit patients and their families in their homes or

at assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. Mt. Home Health Office, 630 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Suite 180, Taos. Free. Call (575) 758-4786, ext. 121.

**NONPROFIT CENTER:** To start a nonprofit center for those suffering from life crisis or chemical deficiency. Christians called to serve their community can call Dawan at (575) 224-7178 to organize a meeting.

**NORTHCENTRAL NEW MEXICO VETERAN'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK** is a new nonprofit veterans organization to provide transportation to approved medical facilities for disabled veterans. The organization seeks dedicated working board of directors members, volunteer drivers and grant writers. Call (575) 770-0163 or email [ncnmvtn@kitcarson.net](mailto:ncnmvtn@kitcarson.net).

**PLANNED PETHOOD TAOS** seeks volunteers to help with outdoor cat spaying/neutering (S/N), to transport cats to/from Española, help with local feral cat S/N bookings and help loan out provided traps for feral cat S/N. Call or text (575) 613-4110.

**READING TO END RACISM** seeks individuals to be trained as readers and mentors. See [facebook.com/TaosRER](http://facebook.com/TaosRER) or contact Daniel Escalante at (720) 987-8148.

**SOMOS**, the literary society of Taos, seeks volunteers for its Young Writers Program to be creative writing mentors,

lead workshops or work with individual students on a regular basis. Potential volunteers should call (575) 758-0081, email [somos@somostaos.org](mailto:somos@somostaos.org) or stop by 108 Civic Plaza Drive.

**STRAY HEARTS VOLUNTEERS:** Needed are dog socializers and walkers, cat petters and drivers to transport animals. Call (575) 758-2981.

**TAOS EDUCATION AND CAREER CENTER** seeks dedicated volunteers to work with students in the following subject areas: literacy, English language learning and math. The center works with adult students who have a wide range of skill levels, all below college level. Potential volunteers should call (575) 737-3730 or stop by the TECC office at 115 Civic Plaza Drive. Entrance and parking are on Bedford Street.

**YOUTH HEARTLINE** seeks CASA volunteers, advocates for foster kids. Training in the child welfare system, developmental psychology and legal advocacy provided. Contact Yasmin Haque. Youth Heartline also seeks volunteers for SmART House, which provides year-round arts, literacy and technology activities for children in a low-income neighborhood. Call (575) 758-0106 for more information about both positions.

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