

# Volunteer Gwinnett NEWS



Summer 2023

## Greetings!

Welcome to Volunteer Gwinnett News, a quarterly newsletter to help you stay informed about volunteer opportunities, how to become a volunteer, and the work volunteers are doing in our community. Volunteers are an essential part of Gwinnett County; their selfless contributions ensure projects get done, improve the community's quality of life, build partnership bonds, save tax dollars, and keep us all vibrantly connected.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



### Volunteer Gwinnett receives national recognition

Cheers to Volunteer Gwinnett! Our countywide volunteer program has recently scored not one, but two national awards for their exceptional efforts in engaging residents in volunteer activities. The Mobile Food Distribution program received the [National Association of Counties 2023 Achievement Award](#) in the Best of Volunteers category. Additionally, Gwinnett Serves, powered by Volunteer Gwinnett, took top honors for Gwinnett Great Days of Service with the [2023 Rising to Excellence Award](#) from the National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Government.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers and community partners for making this possible. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](http://VolunteerGwinnett.net).

### National Volunteer Week was a success

Thank you for celebrating National Volunteer Week with us! Each April, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recognizes Gwinnett's dedicated volunteers with a special proclamation and reception to celebrate service hours provided, support of county operations, and the positive impact on the Gwinnett community over the past year. In 2022, we collectively achieved more than 782,309 volunteer impact hours. To commemorate this remarkable achievement, we invite you to save the date of Sunday, October 22, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm for our upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Party.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Host a project for Gwinnett Great Days of Service!

Save the date! The county's flagship volunteer initiative brings together thousands of individuals, corporations, schools, civic organizations, and communities to engineer meaningful change and address Gwinnett's most critical needs. Volunteers across Gwinnett will be rolling up their sleeves for the annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service from Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22. Want to host a project? Complete this [form](#) by



**Sunday, August 20.** Sign up as a volunteer or [register](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net) for projects now at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net).

### Provide on-the-go summer meals to those in need

Join us in supporting our community by assisting with curbside pickup at one of our 21 locations, offering free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch until Tuesday, August 1. These meals are available for children 18 and younger and those 19 and older with a physical or mental impairment. Volunteers are essential to make this program successful, and we need your help from 11:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday – including county holidays – while supplies last. Visit [GwinnettSummerMeals.com](https://www.gwinnettsummermeals.com) to find a complete list of meal locations and to learn more about this program. To volunteer, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net).



### Help residents get rid of household hazardous waste

Join Gwinnett Water Resources and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 22 to help dispose of hazardous household waste like aerosols, flammable liquids or fuels, oil paints, and more. From 8:00am to 11:00am, volunteers will assist with directing traffic, unloading vehicles, breaking down boxes, and other tasks. Volunteers must be ages 16 or older to participate. To learn more, visit [GwinnettCB.org](https://www.gwinnettcleanandbeautiful.org).

### Bring in the new school year with students

Volunteer at the annual Gwinnett Sheriff's Back-To-School Bash on Saturday, July 29 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville. From 9:30am to 4:00pm, hand out bookbags and school supplies at this fun event to help students gear up for another year of learning. Register for an available shift at [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net). For more details, email [GCSOCommunityOutreach@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:GCSOCommunityOutreach@GwinnettCounty.com).



### Clear the Gwinnett Animal Shelter

Gear up for some tail-wagging fun at the annual Clear the Shelters event on Saturday, August 19 at the Bill Atkinson Animal Welfare Center in Lawrenceville. Volunteers are needed from 9:30am to 5:00pm for ages 16 and up; volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate. To register, visit [VolunteerGwinnett.net](https://www.volunteergwinnett.net) or email [AWEVolunteers@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:AWEVolunteers@GwinnettCounty.com).



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