

## **Homeless:**

### **Agape Food Bank**

This organization has a food distribution warehouse for over 200 non-profit agencies within the community. They seek individuals to help stock food they receive from organizations and also would appreciate food donations.

Need: Help with sorting of food.

Address: 2560 Old Combee Rd Ste 9, Lakeland, FL 33805

Contact: Bob Rosetti at 863-665-7074

### **Anchor House Ministries**

Anchor House Ministries offers a secure place, for boys ages 10-17, to live in peace while they are nurtured in a Christian atmosphere.

Need: Tutors Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Address: P.O Box, Auburndale, FL 33823

Contact: Don Cox at 863-665-1916

Don.cox@anchor\_house.org

### **Farm worker's Ministry**

The organization offers food, home supplies, educational tutoring and spiritual aid to farm and migrant workers, as well as their families.

Address: Evelyn & Batista Madonia Community Center 4440 Academy Drive, Mulberry FL 33860

Need: Open Tuesday and Friday. Clothes closet, tutoring, cleaning and yarn work, community kid activities, welcome back party (Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>)

Contact: Sandi Thivverge - 863- 604-3952

### **Florida Baptist Children's Home**

Florida Baptist Children's Homes serves abused, neglected and orphaned children in Florida and also children in the developing world .In the process they share the gospel of Jesus Christ to these children and others.

Need:

Maintenance – assisting with mowing, landscaping, pulling weeds, trimming trees, etc.; specialty in plumbing and electrical is always a great need and asset; laying tile, and woodwork.

Donations Assistance – sorting, organizing, folding clothes, mending clothes. We have a particular need at present for an individual to organize our foster care clothing room. In the area of donations, we are always in need of people who can organize donation drives to collect needed items such as non-perishable food items, belts, socks, underwear, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, paper products, batteries, etc.

Financial Assistance – sponsoring a child for their birthday, back to school needs, special occasions such as school pictures, yearbooks, extracurricular activities and associated fees, field trip fees, prom tickets, graduation costs, etc.

Cottage Assistance – helping provide an activity for the children in a cottage such as crafts, games or other activities; cooking of a meal for a cottage – this can be done either by bringing in food, or cooking in the cottage; tutoring – we have occasional needs for supplemental tutoring assistance; reading to our younger children; provide a devotion for the cottage.

Mentoring/Visiting Sponsorship – opportunities are available to work one on one with a specific child in a mentoring relationship. This may include special activities in which you could take the child off of our campus for an activity such as going out for ice cream, bowling, putt putt golf, movie, etc. **This requires a long term commitment.**

Recreation – we are in need of individuals who can organize group activities for our children in our gymnasium such as organized sports and other activities for after school.

Adult Ministries – working one on one with our developmentally delayed adults through our Sonshine home or Adult Day Training Program providing assistance with reading skills, money management, computer skills, crafts and other activities, and providing music such as playing the piano or guitar; or just spending some one-one time.

Clerical – we are in need of clerical support for individuals who have telephone, filing and computer skills.

Librarian – we are in need of a certified librarian who can take over the task of managing our library, who is trained in the Dewey Decimal system, card catalog, and other library skills.

Address: P.O. Box 8190, Lakeland, FL 33802

Contact: Vickie Belcher 863-687-8811

### **Lakeland Housing Authority**

Provides housing to the Polk county community through public housing and section 8 programs.

Need: Accountant, human resources, and after school volunteers

Address: Technical Learning Center, 430 S. Hartsell Ave., Lakeland, FL 33815

Contact: Jamie Barreto at 863-687-2911

[jbarreto@lakelandhousing.org](mailto:jbarreto@lakelandhousing.org)

### **Lighthouse Ministries**

They provide shelter and care for homeless victims and for victims of domestic violence.

Need: 100+ Volunteers

Address: 215 E. Magnolia Street, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Linda Robinette at 863-687-4076

[kenandlinda@gmail.com](mailto:kenandlinda@gmail.com)

### **Salvation Army Center of Hope**

The Salvation Army provides community support for the homeless population by utilizing volunteers to sponsor the kettle campaign, fundraisers for the homeless shelter, disaster relief, soup kitchen and various other programs.

