

# Volunteer Gwinnett NEWS



Summer 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 Government; 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 Gwinnett Staffing News

### Promotion Announcement: Muriam Nafees

Congratulations to Muriam Nafees on her promotion to Collaboration Manager with the Department of Community Services! Muriam began her career with Gwinnett County in the Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Department and has served as the Volunteer Gwinnett Project Coordinator since 2017.



Muriam is a graduate of Kennesaw State University where she earned her master's degree in Business Administration in 2021. She recently completed her Certification in Volunteer Administration through the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration, achieving a national certification which makes her one of a handful of professionals holding a CVA status in the state of Georgia. She believes that community service has an impact in her life, both professionally and personally. In her new role, Muriam will continue to lead the Volunteer Gwinnett team and further grow community initiatives for the Department of Community Services.



### Meet our summer intern: Mariam Rodriguez

Welcome Volunteer Gwinnett's intern, Mariam Rodriguez! She is part of our Career Starts Here summer program where she will be spending four weeks with our team applying her passion for serving the community. She also volunteers in the community through other various volunteer capacities. "Aside from the educational benefits, volunteering can also better unite the community and find similarity between the different cultures that make up this diverse community," said Mariam. "I believe that any person at any age can volunteer and do a great service to their community."

As an avid animal lover, Mariam volunteered at a Gwinnett-based animal hospital where she gained knowledge that will help on her journey in becoming a veterinarian. Internship opportunities, like Mariam's, are available throughout the year with Gwinnett County Government. Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) for upcoming Fall 2022 internship listings, including [Live Healthy Gwinnett](#) and the [Gwinnett Police Department](#).

## Summertime Volunteer Opportunities

Did you know Gwinnett County utilizes volunteers to assist at every Summer Meals Program site? Volunteers are needed now through August 2 to serve summer meals at several locations. To learn more about the Summer Meals Program locations and get

connected to resources for the community, visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](http://GwinnettSummerMeals.com).  
Interested in learning more on how you can help this summer?  
Contact us at [VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:VolunteerGwinnett@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8840.



### **Volunteer at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day July 16**

Volunteer with Gwinnett Water Resources and Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful for their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, July 16 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. This event allows residents to responsibly dispose of common hazardous household waste items like paint, batteries, pesticides, and more. Volunteers are needed to assist with traffic flow, unloading vehicles, and more. Visit [GwinnettCB.org](http://GwinnettCB.org) to learn more about accepted items

for disposal. For volunteer opportunities, register at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net).

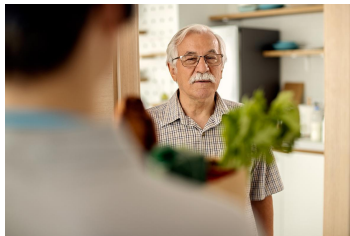
The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds is located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

### **Volunteer at the WIC Farmers Market event**

The [Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments](#) needs volunteers to assist at their Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market on Saturday, August 20 from 8:00am to 2:00pm at the Norcross Health Center. Volunteers will be assisting with traffic monitoring, vendors support, and more. To register to volunteer, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) or call 770.822.7955. The Norcross Health Center is located at 5030 Georgia Belle Court in Norcross.



## **We Need Your Help!**



### **Help deliver meals to seniors in your community**

Gwinnett Health and Human Services is now seeking volunteers for their Home-Delivered Meals for Seniors program. Meal delivery takes place Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and up.

We do require all volunteers to complete and submit some paperwork prior to their first shift. To learn more about this impactful opportunity and help residents in need this summer, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net).

### **Pet foster homes needed**

Animal Welfare and Enforcement is looking for caring volunteer foster homes for shelter animals in need. All foster homes will receive veterinary resources and supplies for vulnerable pets needing time to recover.

Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) to learn more or email [AWEVolunteers@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:AWEVolunteers@GwinnettCounty.com).



## **Around the Community**



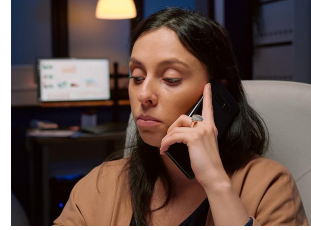
### **Take the quick Gwinnett environmental sustainability survey**

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in the online Gwinnett environmental sustainability survey by June 30. Share your thoughts and take the quick, 10-minute survey at [GwinnettCounty.com/SustainabilitySurvey](http://GwinnettCounty.com/SustainabilitySurvey). This anonymous survey will provide feedback from community members to further shape Gwinnett County's sustainability planning.

To learn more about Sustainable Gwinnett or how you can be involved, visit [SustainableGwinnett.com](http://SustainableGwinnett.com). Visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net) learn more or call 678.277.0900.

**Learn how to complete court-mandated community service**

Residents seeking court-mandated community service hours can learn more about completing their required service by emailing [CourtOrderedCommunityService@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:CourtOrderedCommunityService@GwinnettCounty.com) or calling 678.277.0904.



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