



# THE VILLAGE

— AT CHURCH OF THE CITY —

Volunteer Opportunities



# Be Part of The Village.

The Village is a place where people will find hope, healing, support, and community — and we believe that happens best when we come together.

We invite you to be part of The Village by serving alongside one of our pilot year partner organizations. Each partner plays a unique role in helping care for individuals and families across our community.

Together, we are striving to address four important areas of need:

- Mental health & suicide prevention
- Helping people rise from crisis to flourishing
- Foster family support
- Support for youth aging out of the system

Within these pages, you'll discover opportunities to serve, build relationships, and make a meaningful impact. Whether you have time to give weekly, monthly, or occasionally, your involvement matters.

To volunteer with one of our partners, please visit [cotc.com/the-village](http://cotc.com/the-village).

Together, we are The Village.





# Church of the City Wrap Around Ministry.

## **Who:**

Church of the City Wrap Around Ministry comes alongside foster, adoptive, and kinship families by offering practical help and relational support that provides consistent care and encouragement.

## **What:**

Volunteer opportunities with Wrap Around include a variety of practical and relational roles that meet real-time family needs. These include:

- Wrap Team Captain (communication and coordination support)
- Meal Team (preparing and delivering meals)
- Laundry Support (assisting with laundry within 24–36 hours)
- Relief Care (in-home childcare support for respite)
- First Responder (urgent needs after child placement)
- Birthday Blessing (providing birthday cakes for children)
- Surrogate Grandparent (long-term relational support)
- Special Events Volunteer (supporting seasonal events like Back to School Carnival and Fostering Hope)
- Village Childcare (childcare for Village programming)
- Village Voices (mentoring aged out teens)

## **Requirements:**

- Attend Wrap Around Orientation
- Protect My Ministry online training
- A COTC background check
- 2 References



**Wrap Around**



# Church of the City Village Shop.

**Who:**

The Village Shop serves foster families and families experiencing financial hardship by providing practical resources and support for children in their care.

**What:**

Volunteers help care for families by processing donations, sorting and preparing items, laundering and folding clothes, organizing inventory, and shopping alongside families as they select needed items such as clothing, shoes, diapers, baby gear, school supplies, toys, and more — all at no cost to the families served.

**When:**

Volunteers typically serve once a week. Current volunteer opportunities are:

- Mondays from 11am-2pm
- Tuesdays from 10am-2pm
- Thursdays from 12pm-2pm

\*Donations accepted during volunteer hours

**Why:**

Serving at The Village Shop is an opportunity to tangibly care for foster families and families in need by helping lessen financial burdens and creating an environment where families feel seen, valued, and supported. Through practical help and meaningful relationships, volunteers help communicate dignity, compassion, and hope.

**Requirements:**

- Attend Wrap Around Orientation
- Protect My Ministry online training
- A COTC background check
- 2 References



Please scan the QR Code to purchase items for Village Shop.



# Church of the City Cars Ministry.

## **Who:**

Church of the City Cars Ministry helps remove transportation barriers for families in need by providing reliable vehicles.

## **What:**

Volunteers serve in practical, behind-the-scenes roles to help prepare donated vehicles for families in need. No background check is required, and all training and instructions are provided.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Transporter:** Drive donated vehicles to and from local auto shops, gas stations, and service locations
- **Detailer:** Clean and detail the interior and exterior of vehicles in preparation for giveaway days

## **When:**

Volunteer needs are ongoing and depend on vehicle donations.

- Transporters are needed during regular business hours
- Detailers can serve on a flexible schedule based on availability and preparation timelines



# Church of the City Village Security Team.

**Who:**

The Village Security Team helps create and maintain a safe, calm, and welcoming environment during Village gatherings and events through a servant-hearted and attentive presence.

**What:**

Volunteer opportunities include supporting the safety and wellbeing of guests during events and gatherings, monitoring spaces with attentiveness and discernment, assisting with preparedness and response when needed, and helping create an environment where ministry, connection, and community can flourish.

**When:**

Volunteer opportunities are available during Village events and gatherings, with ongoing training opportunities offered throughout the year.

**Requirements & Onboarding:**

Those interested in serving will complete a structured onboarding and evaluation process, including:

- Must be a Stakeholder of COTC
- Must be physically able to fulfill the responsibilities of the role
- Must be willing to participate in ongoing training
- Submit a "Join a Team" form through the COTC website
- Complete the Security Team Application
- Pass a background check
- Provide two non-family references
- Complete a brief interview with a Security Team leader or staff member



# Corner to Corner.

## **Who:**

Corner to Corner is a Nashville-based nonprofit dedicated to equipping historically low-income neighbors with the tools, training, mentorship, and community needed to launch and grow sustainable small businesses.

