

Aging Resources for Faith-Based Volunteer Groups

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Networking & Professional Development Opportunities

Are you looking for resources, access to guest experts, and best-practices forums to help you develop effective aging services collaborations between community organizations and faith-based volunteers? Contact the DHS Division of Aging Services' [Community Resource Manager](#) to receive statewide announcements.

◆ State and National Aging Services Information

[Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services](#)
866-55-AGING (866-552-4464)

- Georgia's 12 [Area Agencies on Aging](#)
- Division of Aging Services [Volunteer Page](#)
- Commonly available [aging services](#) in Georgia
- [Georgia Senior Homeowner's Resource Guide](#)
Includes ideas for volunteer groups; features resources pertaining to utilities help, home modification and repairs, tax relief, consumer protection, security, etc.

[U.S. Administration on Aging: Eldercare Locator](#)
800-677-1116

Connects users to Area Agencies on Aging across the United States

◆ Resource Sites & Guides for Faith-Based Volunteer Groups

[National Volunteer Caregiving Network](#)

NVCN is an outgrowth of the former Faith in Action National Network, an initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Although NVCN is a membership organization, the website features several free tools such as [Developing an Interfaith Volunteer Caregiving Program: A Start-Up Guide](#).

[Partnerships for the Common Good: A Partnership Guide for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations](#)

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships produced this easy-to-use guide, which features several community service options and explains, in-brief, the process that organizations use to apply for federal grants.

[Capacity-Building Toolkits for Faith-Based and Community Organizations](#)

This comprehensive resource page, developed by the U.S. Department of Human Services Administration for Children and Families, includes resource guides on topics such as developing partnerships, obtaining and managing public grants, diversifying funding, and conducting community assessments.

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[Energize, Inc. – Faith-Based Service](#)

National volunteer expert Susan Ellis lists articles, excerpts, books, and websites of interest to people who lead faith-based volunteer projects.

◆ Free Organizing Tools for Volunteer Groups

[Lotsa Helping Hands – Free Web-Based Community for Creating Circles of Care](#)

Comprehensive tool for coordinating volunteer caregiving teams

[When to Help](#)

General site for coordinating volunteer recruitment and scheduling

[VolunteerSpot](#)

General site for coordinating volunteer recruitment and scheduling

[Lucky Potluck](#)

Online tool for coordinating meal program volunteers and potluck projects

[Doodle](#)

Simple polling system for scheduling group meetings

[SurveyMonkey](#)

Survey-building site; can be used for identifying and prioritizing community needs, selecting group's choice of service options, or evaluating project quality

◆ Aging-Related Tips for Volunteers

[Senior Help Forum: How to Help a Caregiver](#)

Avoid the “how-can-we-help” syndrome by making simple, concrete offers of assistance as described in this article.

[Seniors Site: Tips on Visiting Someone in a Nursing Home](#)

Starting a nursing home visitation program? This Seniors Site page offers advice on how to make nursing home visits more meaningful and comfortable for all.

[Legacy Project: Visiting Nursing Home Residents](#) (for children & teens)

The Legacy Project offers guidelines to help groups specifically prepare children and teens for nursing home visits. The site includes several activity ideas.

[Full Circle of Care: Dealing with Loss and Grief](#)

Full Circle of Care offers guidance from a variety of sources on how to support people who are bereaved, how to understand the emotional significance of funerals and memorial services, and more.

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