



# South Kingstown Youth Volunteer Opportunity Guide

*“Volunteerism is a “protective factor”, a condition in people’s lives that make them less likely to use alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. Research shows that when teens are involved in quality volunteer opportunities, the likelihood that they will engage in risky behaviors decreases and their level of social trust and academic achievement increases.”*



# **WELCOME!**

*The South Kingstown Partnership for Prevention is pleased to make this booklet available to the youth and families of South Kingstown to assist you in accessing information about the many volunteer opportunities available in our Town.*

*We would like to thank **The Jonnycake Center, South County Community Action, SK CARES, SK Parks and Recreation, and SHO** for collaborating with us on this project.*

*For more information about a particular volunteer position please contact the appropriate person using the information provided in this guide.*

*If you know of any other organizations who would like to be added to this list please have them contact Deb Harig of the SKPP, at 783-9113 or [dhariq@skprevention.com](mailto:dhariq@skprevention.com).*

## **Please Note:**

**In choosing to participate as a volunteer, you will establish a relationship directly with the organization, agency, or individual for whom you provide the actual volunteer service. In doing so, you choose to WAIVE, RELEASE, and DISCHARGE, any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, or property damage which you may have, or hereafter may accrue to you as a result of your participation in said activity. This release is intended to discharge in advance, the South Kingstown Partnership for Prevention, its officers, coalition members, and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected with your participation in this program.**

## **Animal Rescue of Southern Rhode Island**

Mailing Address: 506B Curtis Corner Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Ruth Gobeille

Phone Number: 792-2233 Email: [arlsri@verizon.net](mailto:arlsri@verizon.net)

Website: [www.arlsri.org](http://www.arlsri.org)

### Notes:

Volunteers wishing to work with animals at the shelter must attend a two hour orientation session which includes hands-on training. Volunteers younger than 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Descriptions of volunteer opportunities and applications are available on the website: [www.arlsri.org](http://www.arlsri.org).

## **Cane Day Care Center**

Mailing Address: 281 Post Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Erin Lowe, Head Teacher

Phone Number: 789-7210 Email: [canecdc@aol.com](mailto:canecdc@aol.com)

Notes: Volunteers are needed to: establish a website; do computer input; assist teachers in the class rooms; read to, play, and interact with children. Volunteers should be active and energetic!

## **Courthouse Center for the Arts**

Mailing Address: 3481 Kingstown Road, West Kingston, RI 02892

Contact Person: Tina Bowes

Phone Number: 782-1018 Email: [tina@courthousearts.org](mailto:tina@courthousearts.org)

Website: [www.courthousearts.org](http://www.courthousearts.org)

Notes: Youth volunteers are needed for the “Cappuccino Unplugged” series on Thursday nights; for the annual Art/Craft Event in December; the children’s theatre program, etc.

## **Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County**

Mailing Address: 61 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Leslie Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator

Phone Number: 782-3990 Email: [lnelson@dvrsc.org](mailto:lnelson@dvrsc.org)

Notes: Volunteers must be 18 and older. Please contact Leslie Nelson for more specific information on volunteer opportunities.

## **Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale**

Mailing Address: 1231 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Kelly Beveridge, Teen Jonnycake Program Coordinator

Phone Number: 789-1559, ext.17

Email: [teenjonnycake@jonnycake.necoxmail.com](mailto:teenjonnycake@jonnycake.necoxmail.com)

Notes: Extensive volunteer opportunities for teens through our Teen Jonnycake program which starts each year in September and runs through the school year. Participants assist in the emergency food pantry by stocking shelves and filling food baskets for clients. They also fill and distribute all the Thanksgiving and holiday food baskets and fill special baskets of breakfast and lunch food items for children. In addition, they manage the back to school supplies program and our holiday gift programs for children, teens and elders.

## **Lions Club – Narragansett:**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 186, Narragansett, RI 02882

Contact Person: Richard Reich Email: [rareich@cox.net](mailto:rareich@cox.net)

Phone Number: 742-2020

Website: [www.narragansettri.com/lions](http://www.narragansettri.com/lions)

Notes: Please visit the website for a wide range of year-round volunteer activities. Contact Richie Reich by phone or e-mail for additional information.

## **Lions Club - South Kingstown:**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 87, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: John Gates, Secretary

Phone Number: 533-1770 Email: [john@gatesinsurance.com](mailto:john@gatesinsurance.com)

Notes: Various volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. Please call or e-mail John Gates for more information.

## **Main Street Merchants Association**

Contact Person: Judith McNab

Phone Number: 783-7202 Email: [jrmcnab@etal.uri.edu](mailto:jrmcnab@etal.uri.edu)

Notes: Opportunities include: Setting up (and breaking down) the Main Street Block Party events in June and August and the Main Street Christmas stroll in December; Assisting with movie projection at the Film Festival in July; Helping to beautify Main Street...weeding, planting; adopting "sections" to maintain (great for families or groups such as Scouts); planting a new garden by the Wakefield Pedestrian Bridge.