## **What:**

Volunteers serve as mentors, coaches, encouragers, and business supporters for entrepreneurs participating in Corner to Corner's business cohorts. This is a great opportunity for business leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals to use their experience and relationships to invest in others.

## **When:**

Tuesday evenings from 5pm-8pm beginning in August. Each cohort runs for 10 weeks.

## **Why:**

Serving with Corner to Corner is an opportunity to walk alongside aspiring entrepreneurs as they pursue ownership, stability, and opportunity for their families and communities. Volunteers help create meaningful relationships, encourage confidence, and support lasting transformation across Nashville neighborhoods.





# FrankTown.

**Who:**

FrankTown Open Hearts is a Christ-centered nonprofit ministry serving at-risk and underserved youth in Franklin and South Williamson County. Their mission is to inspire, empower, and equip young people through mentoring, tutoring, vocational training, life-skills development, recreation, and spiritual growth opportunities.

**What:**

Volunteers serve alongside FrankTown's 5th and 6th grade Thursday evening program by helping create a fun, welcoming, and relationship-focused environment for students. Volunteers are also needed to provide weekly meals for the group of about 15 students.

**When:**

Thursday evenings from 5pm-7pm.

**Why:**

Volunteer requirements vary depending on the role. Most opportunities require a volunteer application and a background check.





# Freedom Prayer.

## **Who:**

Freedom Prayer is a ministry that helps people encounter the love, freedom, and healing of Jesus through intentional, Spirit-led prayer ministry.

## **What:**

Volunteer opportunities with Freedom Prayer include serving on prayer teams during scheduled ministry sessions. Volunteers serve in small teams of 3-4, helping create a safe and prayerful environment where individuals can process pain, fear, lies, and spiritual strongholds while seeking God for freedom, truth, and restoration.

## **When:**

Most volunteers serve weekly, biweekly, or monthly depending on availability and ministry needs, with consistent opportunities during scheduled prayer sessions.

Prayer sessions are scheduled at The Village: Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm and Thursday mornings from 9am-12pm.

## **Why:**

The heart behind serving with Freedom Prayer is to walk alongside people as they pursue healing, wholeness, and deeper relationship with Jesus. Volunteers are not there to “fix” anyone, but to partner with the Holy Spirit in creating space where people can hear from God, receive truth, and experience His presence in deeply personal and life-changing ways.

## **Requirements:**

All volunteers complete a structured onboarding process including an application, interview, personal Freedom Prayer session, model training, and background and reference checks per Church or the City policies. Ongoing training, discipleship, and support are also provided.

Training: September 11-12 at Brentwood Hills Church of Christ.





# Cul2vate.

## **Who:**

Cul2vate is a community-based farming and discipleship ministry that grows fresh, locally produced food while creating meaningful employment, restoration, and community for individuals working to rebuild their lives. Many Cul2vators are formerly incarcerated or in recovery, and the organization walks alongside them through both practical work and personal growth in a supportive, purpose-filled environment.

## **What:**

Volunteers serve alongside Cul2vators—individuals rebuilding their lives through meaningful work in farming—by encouraging them and working together in the garden.

Volunteer opportunities may include:

- Harvesting fruits and vegetables
- Cutting flowers and making bouquets
- Weeding, watering, and planting
- Supporting Wrap Around family initiatives
- Serving alongside Cul2vators and staff in the garden

## **Where:**

Volunteers serve at Cul2vate garden at COTC's Village House

## **When:**

Current volunteer opportunities are available:

- Mondays from 8am-11am
- Tuesdays from 8am-11am
- Fridays from 8am-11am

Additional Saturday opportunities are occasionally available for larger groups.



**Requirements:**

- Volunteers must be 13 years or older
- Volunteers sign up through the POINT app under “The Village Garden” and join “Cul2vate” under the “My Orgs” tab
- A waiver is included during signup
- No experience is necessary—experienced farmers provide on-the-job training and guidance for all volunteers

**cul2vate**  
*Growing Food. Growing People.*



# Human Flourishing Initiative.

## **Who:**

Human Flourishing Initiative is a community-led, TN-based initiative piloting in Williamson County to move residents from crisis to stability and long-term thriving. It connects local organizations, churches, and public systems for holistic care, aiming to break down service silos and create a unified support network.

## **What:**

Volunteer opportunities include relational support, childcare during intakes, language translation, legal resource guidance, advocacy support, prayer, practical care initiatives, and other ways to help families feel seen, supported, and not alone.

## **When:**

Opportunities range from one-time projects to flexible opportunities, allowing volunteers to serve in ways that fit their schedule, capacity, and calling.

## **Where:**

Volunteers serve both remotely and in person at The Village, depending on the volunteer role and area of involvement.