Address: 2620 Kathleen Rd, Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Susan Hurlburt at 863-853-2214 Ext: 228

### **SHARE Florida Food Network**

SHARE Florida Food Network is dedicated to providing savings on high quality food, while encouraging personal involvement in the community.

Address: 1405 E.2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Tampa, Fl 33605

Contact: MARRISA ACOSTA at 813-248-3379 or 1-800-536-3379

### **Talbot House Ministries**

The mission of Talbot house is to provide immediate needs of food, shelter and clothing.

Need:

Address: 814 N. Kentucky Ave., P.O. Box 902, Lakeland, Fl 33802

Contact: Nani Murphy at 863-687-8475

## **Justice:**

### **Department of Juvenile Justice**

The Department of Juvenile Justice mission is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

Address: 1295 Brice Blvd. Bartow, Fl 33803

Contact: Nick LeFrancois at 863-534-0231

## **Special Projects:**

### **City of Lakeland, Lakes, & Storm water**

The establishment of the Lakes & Storm water Division has contributed considerably to improving the health and beauty of our City's lakes and waterways.

Address: 407 Fairway Ave, Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Cindy Hill at 863-834-8429

### **Exploration V Children's Museum**

The Exploration V Children's Museum has many hands-on experiences for little minds to explore with three floors of fun and imaginative play. The museum features kid-powered exhibits featuring art, science, literature, math, health, life skills and cultures from around the world.

Address: 109 North Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Sue Schluender at 863-687-3869

### **Geico**

Allows students to decorate and design a hand crafted card to a member of the US military that is currently in a military hospital.

Address: 3535 West Pipken Road. Lakeland, Fl 33811

Contact: Kristen Franklin at: 863-619-4448

### **Girl Scouts**

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience engages girls in discovering self, connecting with others, and taking action to make the world a better place.

Address: 1831 North Gilmore Avenue, Lakeland, Fl 33805

Contact: Toni Jones at 813-281-4475 ext 1831

### **Habitat for Humanity**

A Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. They build with people in need regardless of race or religion.

Address: 418 North Ingraham Avenue, Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Barbara Mitchell at 863-687-2475

### **Polk County Historical Venues**

The Polk County Historical Association (PCHA) preserves the area's past and on-going history.

Address: 100 E. Main Street Bartow, Fl 33830

Contact: Jennifer Cullimore at 863-534-4386

### **Polk Museum of Art**

The Polk Museum of Art offers eight galleries and a sculpture garden that presents a diverse array of visual options, from African or Asian art to contemporary art by national or regional artists.

Address: 800 East Palmetto Street, Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Main office at 863-688-7743

### **Polk Theater**

The Polk Theatre Stagers are a dedicated (and **FUN**) group of people who assist the Theatre in a variety of essential ways that ensure the comfort and safety of our patrons. Volunteers have a free seat and refreshments for any show they help with at the Theatre.

Address: 127 South Florida Ave., Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Polk Theater at 813-6 82-8227

### **SPCA**

The mission of SPCA International is to raise awareness of the abuse of animals to a global level, to teach and foster good pet parenting practices, and to promote spay and neuter programs around the world with the goal of eradicating the need to euthanize healthy and adoptable companion animals.

Address: 5850 Brannen Road. S., Lakeland, Fl 33813

Contact: Main Office at 863-646-7722

### **Sun'n Fun**

Sun'n Fun, founded in 1975, is a not- for-profit organization and is also home to Florida Air Museum, "Florida's Official Aviation Museum and Education Center." The museum includes more than 35 aircraft, several outstanding exhibits and also hosts numerous year-round adult and youth education programs.

Address: 4175 Medulla Road. Lakeland, FL 338811

Contact: Robin McFarland at 863-904-4044

### **Toys for Tots**

Provide toys to children on Christmas.

