

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play a vital role in the Monroe Harding family. The selfless commitment of our volunteers helps us provide resources for Homes, Healing, and Opportunities to our youth and young adults. There are many ways to get involved.

Special Events

Fundraising Events

Several different events take place throughout the year in need of volunteer help. The volunteers' role, time, and commitment vary per event. Examples of fundraising events are Fostering Joy, the Big Payback, food drives, toy drives, etc. The volunteers' roles vary, but can be anywhere from spreading the word to friends and family, collecting items for our drives, or working the night of an event.

Foster Care Events

Holiday Celebrations and time spent together occur several times a year. The volunteers' roles ranges from set-up, childcare, and leading activities.

Parents' Night Out

Volunteering for Parents' Night Out is a great way to support our parents and spend time with our foster kids and youth. We have 15-20 kids at each night and need volunteers to come and watch the kids while the parents go and enjoy a few hours to themselves!

Provide Meals for Youth Connection Classes

At our Youth Connections location, we are looking for individuals or groups that would be willing to serve meals for the youth directly following our life-skill classes. This is a great opportunity to meet a tangible need and build relationships with our young people.

Photographers

Opportunities for photographers to get involved vary from special events like an Easter Egg Hunt, Foster Care Christmas Party, and Graduation to photographing adoptions and family photo shoots for our families that adopt. This would be a tax-deductible donation.

Office/Project Support

Clerical/Organizing Office Support

There is a need for ongoing support with filing, administrative projects and help with special mailings that we have. These volunteers vary in specifics, but usually last around 2 hours.

Closet Organizers

Donations are important to our programs and we are always seeking helper to keep our storage closets organized and maintained. Volunteer times vary based on volunteers schedule and donations received.

Maintenance Support

Monroe Harding serves several individuals in many locations. We are need of individuals who are able to help us with maintenance projects such as minor indoor/outdoor house repairs, painting, and furniture moving. These volunteers vary in specifics and times and will be assisted by staff.

Foster Family Home Projects

Teams or individuals are needed to work on miscellaneous projects at the foster parents' homes. This is a way to support those that provide direct care to foster youth. Some of those projects could include yardwork, and repairing, fixing or building different things throughout the home.

Small Group Leads and Support

There are many occasions that the youth are gathered for life skill classes and small groups. We need small group leaders and volunteers to add to the support. This position requires a background check.

Childcare for Training Classes

We provide childcare for several of our programs; parents to attend the ongoing foster parent training classes and as barrier assistance for young adult parents who attend career and life skill classes.

Mentors

Our mentors support foster youth from Elementary school through young adulthood. Mentors provide a source of support, encouragement and friendship. The time commitment for this position is twice a month which is flexible to accommodate your schedule.

To volunteer or request more information, contact: Amy Bond, Engagement and Special Events Coordinator



Virtual Volunteering with Monroe Harding

Virtual volunteering is a convenient way to help Monroe Harding and all those that we serve. There are many different types of fun tasks that can be done remotely to let your skills shine!

Letters and Notes of Support

We have around 50 foster youth and 36 independent living adults. Our youth need a strong support system, and many do not have that outside of the Monroe Harding staff and other caseworkers, so extra encouragement is greatly appreciated!!

- Send or create a card
- Draw a picture or mini book
- Send an email or video message
- To participate, send an email to volunteer@monroeharding.org and we will send the address on where to mail the letters and it will then be forwarded to our foster youth or young adults.

Social Media sharing and support

Monroe Harding would love for the good news and resiliency of our youth to be spread far and wide.

- Make sure that you like us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- To participate, like and share our posts or create your own post sharing about your donation and volunteering experiences.

Peer to peer fundraising

We would love to help donors and volunteers create their own fundraisers that reach their family and friends. We are happy to help you craft a story and needs based on what is most meaningful to them: foster care, aging out of foster care, victim survivors, educational and job support... the list goes on!

- Create a fun campaign to challenge others to get involved. Anyone remember the ice bucket challenge?! How about getting the whole family involved in pushups for every dollar donated. Perhaps giving up a bad habit when a certain dollar amount is raised! One thing we know for sure is that creative fundraisers do really well!
- Host a virtual Happy Hour or other live event. Monroe Harding staff can join to share about our programs!
- Become a Big Payback ambassador during the 24-hour fundraiser event on May 6th-7th.
- Online Supply Drives (Amazon Wishlists etc.)
- E-Gift cards are always in high need. (Amazon, NES, Kroger/Walmart gift cards)

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