## **Why:**

Human Flourishing Initiative exists to ensure no family navigates crisis alone — building a collaborative ecosystem of care rooted in dignity, connection, advocacy, and support. Volunteers have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, encouraging and walking alongside individuals and families with compassion and hope. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is believing in someone's future when they are struggling to believe in it themselves.





# Shepherds College.

## **Who:**

Shepherds College is a postsecondary program serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through academics, vocational training, life skills, faith development, and community engagement — continued locally through the Empowered for Life Center at Church of the City.

## **What:**

Volunteer opportunities may include:

- Supporting students during classroom activities and learning experiences
- Assisting with Friday community engagement outings and social activities
- Helping behind the scenes with classroom prep, organizing supplies, office tasks, and event support

All volunteers help create a welcoming, encouraging, and relationship-centered environment for students and staff.

## **When:**

Volunteers are primarily needed during daytime hours Monday through Friday while classes and program activities are taking place. Opportunities may vary depending on the needs of the program and the type of volunteer role being served. Additional volunteer opportunities may occasionally be available during evenings or weekends for special events, community activities, social gatherings, or other program-related experiences throughout the year.

## **Why:**

The heart behind volunteering with Shepherds College is the belief that every person is created by God on purpose and for a purpose. Volunteers encourage and walk alongside adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they grow in confidence, independence, faith, and community — ensuring every individual is seen, known, and valued.





# Williamson County Capernaum.

## **Who:**

Williamson County Capernaum is a ministry serving adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities by creating opportunities for friendship, faith, fun, and community.

## **What:**

Volunteers help create a welcoming and relational environment for students through a variety of opportunities, including:

- Being a Buddy at club events by building friendships through games, dancing, singing, and activities
- Serving and providing meals for weekly gatherings
- Becoming a Volunteer Leader who invests consistently in students relationally and spiritually

Volunteer opportunities range from one-time serving roles to ongoing weekly leadership involvement.

## **When:**

Weekly gatherings take place on Mondays from 5:45pm-7:45pm. Volunteers can serve one time, occasionally, or weekly depending on the role.

## **Why:**

Williamson County Capernaum exists to ensure adolescents with disabilities are known, loved, included, and encouraged in their faith. Serving with Capernaum is an opportunity to build meaningful friendships, foster belonging, and experience the joy, perspective, and community these students bring to everyone around them.



**Requirements:**

- Background checks are required for anyone serving more than once as a Buddy and for all Volunteer Leaders
- Volunteer Leaders complete training and a short interview process
- Buddy opportunities are open to ages 14+
- Volunteer Leader roles are for adults ages 18+

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# YMCA Community Action Program (YCAP).

## **Who:**

YCAP is a youth literacy-focused program that supports elementary students in grades K-5 by pairing them with volunteers who serve as tutors and mentors committed to encouraging academic growth and confidence.

## **What:**

Volunteer opportunities with YCAP include serving as one-on-one literacy tutors for students in grades K-5. Volunteers work directly with children to strengthen reading skills, close literacy gaps, and provide consistent academic support through tutoring sessions focused on building foundational literacy and a love of learning.

## **When:**

Y-Literacy volunteers typically serve once per week for one semester (spring, summer, or fall). Most tutoring sessions take place after school on Mondays and Thursdays between 3:00pm-7:00pm.

## **Requirements:**

- Complete an online volunteer registration form
- Virtual volunteers: background check required
- In-person volunteers: background check, reference check, and online child abuse prevention course
- Y-Literacy volunteers: online training video and virtual orientation required





# Belmont OT.

**Who:**

Belmont University Occupational Therapy students provide supportive and accessible OT services for foster and adoptive children, children with special needs, and Shepherds College students, including individuals with IDD, Autism, and related needs.

**What:**

Services include individual and group-based Occupational Therapy provided by Belmont students, and designed to support developmental, sensory, social, emotional, and daily living skills for children and students. Sessions are 45 minutes in length and are tailored to meet the unique needs of each participant.

**When:**

Free Occupational Therapy services will be available on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm during the upcoming fall semester.

**How:**

Please scan the QR Code to connect and learn more.



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# The Refuge Center for Counseling.

**Who:**

The Refuge Center provides accessible, affordable, and professional counseling services for individuals, couples, and families navigating emotional, relational, or mental health challenges.

**What:**

Counseling available through The Refuge Center includes individual sessions, couples sessions, family therapy, and mental and emotional health support provided by licensed counselors in a safe, compassionate, and supportive environment.

**When:**

Appointments are available throughout the week with flexible scheduling options depending on counselor availability.

**How:**

Please call The Refuge Center directly and ask to be scheduled at The Village.  
(615) 591-5262



The Refuge Center  
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