In Walla Walla County, there are over 10,000 people—including children—in need of shelter that is not only affordable, but safe, healthy, and livable. YOU can help change that. With your help, we can achieve our vision of a community where everyone has a decent place to live. Volunteer days are typically Friday & Saturday, aka the weekend. So after a long week of class, why not do something incredible? Construction experience is certainly helpful, but not necessary--this is also a great opportunity to learn new skills!

Habitat for Humanity
Blue Mountain Action Council is a community action partnership that provides a variety of services, assistance, and programs aimed at eliminating poverty or its causes. BMAC regularly assesses the needs of its community and remains flexible to adapt to changing levels of need and government policy. Continuing as a primary community resource, BMAC consistently provides a much-needed sheltering umbrella of services for Walla Walla, Garfield, and Columbia counties.
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## CSFP and the Mobile Food Bank

CSFP distributions are the 3rd Thursday every month. Volunteers needed to help sort, box, and hand out food to roughly 300 seniors. Mobile Food Banks occur mornings every 1 to 2 months (usually Spring through Fall) and also need help distributing food. Both great opportunities to get a feel for the food bank and its volunteer needs without a lot of commitment.

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## Volunteer Coordinator

The food bank director is seeking someone to help him organize volunteers, create volunteer ‘positions’ and recruit. He will need more volunteers as he gets the new Back-pack Program (weekend meals for students on free/reduced lunch) running. He could use some help doing data entry with food donations and distributions.

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## Food Sorting Lead

Requesting someone to help lead small groups in food sorting. Early fall is a great time to learn the ropes, as big food drives start up in October and continue through the winter, and require a lot of help with sorting the donated food.

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## Food Bank, Ombuds, Adult Literacy

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<td>Volunteers will help water, weed, and harvest the Food Bank and C2C community garden. In the spring, at least one new garden will be available to “adopt.” Adopt this garden if you want to get more involved in the planning, planting, caretaking, and volunteer coordinating of a Food Bank garden.</td>
<td>Volunteer groups interested in coordinating a community food drive</td>
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<td>A certified ombuds is a volunteer, observer, listener, communicator, and problem-solver who advocates for residents in long-term care facilities. Each volunteer receives extensive training and support. This program provides effective advocacy for residents in long-term care facilities. Ombuds work to protect residents’ rights, ensure quality care, and prevent neglect, abuse, and other issues.</td>
<td>Trained volunteers teach adult students various skills in public one-on-one settings, scheduled at the convenience of tutor and student. Ongoing support is provided.</td>
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**C2C and Housing Needs**

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<td>An afterschool program where volunteers develop enrichment activities for children such as homework clubs, music lessons, cooking classes, sports and physical activities, arts and crafts, games, etc.</td>
<td>Volunteer groups organize activities (such as game nights) for residents of our senior housing complexes.</td>
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<td>Donation crews help the housing staff when they pick up large donations of furniture and other household items. Volunteers must be able to lift heavy items.</td>
<td>Volunteers needed to help residents of our senior housing and housing for disabled and mentally ill with household tasks and landscaping.</td>
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### Event-Based / Seasonal Needs

#### October

**Care and Share Food Drive**
An annual community food drive for the BMAC Food Bank held by the Walla Walla Association of Realtors. On Friday or Saturday, volunteer groups deliver food collection bags to each household in a small territory (100-300 houses) and return on Sunday to collect the donated food.

#### March

**Pi Day / EITC Outreach**
Volunteers help disseminate information about the Earned Income Tax Credit and free tax filing through AARP Tax Aide at the Senior Center (available to ALL no age requirement). Possibly will also hand out pies to celebrate “pi day” (March 14th) and offer people to come get their slice of the EITC pie.

#### November

**Barrel Full of Money**
An annual community cash fundraiser for the BMAC Food Bank held by the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance. Volunteers can help spread the word about the donation barrels at Olive and in wineries throughout town; and about the Raffle for Alaska Airline tickets or a night stay at the Marcus Whitman with dinner for two at the Marc.

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### April

**Día de los Niños**  
A community event that celebrates children. Held annually in Washington Park, there are games, piñatas, and other activities. Volunteer groups can create their own activity to engage children, or sign up to volunteer however needed.

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### June

**Care and Share Golf Tournament**  
A fundraiser for the BMAC Food Bank, held annually by the Walla Walla Association of Realtors at Wine Valley Golf Club. Volunteers help with on-course contests and/or with registration.

### Spring Break and Summer Break

Volunteers needing to help with organizing and hosting activities for the children living at Lincoln Terrace Apartments (a permanent supportive housing complex for homeless families with children), doing arts and crafts projects, cooking lessons, or other activities.

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SonBridge Community Center

There are more than 118 volunteers and employees that staff SonBridge. An additional 70 volunteers staff its medical clinic. There are a number of ways to get involved with SonBridge. You too can make a difference and be a part of a growing service that is aiding many in our valley.

Level of Commitment: Preferably 4 hr/wk

Opportunities
- Sort, price, iron donation clothes
- Sales desk
- Secretary in office
- Construction volunteer
- Grief, ESL, classes, anger management, suicide lost

Special Skills
- Dedicated
- Helpful if bilingual
- Application, no background check

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