



Connecting Community Needs to Resources

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Animal Services – City of Bentonville

- Mission:** Improve and save animal lives by promoting quality care and compassion through adoption and responsible pet ownership.
- Needs:** Volunteers to walk, play with, socialize, foster and adopt cats and dogs. Monetary donations and donations of treats, toys and supplies.
- Resources:** Animals for adoption, return lost animals to owners; no-charge microchipping for City of Bentonville residents (\$10 fee for non-residents)
- Contact:** Shannon Gabbard; Shannon.gabbard@bentonville.arkansas.gov; 479-254-2055

Beer & Hymns

- Mission:** We bring people together to raise our glasses, raise our voices, and raise funds for organizations that change the world.
- Needs:** We are looking to hire a part-time Director of Operations.
- Resources:** We raise funds and awareness for organizations in NWA. Applications for our 2025 season will be opening in October 2024.
- Contact:** Ken Weatherford; info@beerandhymns.com; 501-850-2030

Brain Injury Alliance of Arkansas

- Mission:** Our mission is to be a guiding voice that expands awareness, enhances the quality of life, and creates a better future for brain injury survivors and their support system in Arkansas. We provide comprehensive support, empowering individuals to thrive beyond adversity, and fostering a community of resilience and compassion.
- Needs:** Awareness of our brain injury survivor support group and encouragement for those in need to attend.
- Resources:** Monthly support group meeting which helps reduce feelings of isolation, fosters a sense of community, encourages communication skills, provides a safe space to share challenges and successes, gain emotional support and learn coping strategies.
- Contact:** Laura Dina; arkansasbia@gmail.com; 501-747-9596

CASA of Northwest Arkansas

- Mission:** Court Appointed Special Advocates of Northwest Arkansas provides compassionate volunteers who advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. We are committed to ensuring a consistent voice, safe home, and promising future for children in foster care.
- Needs:** Male CASA Volunteers; CASA volunteers in rural areas and Spanish speaking.
- Resources:** Over the next 6 months, CASA will provide advocates for children in the foster care system, items such as toys and personal care items to foster children, and assistance to those aging out of the foster care system in setting up their apartments/homes with kitchen items, bedding, etc.
- Contact:** Michael Bennett-Spears; michael@nwacasa.org; 479-502-2496

Church of Jesus Christ of latter-day Saints

- Mission:** Serve the community give opportunities to those in the community to connect and serve with others in need.
- Needs:** None.
- Resources:**
- Contact:** Kate Wilcox; Kateawilcox@gmail.com; 479-685-5928

Community Table Food Pantry

- Mission:** Provide a client choice food pantry.
- Needs:** Donations - food, consumables, money.
- Resources:** Client choice frozen and shelf stable food plus consumables - shampoo, conditioner, etc.
- Contact:** Debbie Martin; dmartin@bnaz.org; 479-531-3957

DEB Project

- Mission:** We serve foster families and school social workers for children in need.
- Needs:** Volunteer opportunities, Christmas gifts for children and gift cards to shop for Christmas.
- Resources:** We provide clothing, hygiene and food items.
- Contact:** Sammy Laney; sammy@debproject.com; 479-619-7729

First Landmark Baptist Church

Mission: To engage and reach others.

Needs:

Resources:

Contact: Terry; Terry@flmbc-bentonville.org; 479-273-3693

First United Methodist Church

Mission: Sharing Christ. Making Disciples. To become the Spiritual Heart of Bentonville; a mission station to equip disciples for building relationships with people who are far from home or feel far away from God.

Needs: Our 2nd Street pantry always appreciates donations of food, diapers and personal care items. We also host community lectures periodically and are looking for people to speak about issues and challenges related to Bentonville. We will be hosting our second annual Earth Day Fair for Bentonville on April 26 and are seeking environmental groups to participate with a booth.

Resources: Our church meeting spaces are free to non-profit organizations for events and meetings; just call our office and confirm availability. We also offer study groups, Bible studies and worship for anyone interested.

Contact: Johnna Kosnoff; Johnna.kosnoff@arumc.org; 310-343-8699

For The Love

Mission: For The Love exists to feed the hungry, cultivate community, and fight poverty.

Needs: None.

Resources: Free community meals.