## **Matthew Siravo Foundation**

Mailing Address: PO Box 5300 (10 High Street Unit A), Wakefield, RI 02880

Contact Person: Debbie Siravo

Phone Number: 789-7330 Email: [debsiravo@cox.net](mailto:debsiravo@cox.net)

Website: [www.MattyFund.org](http://www.MattyFund.org)

Notes: Volunteers needed for light office duties and for events such as: The Snow Angels Ball; Matty Hatty Day; Matthew Siravo Memorial 5K Road Race for Epilepsy; and the Matthew Siravo Memorial Golf Tournament.

## **Peace Dale Library**

Mailing Address: 1057 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Lynda Gamble

Phone Number: 783-4085 ext.114 Email: [lgamble@skpl.org](mailto:lgamble@skpl.org)

Notes: Volunteers (minimum 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are needed in the Children's Room to help with shelving books, craft projects and book maintenance. Volunteers commit to a specific one hour time slot per week (after school hours on Mon.-Fri.).

## **Peace Dale Merchants Association**

Mailing Address: None

Contact Person: Grace Wheelan

Phone Number: None Email: [gracewheelan@verizon.net](mailto:gracewheelan@verizon.net)

Notes: Help with promotion of business events in Peace Dale

## **Peace Dale Neighborhood Revitalization Committee**

Mailing Address: 1935 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, RI 02879

Contact Person: Leslie Chouinard, President

Phone Number: 789-3016 ext. 372 Email: [pescipub@aol.com](mailto:pescipub@aol.com)

Notes: Help with community events such as Community Cleanups, the Peace Fair (held in September) and the Holiday Gala (held in December).

## **Robert Beverly Hale Library**

Mailing Address: Commodore Perry Highway, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Mary Ann Comstock

Phone Number: 783-5386 Email: [macomstock@skpl.org](mailto:macomstock@skpl.org)

Website: [www.skpl.org](http://www.skpl.org)

Notes: Volunteers needed primarily for the summer reading program.

## **Save the Bay**

Mailing Address: 100 Save the Bay Drive, Providence, RI 02905

Contact Person: Stephany Hessler

Phone Number: 272-3540 ext.130 Email: [shessler@savebay.org](mailto:shessler@savebay.org)

Website: [www.savebay.org](http://www.savebay.org)

## **Scallop Shell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**

Mailing Address: 981 Kingstown Rd., Peace Dale, RI 02879

Contact Person: Cheryl Fiske, Activities Director

Phone Number: 789-3006

Notes: Youth volunteers are welcomed (as opportunities become available) during the Scallop Shell's late afternoon programs (weekdays at 3:15pm) to socialize and interact with the residents, assist with activities, play games, etc. On weekends volunteers are welcomed from 1:30-2:30 to assist with various social programs.

Youth volunteers must complete an application (including parent/guardian signature) and attend an orientation prior to starting their service.

## **SHO: Serving Communities, Helping Others, Opportunities for All**

Mailing Address: 25 St. Dominic Savio Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Kathy Rosum, Volunteer Coordinator/Community Relations

Phone Number: 789-2362, ext.111 Email: [krosum@southernrivol.org](mailto:krosum@southernrivol.org)

Website: [www.southernrivol.org](http://www.southernrivol.org)

Notes: Opportunities include: Usher at the theatre or Big Apple Circus; Docent at a Museum; Greeter at a golf tournament; Dog walker; Food server at the Washington County Fair; Holiday gift wrapper and gift delivery to elderly clients; Intergenerational visits - visit a senior citizen and share stories; Assist at fund raisers (breakfasts, road race).

## **South County Community Action**

Mailing Address: 1935 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Maureen Tisssiere

Phone Number: 789-3016 Email: [mtisssiere@sccainc.org](mailto:mtisssiere@sccainc.org)

Website: [www.sccainc.org](http://www.sccainc.org)

Notes: Volunteers are needed to file paperwork and distribute food on Thursday afternoons.

## **South County Habitat for Humanity**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 68, Shannock, RI 02875

Contact Person: Daphne Brown

Phone Number: 213-6711 Email: [schabitat@southcountyhabitat.org](mailto:schabitat@southcountyhabitat.org)

Website: [www.southcountyhabitat.org](http://www.southcountyhabitat.org)

Notes: 16 & 17 year olds if accompanied by an adult can volunteer on-site and at the ReStore.

## **South County Hospital**

Mailing Address: 100 Kenyon Avenue, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Dan Theiss

Email: [dtheiss@schospital.com](mailto:dtheiss@schospital.com)

Phone Number: 788-1982

Website: [www.schospital.org](http://www.schospital.org)

Notes: Youth must be a minimum of 16 years old to volunteer. All volunteers receive a thorough orientation and training. Please call the phone number above for more information.

