



RANDOLPH COUNTY

Department of Social Services

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“There is no “I” in Team, but there is “U” in Volunteer”

At this time of year many folks are bombarded with “offers” to contribute to worthy causes. These requests may be for money or any number of other types of donations to support their mission. One essential service that ties directly into the well-being of any community is that of volunteers. Volunteers may be considered the heart of any community.

Randolph County Social Services is blessed with a community that volunteers. Randolph County Emergency Services conducts a *“Fill the Ambulance”* drive to help make Christmas brighter for Randolph County foster children. Northridge Church hosts a dinner for Randolph County foster parents during National Adoption Month and helps provide clothing for children coming into care. Project Priceless, sponsored by the Randolph County Board of Realtors, supports many needs of the County’s foster children throughout the year. The Jaycees host a Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner and the First Presbyterian Church along with 4-H provide a Christmas party with unique gifts for foster children to give their parents. Many citizens select a foster child or senior adult in care to “sponsor” and provide holiday gifts, making everyone’s holidays special.

Individual volunteers also assist Randolph County Social Services with everyday assignments. Eight individuals provided 4,500 volunteer hours during the last fiscal year.

Volunteer opportunities are available to provide transportation for Medicaid patients (to and from medical appointments) as well as transporting foster children to and from visitations and home visits. Volunteers may also assist with completing some clerical tasks, or helping those applying for services by occupying their children during the interview/application process. And, as always, Randolph County needs those willing to become foster parents.

Rules can vary depending on the type of volunteer service. Every volunteer must have a Criminal Background Test, Drug Test, and sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Volunteer Drivers must also have a valid North Carolina driver’s license, valid North Carolina vehicle registration with current inspection, proof of minimum liability insurance coverage, and undergo a Division of Motor Vehicles check. Foster Parents must complete a class and meet other requirements.

If you would like to make a difference in your community by volunteering at Randolph County Department of Social Services please call (336) 683-8010. For more specifics on becoming a Foster Parent, visit the web at: http://www.co.randolph.nc.us/dss/adoption.htm#foster_care.

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