Contact: Meredith Chapuis; meredith@forthelovenwa.com; 479-644-2186

Gap Relief

- Mission:** We are a nonprofit providing therapeutic services and trauma-informed trainings to community sectors including Education, Law Enforcement & First Response, and Non-Profit leaders. We exist to help the helpers build resilient communities.
- Needs:** We are looking for \$16,000 in civic grant funding to complete our required budget for serving Vaughn Elementary school through our Walton Family Foundation-granted program called Trauma Informed Educators Reaching Students (TIERS).
- Resources:** We have a trauma care clinic with specialists in many types of therapeutic services, trauma therapy, Neurofeedback, somatic experiencing, self-awareness coaching, and counseling intensives. We also provide trauma-informed trainings to education and civil service departments to help build more resilient systems for community services that encounter secondary trauma on a regular basis in their service to the community.
- Contact:** Michael Turner; mike@gaprelief.com; 479-282-8863

Goodwill Training and Education Center

- Mission:** To provide a high school diploma to adults 19 and older; we also provide certifications in welding and the medical field.
- Needs:** Large scale community exposure to recruit students to our programs.
- Resources:** Certifications in welding, construction, pharmacy lab technician, certified clinical medical assistant. A high school program for diploma completion.
- Contact:** Jake Gibbs; jgibbs@excelcenterar.org; 501-398-1997

Habitat for Humanity

- Mission:** Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward our vision by building strength, stability and self-reliance in partnership with families in need of decent and affordable housing.
- Needs:** We need donors for snacks for volunteers, water for volunteers and ReStore staff, product to be resold at our ReStore, and more!
- Resources:** Over the next few months, we will be able to provide residents with low-cost home repair items such as trim, paint, and also help residents connect with a person in case they are looking for homeownership, and how to be a partner family, free classes to the public from finances to disaster preparedness and more!
- Contact:** Mickey Serrano & Julie Looney; volutneercoordinator@habitatbentoncountyar.org; 479-335-5970

Havenwood

- Mission:** Our mission is to empower single mothers and their children to move from crisis to self-sufficiency. Our vision is to help break generational cycles by providing a safe place and resources that foster a community where single mothers are able to meet the needs of their families.
- Needs:** Items for our health and beauty, food, and freezer pantries we offer to our residents as well as mental health mentors.
- Resources:**
- Contact:** Mary Kate Provost; marykate@nwahavenwood.org; 501-428-6420

JustServe

- Mission:** JustServe is a free service that links community volunteer needs with volunteers.
- Needs:** More volunteer opportunities to post.
- Resources:** JustServe.org
- Contact:** Alisha Lindsey & Jennifer Van Slooten; justservebentonville@gmail.com; 479-696-2870

Lifeline of NWA

- Mission:** It is the mission of Lifeline of Northwest Arkansas to provide the latest personal emergency devices in the industry. We will work diligently to raise funds to serve all, regardless of their ability to afford the nominal monthly service fee.
- Needs:** We have a fundraising event on October 20 and need auction items for the silent auction. We need day to day office items, copy paper, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. We desperately need to find an affordable used SUV to replace the one that was damaged in the tornado. Funding, funding, funding to help us help our clients. Become a sponsor of one of our fundraising events! Board members! We would love to start an auxiliary for Lifeline to assist in special events!
- Resources:** Home personal emergency response devices, monitored medication dispensers, GPS personal emergency devices that cover the US. We love to work with other nonprofits to see how we can assist them in return. We provide "Senior Snuggles" during the fall and into the winter, hats, gloves, blankets, socks, warm clothing, etc.
- Contact:** Melanie Kerr; melanie@lifelineofnwa.com; 479-644-4746

Pathfinder, Inc. NWA

- Mission:** We provide services to adults with developmental disabilities, including job training and placement, instruction on life skills, art, computers and other associated areas.
- Needs:** We are looking to equip a proper sensory room for our clients triggered by any number of stimuli including loud noise, bright lights, etc. The equipment will include water features, soothing sounds, weighted blankets, and soft light features. Toiletries (paper towels, toilet paper, hand soaps), copy paper, donations of any kind, volunteers
- Resources:** Pathfinder, Inc. is dedicated and committed to fostering independence in our clients. We do that by ensuring they have the life skills to lead a fulfilling life regardless of degree of disability. We presently have just over 100 clients for whom we provide services at our Bentonville facility each day.
- We have Human Resources available for limited jobs in the community. Some of our clients have the ability and the desire to fill jobs in the community, and several of them do. The inventory for these jobs is, unfortunately, in short supply.
- Contact:** Tom Larimer; tom.larimer@pathfinderinc.org; 501-944-6151

