



FAMILY RESOURCES COMMUNITY ACTION

How You Can Help

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Center-Admin Support

Currently looking for someone to come in for a few hours each month (typically at the end of the month) to assist with a bulk mailing and some general office administrative tasks. Also, looking for someone with data entry and database skills to assist with statistical information.

Communications/Marketing Volunteer

We are seeking a communications/marketing volunteer to assist with the development of fliers and brochures for new and ongoing FRCA programs. Participate in the development of communications strategy for FRCA fundraising events and trainings and help us with community outreach to promote FRCA events and trainings. A flexible schedule can be arranged with much work being done remotely.

ShelterWalk 2011

Looking for individuals, or representative from social, civic, business or church groups who would like to help us with preparations for ShelterWalk 2011 which will be held on Saturday, October 15th. ShelterWalk is our major annual fundraiser to help support the Woonsocket Shelter a supportive emergency housing program for single females and families in need of shelter.

Mentors & Tutors for YouthWORKS411

YouthWORKS411 is a drop in afterschool program located at 55 Main Street in Woonsocket. We are currently looking for math and science tutors. Ideal volunteers would be willing to commit to a set schedule for a specified number of weeks.

We are also looking for Youth Mentors for our Monday & Wednesday drop in hours from 4-7pm. Can you look beyond an attitude to see the real kid? We could also use assistance with programming ideas and general office tasks.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program)

As a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program site, Family Resources Community Action (FRCA) assists low-income individuals and families with income tax preparation free of charge. Last year, FRCA filed over 1,200 tax returns at no cost to low income families. Over \$1.6 million in refunds went back to the local economy, \$690,000 of which was from Earned Income Tax Credits. Without this help, many low income families would have to pay hundreds of dollars for tax preparation services, and would not have the information they need to receive critical tax credits for which they are eligible.

Beginning January 14, 2011, FRCA will once again assist low-income individuals with income tax preparation. Services are available for families with incomes less than \$48,362. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) amounts this year are as follows: With no qualifying children \$457; with one qualifying child \$3,050; with two or more qualifying children \$5,666 depending upon income.

Appointments will be made on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 1:30-4:30pm; Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30pm and Saturdays from 9am – 1pm to be held at FRCA, 245 Main Street, Woonsocket.

FRCA is seeking two types of volunteers to assist with this program:

1. *Tax Preparation Volunteers.* These volunteers, who must be IRS Certified, will work directly with clients to prepare income tax returns.
2. *Client Intake Volunteers.* These volunteers will assist clients to with the intake process. Volunteers will verify intake sheet and make copies of all supporting documents. All intake volunteers will participate in a brief training (30 minutes – 1 hour).

If you are interested in volunteering, coordinating a drive, organizing a fundraiser, or committing to help out for the greater good please contact

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Northern Rhode Island Visitation Center

The Northern Rhode Island Visitation Center serves the families of children in out of home state care initiated due to a persistent problem with parental addiction or co-occurring disorder. The project provides a combination of intensive home-based case management and parent skill building that is integrated with parent-child visits in The Visitation Center.

The Visitation Center is In Need Of:

Art & Craft Supplies	Standing Easels	Children's Smocks
Board Games	Paper	Magnetic Chalk
Coordinated Storage Bins	Inspirational Wall Hangings	Locked Message/Display Board
Shrubbery/Flowers	Flower Boxes	Outdoor Sporting Equipment

Woonsocket Shelter

Established in 1989, the Woonsocket Shelter is one of the largest emergency shelter and transitional housing programs in the state of Rhode Island. The Lucien P. Benoit and Paul H. Dempster House provide a safe and supportive environment for both adults and children as they take steps toward independent living. The Woonsocket Shelter helps to stabilize families and assists them to obtain and maintain permanent housing by providing temporary shelter, life skills training and supportive services. Last year the Shelter served 325 individuals, over half of them children.

The Shelter is In Need Of:

- Donations of personal care items for shelter residents.
- Items for residents moving out of the Woonsocket Shelter are always needed (*sheets, blankets, bath towels, new pillows, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, clothing, etc.*).
- Supplies for the After School Program.

GrowUp! Community Garden

GrowUp! (Gardening Resources of Woonsocket Utilizing People) is a youth-initiated community garden that promotes positive change, sustainability and community involvement. This urban garden provides education, leadership opportunities and career exploration for youth and adults in Northern Rhode Island. In order to create, sustain and empower a healthy community, the garden collaborates with the RI Food Bank to distribute produce from the garden to the city's food pantries.

The Garden is in Need of All Things Big & Small to Make a Garden Grow including...

Loam	Fertilizer	Seeds	Seedlings	Garden Tools
Irrigation	Excavation	A Shade Tarp	Volunteers	

Agape Center

Our Agape Center provides services to those living with HIV/AIDS. Our center would greatly benefit from a group or organization hosting a fundraiser for its benefit. Donations of personal care and hygiene items are always appreciated.

Family Support Center

Our Family Support Center supports thousands of individuals each year. Coordinate a food or personal care item drive to benefit those in need. We are always in need of diapers.

Foster Care Programs

Family Resources Community Action supports hundreds of children a year in our foster care programs. Toys, gift cards, movie and entertainment certificates are always needed and appreciated.