



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2021

Note from Youth & Social Services

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We wanted to get the word out to the Youth and the Families in Wallingford about all the great Volunteer Opportunities that are available here locally. We will be updating this Newsletter every couple of months. If you know of any opportunities, please do not hesitate to reach out and we can add to our list. Thank you!

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YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES – 6 Fairfield Blvd, Wallingford

PEER ADVOCATE PROGRAM Contact person: Gary Redman/David Raccio
(203) 294-2175

Looking for High School students to join the Peer Advocate Program. Program involves working with peers, various team-building activities, and community focused projects. For an application and further information, please contact the Gary Redman or David Raccio at Youth and Social Services.

TUTORING JOB BANK Contact Person: Mandy Miranda/David Raccio
(203) 294-2175

Looking for High School Students (Juniors/Seniors) who are interested in tutoring students that are high school aged or middle school aged, and if there is an interest, elementary age could be an option too. High School Tutors would be matched with a student. The student and the family would work with the Tutor on what the scheduling would look like. The Tutors could potentially receive monetary compensation from the student/family or receive community service hours. Please contact YSS via phone or email yss@wallingfordct.gov with your interest.

BULLETIN BOARD Contact Person: David Raccio
(203) 294-2175

Each month YSS needs a Youth to help create a Theme Based, Informational Bulletin Board in the Lobby of Youth and Social Services. We can provide the options for the theme, as well as the materials. Just need your Creativity!

ULBRICH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - 72 Grand Street, Wallingford

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Contact Person: Jarelyn Sandoval
(203)269-7535

Help elementary and middle school members with homework and assist the staff (Youth Development Professionals) in implementing program activities and games for children ages 6 - 13.

Dates & Times: Monday-Friday from 3PM - 6PM (Program begins in the fall and followed the Wallingford Public School Calendar). When schools close due to inclement weather, the program is closed as well. On early dismissal days, the program is open and some days they are open from 8AM - 5PM when schools are closed.

KEYSTONE CLUB FOR TEENS

Contact Person: Jarelyn Sandoval
(203)269-7535

Keystone Clubs provide leadership development opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community. (Not all hours of participation can be volunteer hours but Boys & Girls Club does connect with local organizations in the community for teens to volunteer at such as Master's Manna, Connecticut Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity New Haven County ReStore located in Wallingford.)

Dates & Times: Begins in the fall usually one day per week from 6PM - 7PM.

HALLOWEEN EVENT (OCTOBER)

Contact Person: Jarelyn Sandoval
(203)269-7535

Volunteers will assist with setting up, clean up, and/or dress up as scary characters to participate in the haunted house.

Date & Time: TBD

PARK & REC – 6 Fairfield Blvd, Wallingford

HALLOWEEN EVENT (October 22, 2021)

Contact Person: Michelle Bjorkman
(203) 294-2120

On Friday, October 22, 2021 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm @ Wallingford Town Hall. Volunteers needed in helping with children's activities; 'make it, take it' crafts; handing out candy bags; and working in the area where Halloween eggs are hidden. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Halloween Parade, which is slated to begin at 6:45p.m. The parade is from The YMCA with the children in costume marching up to the town hall.

Rain Date will be Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Please email Michelle Bjorkman at (michelle.bjorkman@wallingfordct.gov) with your contact information, if interested.

WALLINGFORD CENTER, INC – 128 Center St, Wallingford

CELEBRATE ON CENTER (October 2, 2021) Contact Person: Liz Davis
(203)284-1807

Volunteers needed from 8am to 6pm on Saturday October 2, 2021. Volunteers needed to set up Tables and Chairs, and clean up throughout the event. This is Wallingford's Mini Celebrate Wallingford. The event will take place throughout Center Street. Please contact Liz Davis if interested in volunteering.

WPAA-TV - 28 South Orchard Street, Wallingford

CITIZEN MEDIA MAKERS Contact Person: Susan Huizenga
(203)294-9722

Volunteers come in all ages. There are many opportunities to help out at WPAA-TV by joining a project already in the works, or coming up with a new idea. Explore an interest in media. For more information look on the website: <https://wpaa.tv/volunteer/>.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE – 26 Parker Farms Road, Wallingford

GLOW FOOD PANTRY Contact Person: Rajan Doering
(203) 208-8534

Looking for volunteers once a week to help with setting up the food and passing it out to patrons. There is a signup genie set up to see a list of volunteer tasks: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca9ad2ea1fec25-organize> (copy and paste the link into your search browser.)

MASONICARE HEALTH CENTER– 22 Masonic Ave, Wallingford

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS Contact Person: Becky Siok
(203)679-6253

Currently Junior Volunteers need to be 16 years and older, FULLY Vaccinated, and complete a Rapid Covid Test the first time they volunteer. There are a variety of duties that can be performed by a junior volunteer such as working within Long Term/Memory Care Communities, Daycare, Therapeutic Recreation, Café & Cafeteria, and so much more. Please contact the Voluntary Services Coordinator, Becky Siok, for more information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – 135 North Main Street, Wallingford

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK (OCTOBER 18TH TO 22ND) Contact Person: Officer Kelly Boyle
(203) 294-2820

Looking for Volunteers that can help set up for the [Silent Witness Initiative](#) at the beginning of the week and setting up during the [Vigil](#) at the end of the week (on Friday October 22ND/ Rain Date October 23rd). Both events are taking place in front of the Police Department. For further information or interested in helping at those events, please contact Officer Boyle.

**Stay tuned at the end of October for the
November/December edition**