

Volunteer Group Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in having a group from your organization serve with us at the Real Life Center. We are dependent on volunteers from our local community to carry out our mission of faithfully serving those in need in Fayette and Coweta counties.

Our group volunteer opportunities vary depending on our current needs. Below are some examples of the types of projects we have groups assist us with. Please note that your group will be assigned a project based on our current greatest need at the time when you serve.

In our warehouse:

- Sorting food from food drives in our warehouse
- Pre-packing grocery bags for our RLC clients
- Placing school supplies in backpacks
- Stocking shelves in our food pantry

In our orchard/ garden:

- Picking blueberries and muscadines
- Trimming/ pruning crops

Our greatest need for volunteer groups in our warehouse is between the months of **October-March**. For warehouse projects, we can schedule groups on **Saturday morning** or **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings**. Additional times can sometimes be arranged. Volunteer groups usually serve for 1.5 to 2 hours. Due to the large number of volunteer group requests we receive each year, we are not able to schedule your group for more than one service project at a time.

In order for us to most effectively and safely accommodate groups serving in our warehouse we do ask that all groups meet the following criteria.

- Group size: We can accommodate groups ranging in size from 6 to 15 total participants.
- Age Requirements: All volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.
- **Physical Requirements:** Our projects are in a warehouse and do require being on your feet and the ability to move and carry items of various weights (heavy lifting is not required).

Orchard volunteer opportunities are primarily in the months of **June**, **July**, **September**, and **October** and vary on days depending on the crop. All projects are also weather and crop dependent. Some orchard service projects can accommodate larger groups and younger ages.

For more information and to schedule a group for the warehouse please contact **Matt Lowe**, our Volunteer Coordinator, at <u>mlowe@reallifecenter.org</u>.

For more information and to schedule a group for the orchard/garden please contact **Dixie King**, our Orchard Coordinator, at <u>dking@reallifecenter.org</u>.