

Fall 2023

# **Greetings!**

Welcome to Volunteer Gwinnett News, a quarterly newsletter to help you stay informed about volunteer opportunities, 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.

### **VOLUNTEER FOR GREAT DAYS OF SERVICE**



Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service taking place October 20 to October 22. This initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to lend a hand with critical needs around the county. Register to volunteer at VolunteerGwinnett.net.

## **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

### Celebrate our volunteers with us!

Join us for music, games, kids' activities, and more at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on Sunday, October 22 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Tribble Mill Park's Ozora Meadows in Lawrenceville. Thanks for your dedicated service! For more details, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



# **GWINNETT EMPLOYEES IN ACTION**



### **Gwinnett employees return to Junior Achievement**

The Junior Achievement program allows middle school students to get an immersive learning experience. Thank you to the Gwinnett County Government employees who are dedicated to giving back to our community by helping to inspire and prepare the youth to succeed in a global economy.

During the 2022-2023 school year, our employees dedicated 335 hours to Junior Achievement, impacting 1,733 Gwinnett County Public School students. To learn more about mentorship opportunities, email VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Spread some mulch and help clean Harbins Park in Dacula from 9:00am to noon on Saturday, October 21 in Park'nership with the Gwinnett Parks Foundation! Register online today or email VolunteerinParks@GwinnettCounty.com to learn more.

# Promote health and wellness

Assist Live Healthy Gwinnett with setting up for the Gwinnett County Community Health Fair on Friday, November 3 from 8:00am to 1:00pm or Saturday, November 4 from noon to 4:00pm at the Bogan Park Community Recreation Center in Buford. Volunteers must be ages 15 and older and able to lift items that weigh 10 pounds or more. Visit VolunteerGwinnett.net to sign up today!

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### Help residents recycle

Join Gwinnett Solid Waste and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds to help recycle items like electronics, latex and oil-based paint, and tires! Volunteers ages 14 and older are needed on Saturday, November 4 from 7:45am to 1:00pm to direct traffic, unload vehicles, break down boxes, and more. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. To register, visit VolunteerGwinnett.net.



### Give a pet a home

Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement is seeking volunteer foster homes for shelter animals in need. All foster homes will receive veterinary resources and supplies for vulnerable pets needing time to recover. To foster a pet, visit <a href="mailto:GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com">GwinnettAnimalWelfare.com</a>.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON YOU**

# CASA Volunteer of the Year - Kimberly Force

Congratulations to Kimberly Force, who recently received the 2023 Karen N. Sibley Georgia CASA Volunteer of the Year Award for her work as a Gwinnett CASA volunteer! "My participation provides great satisfaction in being a critical part of a foster child's safety and protection," says Kimberly. "It also offers a meaningful way to continue my late husband's legacy."



Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers help amplify the voices of abused and neglected children in the court system. Kimberly's extensive career in legal training has given her insight into the court process, laws, and requirements. To

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## Volunteer Spotlight - Kim Davis

As the new season begins, we're celebrating our Volunteer Gwinnett liaison and champion of Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, Kim Davis! Kim has an impressive 13 years of service with Gwinnett County Government. After joining the Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful team in 2017, she has continued her passion for safeguarding the community and environment at annual events like America Recycles Day, Earth Day, and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Kim works with thousands of volunteers throughout the year to build and sustain broad-based community alliances, litter prevention, waste reduction, and recycling awareness. Beyond her professional achievements, Kim finds joy in her personal life with her husband, Todd, a Gwinnett County firefighter, their dog, and time spent outdoors hiking, camping, and horseback riding. She's also active in her local church. Volunteer alongside Kim Davis and the rest of the Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful crew at America Recycles Day on Saturday, November 4.



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