



OUR CENTER

Paving the Road to Self Sufficiency

Where do volunteers help?

Volunteers are needed to assist us in the following areas:

- Café (Kitchen)
- Community Closet (Clothing Bank)
- Data Entry
- Garden
- Grocery Store Drivers
- Market (Food Pantry)
- Warehouse
- Special Events
- Aspen Center for Child Development (To volunteer here you must go through special screenings)

When can I volunteer?

- Our Volunteer needs are primarily Monday - Friday from 7am-5pm. On Tuesdays we stay open until 6pm.
- You can work a regular shift each week OR those who want more flexibility can be part of the team who fills in when volunteers are absent.
- Shifts range from 2.5-3.5 hours long.

Before applying to volunteer, please see the following conditions:

1. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age (not 16? We may be able to refer you to other opportunities, such as bell ringing with the Salvation Army).
2. Most of our positions require standing for an extended period on cement or tile floors, the ability to bend, and some basic lifting. Shifts can be physically demanding.
3. We do not accept volunteers needing to do court-mandated community service.
4. Are you a group? Businesses, churches, or other groups can make arrangements to volunteer at OUR Center. We can accommodate roughly 12 people Monday-Friday, depending on what needs to be done.

I'm Ready to go! How can I get started?

If you are interested in serving at OUR Center or have questions about our volunteer program, please contact Julie Lupien, Director of Volunteer Services, at 303-772-5529 ext. 235 or julie@ourcenter.org.

Aspiring volunteers will...

1. Fill out an application - Apply [HERE](#)
2. Meet with the Director of Volunteers, Julie, for a brief orientation and tour.
3. Fill out paperwork.
4. Participate in on-site training.

OUR Center Café Outreach Team

- Members of the Café Outreach Team stretch our resources by providing a place for our community members to dine on weekends and holidays.
- Weekend meals are provided by *outside groups* who want to help provide the community with a free, nutritious meal every day of the year.
- Outside groups provide the food, cook and serve the meal, and clean up the kitchen and dining room.
- Groups include businesses, churches, neighborhood groups, families, and service clubs - just to name a few.
- OUR Center Staff can help with training, menu planning, and support.

St. Vrain Valley residents come to the OUR Center to begin or re-enter the road to self-sufficiency. With over 10 different programs to choose from, families and individuals, of any age, can get a 'hand-up' on reaching their personal potential. By volunteering with the OUR Center, not only are you being self-fulfilled, but you are also playing a role in your neighbors' life. From compassion to action, our volunteers find much joy in becoming active members of the community that the OUR Center supports.