

# CSEC Student Volunteer Opportunities

**Your commitment to volunteer is set up through your CSEC Academic Advisor.  
Your debt must be worked off within a semester or cash payment will be due.  
Any volunteer opportunities outside of what is listed below must be approved  
by your Academic Advisor and/or the Business Manager.  
Thank you for serving your community!**

## **Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado**

[www.careandshare.org](http://www.careandshare.org)

Each day, hunger is experienced in every community across our state. Well-nourished families create better workers, more engaged voters and active consumers - a foundation for a vibrant community. Ending hunger in southern Colorado depends on the volunteer work of literally thousands of volunteers who know that they can make a difference. Opportunities for students include: Gardening, repacking food, filling student backpacks with food, clerical, etc.

Contact: Isaac Ring, Volunteer Program Manager 719-528-1247 ext. 4604  
[isaac@careandshare.org](mailto:isaac@careandshare.org)

## **Rocky Mountain Field Institute**

[www.rmfi.org](http://www.rmfi.org)

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute teams community volunteers with a trained staff to perform critical restoration projects in the Pikes Peak region's parks, open spaces and wildlands. We repair trails in the Garden of the Gods, restore wetlands on Pikes Peak, improve fish habitat in Fountain and Bear Creeks, mitigate fire-cause erosion in the Hayman Burn, among other projects. Funded by donations, grants and partnerships with land management agencies, we emphasize community involvement and education and run volunteer workdays throughout the spring, summer and fall. Volunteers may register for one workday, or participate on a regular basis, and groups are always welcome.

Contact: Liz Nichol, Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator 719-471-7736

## **Harbor House Collaborative**

[www.harborhouseco.org](http://www.harborhouseco.org)

Harbor House Collaborative, in collaboration with other nonprofit organizations & industries, our government, the business sector and the church, works to end homelessness and impact addiction in our community and country! Volunteers are on an "as-needed" basis, so you may want to contact your Academic Advisor before contacting.

Contact: Elaine Firestone, Executive Assistant 719-473-5557 ext. 806  
[efirestone@harborhouseco.org](mailto:efirestone@harborhouseco.org)

## **Springs Rescue Mission**

[www.mysrm.org](http://www.mysrm.org)

Springs Rescue Mission is a non-profit, faith-based charity, serving the homeless and needy of Colorado Springs. We are interdenominational and work with a wide range of churches, organizations, donors, and volunteers. Students under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by an adult; generally, SRM will have groups of young people come in on weekends and afternoons.

Contact: Perla Gething, Volunteer Coordinator 719-314-2347

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## **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity**

[www.pikespeakhabitat.org](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org)

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity does not build fancy houses. We build affordable homes – homes that provide much more than shelter. Our homes give low-income families the chance to experience the pride, dignity, and self-sufficiency of homeownership. Volunteers working on the construction site need to be 16 or older. Also, all students need to complete the attached waiver to volunteer. If students are 16 or 17, they must have a parent or guardian complete the waiver with them.

Contact: Lindsey Desmarais, Volunteer Manager 719-475-7800

## **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

[www.habitatrestorepp.com](http://www.habitatrestorepp.com)

The ReStore is a major source of revenue for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. We are a retail store staffed by volunteers who make a significant contribution in achieving our vision of building affordable housing for families in need in El Paso County. Volunteer opportunities include: receiving donations, pricing inventory, stocking inventory, assisting customers, and cashiering.

Contact: Peter Marsh, Volunteer Manager 719-667-0840 [volunteer@habitatrestorepp.com](mailto:volunteer@habitatrestorepp.com)

## **Early Connections Learning Centers**

[www.earlyconnections.org](http://www.earlyconnections.org)

Early Connections Learning Centers is a 114-year-old nonprofit child care organization that serves mostly lower income families. We have opportunities for volunteers to work in our classrooms with children or sometimes in a support capacity. Our minimum age requirement for volunteers is 16. Prospective volunteers must fill out an application and have an interview with the Volunteer Coordinator.

Contact: Karen Wiedemann, Volunteer Services Director 719-632-1754 ext. 1003  
[enrollment@earlyconnections.org](mailto:enrollment@earlyconnections.org)

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado**

[www.rmhcsoutherncolorado.org](http://www.rmhcsoutherncolorado.org)

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado (RMHC) lifts children and families in need to a better tomorrow. In support of our mission, RMHC provides:

- The Ronald McDonald House - a "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment nearby.
- Ronald McDonald Family Room - a retreat inside the hospital where families of child patients receive respite and regain their energy while remaining near to their children.
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile - a mobile clinic designed to provide medical and dental care to under-insured/not insured children throughout Southern Colorado.
- Grants to children's organizations throughout Southern Colorado.
- Scholarships to underprivileged students.

All volunteers under the age of 18 are to be accompanied/supervised by a person that is at least 18 years old.

Contact: Ronda Riley, Volunteer Coordinator 719-471-1814

## **Open Bible Medical Clinic**

[www.openbiblemedical.org](http://www.openbiblemedical.org)

Open Bible Medical Clinic (OBMC) is a Christian based non-profit organization that exists to provide free medical care and access for acute and chronic illnesses to the working, uninsured, low income, adults in El Paso County. Opportunities included: reception, appointment setting,

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food distribution, etc. Our clinic is open Tuesdays 6-9pm weekly and two Thursdays per month (usually the 2nd and 4th Thursday).

Contact: Andrea Hunter, Volunteer Coordinator 719-475-0972

## **Playdate Behavioral Interventions**

[www.myplaydate.org](http://www.myplaydate.org)

We are a behavioral intervention company that provides therapy to kids on the spectrum using the techniques of applied behavioral analysis. We work with kids ranging in age from 2 years old to 17. Opportunities include: teen program on Fridays from 4-6:30 that will allow students to engage, participate and promote social skills with our kids.

Contact: Mark Kurtz 719-465-3989 [communityrelations@myplaydate.org](mailto:communityrelations@myplaydate.org)

**Approved site to find other volunteering opportunities** (be sure to discuss with your Academic Advisor first)

[www.volunteerpikespeak.org](http://www.volunteerpikespeak.org) (Search by zip code and your age)

**Please see your Academic Advisor for volunteer opportunities on-campus.**