

Volunteering at GoochlandCares FOR SMALL GROUPS

GoochlandCares has established a schedule of projects that they hope Trinity members will be able to accomplish in small groups of **5 to 6 people**. Groups from other churches and civic groups have been serving GoochlandCares in this fashion for a number of years. They report that these group projects can be lots of fun, and the results are very helpful to the operation of GoochlandCares.

Onboarding

Onboarding for small-group volunteering at GoochlandCares is a simple process. There will be a lead volunteer for each of Trinity's small groups. These leaders will complete an application, orientation, and training from GoochlandCares. The lead volunteers will in turn explain the task to the Trinity small group when group members arrive at GoochlandCares to work on the project.

Initially, Carol Wampler will serve as lead volunteer for the small group working in the Food Pantry on the 2nd Saturday morning of each month, and Pastor Daniel Guenther will serve as lead volunteer for the small group working in the Clothes Closet on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Trinity members may **register to volunteer as part of a small group** via Trinity's **SignUpGenius** at _____. When you open the link, you will see service opportunities and dates/times, as listed below under Volunteer Opportunities. You are cordially invited to sign up for as many of these opportunities as you would like.

Volunteer Opportunities

Food Pantry Cleaning & Food Pickups

- Dates: on the **2nd Saturday of each month**
- Time: **9-11 a.m.**
- Need: 3-4 volunteers to work in the Food Pantry, primarily cleaning
- 2 volunteers to pick up food donations (in their own cars) at Publix and then bring the food to GoochlandCares for unloading. (Our cleaning volunteers and food pickup volunteers can work together with the unloading, as needed.)

Sorting Clothing and Housewares for the Clothes Closet

- Dates: the **2nd Monday** of each month
- Time: **9:30-11:30 a.m.**
- Need: 5-6 volunteers

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **For a given Monday or a given Saturday, do all 5-6 of the slots need to be filled by members of one group or class from Trinity?**

No, you do not need to register as a group. We only need to have 5 or 6 folks from any segment of Trinity to comprise the small group for each Monday or Saturday work session. Although you may prefer to have other members of your Sunday School class, Circle, study group, etc. sign up with you, it is not necessary to do so. We expect to see individuals register for the service opportunities of their choice, and be joined by other Trinity members whom they may or may not know. But we also expect that some couples, families, or existing groups may wish to register for the same date so they can spend time together. Please register on your own, or with others, as you see fit.

- **Will individuals from places other than Trinity also be signing up to volunteer for these time slots?**

*No. It is our understanding that these dates/tasks are being offered only to Trinity. You may want to invite personal friends or members of your extended family to volunteer with you, but those individuals would be registered via your having access to Trinity's SignUpGenius. **The bottom line is that Trinity alone is responsible for filling these Saturday and Monday time slots.***

- **Do I need to sign up for a certain number of volunteer dates/tasks?**

No. You may sign up for as many or as few of these work sessions as you would like. Please come as often as you are able and willing – you are always welcome, and we need 5 or 6 individuals for every slot if we are to fully realize our goal of serving the clients at GoochlandCares in ways that the organization needs.

- **May I serve as an individual volunteer and also as a member of a small group?**

Yes, you may serve individually and also as a member of a group. To volunteer as an individual, you will need to go through the onboarding process which includes filling out a volunteer application, attending orientation, and completing a training shift (see [link to Individual Volunteers document]). To volunteer as a member of a small group, you will use the SignUpGenius link provided by Trinity and receive guidance specific to your group's tasks in either the Food Pantry for

Saturday sessions or the Clothes Closet for Monday sessions (which will be provided by your lead volunteer onsite at the time of your service).

▪ **What should I do if I am unable to serve on a date/time for which I registered?**

*If you find you cannot participate in a group volunteer session on a date for which you registered, please go to the SignUpGenius at **[link]** and remove your name from that slot as soon as possible. Please also try to call/text/email your lead volunteer or Trinity liaison for GoochlandCares to alert them to your upcoming absence.*

▪ **If I have questions or problems, whom should I contact?**

You are welcome to contact Trinity's liaison with GoochlandCares:

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Thank you!

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