



Fall 2024 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

New volunteers need to complete our [Volunteer Application](#) on our [website](#) (printed copies available at FCS).

Fall Festival: We are looking for volunteers to help with a children's art project at the FCS booth during Freeport's annual Fall Festival on the campus of LL Bean on **Saturday, October 5**. If you love people and kids, please join in the fun on Saturday, October 5! Shifts are **9:30 – 11:45 / 11:45 – 2:15**. More info and details about the exact location of the FCS booth are to come. FMI or to sign-up, contact Susan @ sadams@fcsmaine.org

Backpack Program Packer: Volunteers are needed to pack snack bags for our supplemental food program for children. We distribute approximately 100 snack bags for kids each week, so keeping bags packed and ready to go is essential. Packing takes about 2 hours and timing can be flexible during regular business hours. This is a great activity to do with a group of friends (2-3 people is ideal). Packers usually help 2-3 times per month.

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. Cashier shifts are usually 2-1/2 hours during open hours. **We are currently seeking volunteers for Saturdays from 12:30 – 3:00 and substitute shifts (usually 1-2 shifts per month).**

Transportation Program Driver: Transportation to and from necessary resources and appointments is one of the major needs for our Age-Friendly program. **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 Volunteer to Drive and complete the online application.

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/>

Food Pantry Donation Collector (substitute): 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.** We are currently looking for "substitute" donation collectors. Ideally volunteers will have a truck, but use of the FCS van is also possible. *This is a physically demanding position, loading and unloading heavy boxes!* Donation Collection shift times are occasional Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesday mornings 7:30 – 8:30 AM (usually 1-2 days per month).

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.**

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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, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 – 5:00 PM.

Thanksgiving Support: from sorting food donations to delivering hot meals, we have a wide range of volunteer needs in support of Thanksgiving. **We have volunteer opportunities beginning Thursday, November 21 through Thanksgiving Day.** Please let us know your availability and we will connect you with a Thanksgiving task!

Holiday Helpline: During the holiday season, FCS partners with donors in the community to provide warm clothing and toys to families in need in Freeport and Pownal. *Each year our goal is to ensure every family that signs up for help is adopted by members of our community who help make holiday wishes come true.* If you would like information about how to give or receive support through Holiday Helpline, please email: holidayhelp@fcsmaine.org or call Amy @ 207-865-3985 x 205.

Special Talents: Do you have a special talent? Are you a photographer, especially handy or a talented chef? If yes, please let us know your skill set and we will try to match you up with a project or event at FCS.

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.