PerspectAbility

- Mission:** Bridging the gaps in residential options, continuing education, and quality support for independent living of neurodiverse adults while promoting self-advocacy, educating the public, and encouraging meaningful interactions within our community.
- Needs:** Volunteers for planting day (hand planting 100,000 tulip bulbs) October 18th from 10-6 at True Colors Farm by PerspectAbility. Supplies / professionals to build a more durable / permanent structure for tulip wrapping, location to pilot our transition academy in 2025.
- Resources:** Volunteer opportunities, no experience or tools necessary. October 18th from 10-6pm, hand plant tulip bulbs. Seasonal work opportunity: True Colors Farm by PerspectAbility - inclusive workplace, fair wage, employable skill building, first u-pick and only nonprofit tulip farm!
- Contact:** Kelli Jensen; kjensen@perspectability.org; 479-381-0931

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA

- Mission:** Changing lives by encouraging personal success through higher education. At SPSFNWA, we help single parents in Northwest Arkansas create futures for their families by providing direct financial assistance, as well as supportive services for those who are pursuing higher education and live in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties.
- Needs:** Dry pantry needs, non-food items, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels.
- Resources:** Scholarship opportunities for single parents living in Benton, Carroll, Washington, and Madison Counties. October 15th is the deadline to apply for the Spring Semester.
- Contact:** Krystle Goodwin; Krystle@spsfnwa.org; 479-254-8550

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- Mission:** We are dedicated to building and delivering beds to kids in need so that "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town!"
- Needs:** We are building 340 beds in the next couple of months, and are in urgent need of new twin-sized bedding donations and volunteers to help deliver the beds into homes.
- Resources:** Beds.
- Contact:** Melanie McMurtrey; melanie.mcmurtrey@shpbeds.org; 479-616-0132

St. Stephen Catholic Church

- Mission:** St. Stephen Catholic Church is a Christian community whose members foster a spiritual environment through the Sacraments and God's Word, bringing people closer to God and each other, by offering educational, charitable, and social programs in response to the needs of all its members and the community.
- Needs:** Our job is to meet the needs of our parishioners, the majority of whom live in Bentonville. As Bentonville changes over the next 6 months so will our needs.
- Resources:** We have many fundraisers such as Bingo Nights, Trivia Nights, and Wine & Cheese Nights. We also have organizations and events that exist solely as community building such as Marriage Enrichment, Fall Festival, and Spaghetti Nights. We also have an organization aligned with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that assists residents with rent and utilities and has a food pantry.
- Contact:** Elizabeth Ganey; marketing@ststephenbentonville.com; 479-270-7850

The Salvation Army

Mission: Our mission is to meet human needs without discrimination.

Needs: We need financial support and volunteers for our Red Kettle Campaign.

Resources: We have two shelters, food boxes, a rehabilitation program, clothing vouchers, and much more.

Contact: Stephanie Chastain; stephanie.chastain@uss.salvationarmy.org;
479-521-2151

United Way NWA

Mission: United Way envisions a world where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income stability and healthy lives.

Needs:

Resources:

Contact: Hannah Savage; hsavage@unitedwaynwa.org; 479-903-0110

Wonderful Waterways

Mission: To promote litter free waterways and drainage ditches that lead to rivers, lakes, and streams. To educate about the importance of maintaining clean water sources. Promote volunteerism, and a sense of stewardship.

Needs: Supplies for clean ups like trash bags and gloves and related trash disposal.

Resources: Ability to mobilize volunteers.

Contact: Melissa Jandebour; wonderfulwaterways@gmail.com; 468-865-3974

Word of Life Church

Mission: A church.

Needs: None.

Resources: Manpower.

Contact: Bill Rogers; pastor@wlfar.com; 479-426-9300

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