

Summer 2023 Volunteer Needs

If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Adams: sadams@fcsmaine.org or call 207 865-3985 x 206

Thrift Shop Cashier: Volunteer cashiers welcome patrons as they enter the shop, and complete patron transactions using Apple Square technology. Volunteers must have excellent customer service skills and be comfortable handling cash and credit card sales. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to one weekly shift and / or help with substitute cashier shifts. Cashier shifts are usually 2-1/2 hours during open hours. We are currently seeking volunteers for Mondays 12:00 – 2:30 and 2:30 – 5:00 / Saturdays 12:30 – 3:00 / occasional Fridays 12:00 – 2:30 and substitute shifts.

March in the 4th of July Parade: Calling all FCS friends! On Tuesday, July 4, we need volunteers to join the FCS group in Freeport's annual 4th of July Parade. Volunteers will represent FCS, wave at parade-watchers and carry the FCS banner, so gather up your friends and patriotic attire and join us on the 4th of July! The parade starts at 10 AM. FMI, please contact Susan @ sadams@fcsmaine.org or call 207 865-3985 x 206

Food Pantry Donation Collector: Join the Food Pantry "behind the scenes" team! We are seeking early morning volunteer(s) who can assist with collecting food donations from local grocery stores. This position requires the ability to lift 40 lbs. unassisted. Ideally volunteers will have a truck, but use of FCS truck or van is also possible. This is a physically demanding position, loading and unloading heavy boxes! Shift times are occasional Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesday mornings (usually 1-2 days per month) from 7:30 – 8:30 AM.

Age-Friendly Freeport Pownal (AFFP): AFFP is seeking volunteers to assist with various committees. Duties include forming connections between AFFP and other community organizations, helping with monthly events like bingo and socials, putting up flyers for events, etc. Total time commitment is likely 4 – 6 hours per month. For more info about AFFP, please visit https://fcsmaine.org/community/age-friendly/

Free Friday Lunch Assistant: We need volunteers to assist with table set-up, food service and clean-up for our Free Friday Lunches. This position requires the ability to carry and serve food items; interaction with the general public is required. This position will work as part of a team of 4-6 other volunteers. Shift times are 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Free Friday Kitchen Assistant: Volunteers are needed to assist with reheating and plating food, light food prep (like making salad or cutting cake) and clean up. This position will work as part of a team of 2 – 3 other volunteers. Shift times are 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Thrift Shop Housekeeping Assistant: Do you love to clean? Are you passionate about dusting? We are looking for a Housekeeping Assistant to help keep our wonderful Thrift Shop stay neat and tidy. Light cleaning duties include dusting, wiping glass surfaces, straightening clothes, etc. *Must be comfortable using household cleaners*. **Shift time is 9:30 – 11:30 AM** (before the Thrift Shop opens), day of the week to be mutually decided.

Read to Succeed: If you have a passion for children's literacy, we are looking for volunteers to help "revitalize" our Read to Succeed program next fall. **Volunteer readers** are paired with a local pre-school for weekly story-time sessions. Help us get this program up and running again after several pandemic-years off! Shift times and school placements to be mutually determined by the volunteers and pre-schools.

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Community Day: Mark your calendars – our annual Community Day celebration is Friday, August 18 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. This is a fun-filled day of kid's activities, school supply giveaways, free lunch and more! We need volunteers to help with everything from setting up tables to face-painting. This is a great volunteer opportunity for a group of friends or co-workers! FMI, please contact Susan @ sadams@fcsmaine.org or call 207 865-3985 x 206

Transportation Program Driver: Transportation to and from necessary resources and appointments is one of the major needs for our Age-Friendly program and for our New Mainer families. **We use an on-line platform to schedule rides, so basic computer skills are necessary for transportation volunteers.** Drivers must be 18 years old with reliable transportation, a valid license and proof of insurance. FCS will complete a mandatory background check for all drivers. To sign up as a volunteer driver, please visit www.fcsmaine.org/transportation and click the Volunteer to Drive button to complete the online application.

Center Greeter: This position is where the FCS Values Statement begins, "We are dedicated to helping one another with respect and compassion, in an inclusive and welcoming environment." Volunteer Greeters are a friendly and informative first point of contact for visitors as they come through the Center's main entrance; direct patrons to the Food Pantry, Thrift Shop, restrooms, etc., and answer questions as they arise. Greeter shifts available: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Thursdays 12:00 – 5:00 PM.

For all positions, we expect our volunteers, as FCS team members, to support the agency mission, to serve without judgement or prejudice and with complete confidentiality. We will make reasonable accommodations to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of each position.