## **South Kingstown CARES**

Mailing Address: 307 Curtis Corner Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Libby Swan, Interim Executive Director

Phone Number: 360-1304

Email: [CARES@skschools.net](mailto:CARES@skschools.net)

Website: [www.SKCARES.org](http://www.SKCARES.org)

### Notes:

South Kingstown CARES runs four volunteer programs in the South Kingstown Schools. The CARES Homework Clubs are staffed by High School students and university students. High school students offer homework help to students in the elementary schools Monday through Thursday from 3-4pm during the school year. We need many, many high school students for this very worthwhile program. Make a difference to the kids in you town by volunteering in CARES Homework Clubs, simply visit [www.SKCAres.org](http://www.SKCAres.org) and apply to volunteer ... we will call you!

## **South Kingstown Chamber of Commerce**

Mailing Address: 230 Old Tower Hill Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Ask for the Chamber President or CEO

Phone Number: 783-2801

Website: [www.skchamber.com](http://www.skchamber.com)

Notes: A variety of opportunities are available through the Chamber for various community functions. Contact the President of the YMCA to find out more about community service possibilities for current events.

## **South Kingstown Parks and Recreation**

Mailing Address: 325 Columbia Street, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: (General Information) Andy Nota, Director

Phone Number: 789-9301 Email: [anota@southkingstownri.com](mailto:anota@southkingstownri.com)

Website: [www.southkingstownri.com](http://www.southkingstownri.com)

### **SK Parks Department Opportunities**

Contact Person: Rex Eberly, Park Superintendent

Phone Number: 401-789-9301 Email: [reberly@southkingstownri.ccom](mailto:reberly@southkingstownri.ccom)

#### Notes:

Opportunities include: park projects: park clean-ups, rehabilitation work, general park and grounds improvements, support of special park events, plantings, painting, vandalism repairs, trail clearing and maintenance, building maintenance, and much more.

### **SK Recreation Department Opportunities**

Contact Person: Cathy Larlham, Recreation Superintendent

Phone Number 738-9301 Email: [clarlham@southkingstownri.com](mailto:clarlham@southkingstownri.com)

#### Notes:

Opportunities include: Recreation Projects, miscellaneous office support, mailings, labeling brochures, special events, individual programs, holiday events, decorating, event set-up/breakdowns, and much more.

## **South Kingstown Senior Services**

### **The Center:**

Mailing Address: 25 St. Dominic Savio Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Karen Turcotte, Director or Margaret Airola, Program Planner

Phone Number: 789-0268 Email: [tetsen@etal.uri.edu](mailto:tetsen@etal.uri.edu)

Notes: Opportunities exist during school vacations and summer vacations.

Opportunities for youth to assist in dining room with serving meals and cleanup, computer problems and tutoring, assistance with Wii and other games, maintenance chores, playing music, making crafts and general socializing.

## **SUPERKids Triathlon**

Contact Person: Kathy Robbins

Phone Number: 741-0831

Email: [robbinsmail1@cox.net](mailto:robbinsmail1@cox.net)

Or [info@risuperkids.com](mailto:info@risuperkids.com)

Website: [www.risuperkids.com](http://www.risuperkids.com)

Notes: Volunteers are needed to distribute fliers prior to the triathlon in early June and over 100 Volunteers are needed on the event day for pre-race registrations, course set-up, etc.

## **Union Fire District**

Mailing Address: 131 Asa Pond Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Marylou Butler, Secretary to the Chief

Phone Number: 789-8354

Email: [ufdooffice@unionfiredistrict.com](mailto:ufdooffice@unionfiredistrict.com)

Notes: Youth aged 16 and older may apply to become part of the Junior Firefighters Program. They must commit to the Program which will provide them with skills, training, and the guidance to work with and assist Senior level firefighters. Contact Marylou Butler for more information.

## **Wakefield OASIS**

Mailing Address: 4979 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Deborah Marcotte, Director

Phone Number: 789-4279

Email: [marcotte@mhcawakefield.necoxmail.com](mailto:marcotte@mhcawakefield.necoxmail.com)

Notes: Volunteers must be 18 and older

## Wakefield Rotary

Contact Person: Martha Nailor

Phone Number: 792-1352                      Email: [mpn224@verizon.net](mailto:mpn224@verizon.net)

Website: [www.wakefieldrotary.com](http://www.wakefieldrotary.com)

Notes: Volunteers are needed for annual Spring Breakfast (end of April/beginning of May) and for the Rotary's Hot Air Balloon Festival held in July. Other opportunities are available from time to time and can be found on the Rotary's website

## Welcome House

Mailing Address: 8 North Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Contact Person: Linda Bardon

Phone Number: 782-4770                      Email: [welcome@netsense.net](mailto:welcome@netsense.net)

Notes: Youth volunteers may be at our facility only during staff hours:  
9am to 8pm Monday through Friday, or 4pm to 8pm Saturday & Sunday  
Opportunities include: Organizing and stocking shelves, yard work, and office work (phones, copying, alphabetizing, and cleaning).  
Meal preparation daily: 4pm to 6:30pm  
Soup Kitchen: Monday – Friday 11am to 1:30pm  
WALK for SHELTER (Good Friday), many opportunities pre-event, and day of event.