Address: 5759 Lake Victoria Dr. Lakeland, Fl 33813

Contact: Claire Chambers at 863-859-3770

## **Substance:**

### **Interact Alliance Center**

The Interact Alliance Center mission is to increase community awareness, through prevention and education, of the dangers associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

Address: 621 South Florida Avenue. Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Michelle White at 863-802-0777

## **Special Needs:**

### **Best Buddies**

Best Buddies is a volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Address: Florida Southern College Chapter

Contact: FSC Chapter

### **Central Florida Autism Institute, Inc**

Central Florida Autism Institute (CFAI) is a non-profit grass roots organization started by families of children with autism and by concerned professionals. They believe children with autism have the right to live their lives with dignity, growth, and development within their own communities... rights jointly claimed by all citizens.

Address: PO box 2292, Lakeland, Fl 33806

Contact: Terry at 863-680-1396

### **Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center**

The Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center mission is to provide the highest quality speech, language and hearing services, always in a caring manner and never limited by one's ability to pay.

Address: 710 East Bella Vista Street. Lakeland, Fl 33805

Contact: Mary at 863-686-3189

### **Child Development Center**

Child Development Center is an early intervention preschool that provides direct services to children from birth to age 3, who have mental and physical development problems.

Address: 716 East Bella Vista Street. Lakeland, FL 33805

Contact: Paula Sullivan at 863-683-65041

### **Noah's Ark of Central Florida**

Noah's Ark of Central Florida is a nonprofit organization started by central Florida parents of children with disabilities who want to empower their children with better employment and housing opportunities than are currently being offered.

Address: 7220 Highway 98 North, Lakeland, Fl 33809

Contact: Sue Patterson at 863-529-6694

## **Women's Issues:**

### **A New Creation**

A New Creation provides pregnancy test, counseling and make additional information on community resources available to women.

Need: Bookkeepers (exp a must), Peer counseling, and office cleaning.

Address: 1231 East Orange Street. Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Lynn Breidenbach at 863-683-2341 or 863-687-3705

Lbreidenbach@awomanschoice1.org

### **A Woman's Choice**

A Woman's Choice has been established to serve women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. In addition, A Woman's Choice strives to educate both men and women in the areas of abstinence and the risk of sexually transmitted infections.

Address: 1234 East Lime Street. Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Donna Davis or Krista Yurchak at 863-683-2341

### **Peace River Center/ Rape Recovery and Resources**

Peace River Center provides free and confidential services to victims of rape and their families, including immediate crisis counseling for victims, ongoing counseling, support groups, 24 hour hotline, and etc.

Crisis Line Volunteers: 863-519-0575 Email: [volunteer@peace-river.com](mailto:volunteer@peace-river.com)

Rape Recovery & Resource Center Email: [rrrc.volunteer@peace-river.com](mailto:rrrc.volunteer@peace-river.com)

Peace River Thrift Shoppe 863-647-4224

Address: PO box 1159 Bartow Road, Lakeland, Fl 33831

Contact: Candace Barnes at 863-519-0575

## **Education:**

### **AmeriCorps Polk Reads/ The Polk Education Foundation**

The mission of the Polk Education Foundation is to establish a responsive working relationship between the community and the public school system and to link community resources to the educational process.

Need: Need reading tutors

Address: 1915 South Floral Ave. Bartow, FL 33830

Contact: Vicki Ginda at 863-519-8638

Vickig.ginda@polk-fl.net

### **Boys and Girls Club of America**

The Boys and Girls Club of America, offers a place where children can go to develop a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Need: Homework helpers, game room assistances and gym assistances. Need 3 or 4 volunteers.

Address: 1525 Martin Luther King Blvd. Lakeland, Fl

Contact: Theresa West at 863-686-0721

### **Big Brother Big Sister**

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches children ages 6 through 18 with mentors in professionally supported one-to-one relationships.

Address: 1231 East Orange, Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Diane Sheffield at 888-293-2535 x202

### **Blake Academy Mentoring Program**

Blake Academy provides academic mentoring of first and second grade students, who are struggling in reading.

Address: 510 Hartsell Avenue Lakeland, Fl 33815

Contact: Andrea Beckley at 863-413-2665

### **Boy Scouts of America**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes in them values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Address: Gulf Ridge Council, 13228 N. Central Ave. Tampa, Fl 33612

Contact: 813-872-2691

### **Camp Fire USA**

Camp Fire's outcome-based programs include youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, camping and environmental education and child care.

