

Volunteer Gwinnett NEWS



Fall 2022

Greetings!

Welcome to Volunteer Gwinnett News, a quarterly newsletter to help you stay informed about opportunities to volunteer, how to become a volunteer, and the work volunteers are doing in our community. Volunteers are an essential part of Gwinnett County; their selfless contributions ensure projects get done, improve the community's quality of life, build partnership bonds, save tax dollars, and keep us all vibrantly connected.

Introducing Gwinnett Serves

Gwinnett Serves to help local nonprofits, community partners with volunteer recruitment

Celebrate with Volunteer Gwinnett as we mark our 10-year anniversary by launching Gwinnett County's newest community volunteer initiative, [Gwinnett Serves](#). Powered by Volunteer Gwinnett, Gwinnett Serves assists Gwinnett-based nonprofits with volunteer recruitment and project visibility.

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Previously, Volunteer Gwinnett focused specifically on volunteer initiatives within County government and subsidiaries. Now, Gwinnett Serves allows Gwinnett nonprofits to collaborate with Volunteer Gwinnett by promoting and recruiting volunteers for their projects year-round. A win-win for Gwinnett. Gwinnett Serves kicks into gear this October with the historic Gwinnett Great Days of Service weekend.

Interested in joining the network? Visit [Gwinnett Serves](#) or email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com to learn more.



Volunteer for Gwinnett Great Days of Service

Gwinnett Great Days of Service is almost here! Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their collective sleeves from **Friday, October 21**, through **Sunday, October 23**, for this annual campaign that mobilizes thousands of individuals, corporations, churches, schools, civic organizations, and more in a powerhouse weekend of community service to address needs in the community. Since the event was launched in 2000 by the Gwinnett Coalition, it has become one of the largest volunteer days of service in Georgia. This year, the Lawrenceville-based Coalition has passed the torch to Volunteer Gwinnett to carry on the tradition through the new Gwinnett Serves initiative.

[Register for an event](#), today. If you're an organization seeking to list events, [apply for the 2022 Gwinnett Great Days of Service](#). Project submissions are due by September 24.

Join us at the Volunteer Appreciation Party!

You're invited! Come out for games, food, entertainment, kids' activities, and more at Volunteer Gwinnett's annual Volunteer Appreciation Party from **2:00pm to 5:00pm Sunday, November 20**,

on the Preservation Lawn next to the Isaac Adair House in Lawrenceville. Thanks for your dedicated service!

For more details, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



In the News



Points of Light Global Conference Speakers

The Volunteer Gwinnett team presented at the annual Points of Light Conference in Orlando, Florida, reaching a global audience of over 1,000 conference participants.

Our team discussed incorporating community volunteer efforts and community partners for its weekly Mobile Food Distribution Program.

NAVPLG Innovative Award for Mobile Food Distribution

Volunteer Gwinnett won the National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Government's [2022 Innovative Program Award for its Mobile Food Distribution Program](#). The award recognizes excellence in volunteer management in city and county governments.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Volunteer Gwinnett team has served more than 1.3 million pounds of food through the weekly program, reaching 35,828 homes and 146,434 residents across the county. This amazing outreach was made possible largely through the coordinated efforts of countless community partners and Gwinnett volunteers. Learn more at VolunteerGwinnett.net.



History in the Making: Share Your Gwinnett Story

Whether you are a fourth generation Gwinnettian or a new resident, we want to hear your story!

Gwinnett's Department of Community Services is looking for residents to share their stories about how we came to be and what we hope for future generations. Stories from the past help put the present in context and shape a shared vision for the future. For those with memories of the Hooper-Renwick School or the Promised Land Community, please share your stories in

support of the County's ongoing projects to preserve the history of the Black Experience in Gwinnett through the Hooper-Renwick Library site and Promised Land property.

To learn more, email GwinnettHistory@GwinnettCounty.com or call 678.765.5641.

Around the Community

The Water Tower seeking volunteers

Adult volunteers, ages 18 and up, are needed for the inaugural student Water Innovation and Leadership Summit at The Water Tower in Buford on **Friday, September 23**. Geared toward high school students in North Georgia, the summit focuses on enhancing career readiness and discovering career opportunities related to the water industry in a fun learning environment. Visit [The Water Tower webpage](#) for details or register online at VolunteerGwinnett.net. All-day and 3-hour shifts are available.



Park'nership set for October 22 at Alexander Park

Spread some mulch and help spruce up Alexander Park in Lawrenceville on **Saturday, October 22** in Park'nership with [The Gwinnett Parks Foundation](#), Gwinnett Parks and Recreation, and the Volunteer Resources staff. The fall beautification project runs from 9:00am to noon. All ages are welcome; contact Volunteer Resources at 678.277.0902 or visit VolunteerGwinnett.net to



register.

Lend a helping hand at America Recycles Day

Volunteer with Gwinnett Solid Waste Management and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful for [America Recycles Day](http://AmericaRecyclesDay.com) on **Saturday, November 5** at Coolray Field, located at 2500 Buford Drive in Lawrenceville. Since 1997, communities across the nation have come together to celebrate America Recycles Day in November. Volunteers will assist with traffic flow, unloading vehicles, breaking down cardboard for recycling, and more. Residents can recycle electronics, tires, latex paint, paper, and more. Register online at VolunteerGwinnett.net.



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