Address: 2600 Buckingham Ave. Lakeland, FL 33803

Contact: Holly Lane at 863-688-5491

### **East Area Adult School**

Adult Education GED/ ABE and ESOL Programs

Address: 300 E. Bridges Ave. Auburndale Fl 33823

Contact: Hilda Ringlye at 863-965-5475

### **First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland**

Offers a place where people can go for guidance and help. Also offers different program for people in the community.

Address: 175 Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Jackie Hansen at 863-686-7187

### **First United Methodist Church**

First United Methodist Church offers families adult programs, care giving ministries, children's ministry, Christian unity, counseling, and other various programs.

Address: 72 Lake Morton Dr, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Carol Marsh at 863-686-3163

### **Girls Incorporation of Lakeland**

Help girls enhance reliance and life planning skills. Help teach girls about playing sports, career planning, computer awareness, community service projects, and dance classes.

Address: Jenkins Building, 1220 West Highlands Street. Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact Kay Fields: 863-682-3002

### **Lakeland Family YMCA**

The YMCA'S Mission is to put Christian principles into practice through problems that build health spirit, mind, and body for all. Their motto is: We build strong kids, strong families and strong communities".

Address: 3620 Cleveland Heights Blvd. Lakeland, FL 33803.

Contact: Dorothy Cheshire at 863-644-3528

### **Learning Resource Center**

United way- nonprofit educational agency providing programs services to children and adults.

Need: Office help, filing and other ongoing community projects ...

Address: 1628 S. Florida Ave. Lakeland, Fl 33803

Contact: Beverly Mansfield at 863-688-9477

### **P.A.C.E**

Alternatives school for "at risk" girls that focus on individual counseling as well as education

Address: 440 S. Florida., Lakeland, Fl 33803

Contact: Leah Availan at 863-688-5596

### **Parker Street Ministries**

Parker Street Ministries provides a free after school academic enrichment program for children of the Parker street neighborhood for kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Need: After school tutors

Address: 301 N. Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida 33801

Contact: Tim Mitchell 863.682.4544

### **Police Athletic League**

Competitive leagues, after- school tutoring and summer programs are offered in this program.

Address: 219 North Massachusetts Avenue. Lakeland, Florida 33801

Contact: Randy Harrison at 863-834-8961

### **READ Lakeland**

Designed to help adults learn to read or read well

Address: 100 Lake Morton Drive. Lakeland, Fl

Contact: Lakeland Public Library 941-858-6745

### **United Way/ Family Fundamentals**

Provide events for preschool children

Address: 1021 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Lakeland, Fl 33805

Contact: Shawana Butler at 863-686-1221 ex 222

### **West Area Adult School**

West Area Adult School is an adult education program for individuals who have either dropped out of school or who are learning English as a second language.

Need: Assisting someone to comprehend an academic concept that they find difficult, or helping an immigrant eager to assimilate into our culture learn English, is an immensely rewarding experience. West Area Adult School's students and teachers are very grateful for the many volunteer tutors who work one-on-one or in small groups with individuals needing extra help. Volunteers pick the times, locations, and subject matter where they wish to make their contribution. Teachers provide the necessary teaching materials, so no preparation is required on the part of the tutor.

Address 604 South Central Ave. Lakeland, Fl 33815

Contact: Gaye Ciesinki at 863-499-2835

## **Senior Citizens:**

### **VISTE**

Gives support to the independently living elderly so they can continue to live on their own. This allows them to maintain their independence, pride, self-esteem and dignity.

Need:

Address: 1232 E. Magnolia St. Lakeland, Fl 33801

Contact: Ashley Metts at 863-688-2326.

## **Health:**

### **Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine**

Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine (LVIM) is a volunteer-run medical clinic that provides free quality medical care to the working uninsured of Polk county.

Address: 1021 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Lakeland, Fl 33505

Contact: Volunteer Office: 863-688-5846 ext 103