



VOLUNTEER MONTGOMERY

September 2025 Updates:

Dear Volunteer,



Patriot Day is right around the corner! We will recognize local first responders by offering goody baskets on September 11th. To do so, we need your help! **We are accepting baked goods and prepackaged snacks** (cookies, potato chips, granola bars, Little Debbie cakes, crackers, etc.) **through Tuesday, September 9th**. Thank you in advance for helping us recognize our local heroes!



Join us for a
BAKE SALE

October 15 from 9am to 1pm

Proceeds support local nursing home residents, active military, veterans, & other community members!

Government Center Lobby
755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG

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Many of you will receive a call from one of our volunteers requesting baked goods. To expedite the process, please contact us by phone or at volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov if you would like to donate non-perishable baked goods.

Please bring your baked goods to the Volunteer Montgomery office on Tuesday, October 14 between the hours of 8:30 am and 12 pm.

If you are unable to bake, we appreciate any monetary donations or you can simply stop by to support our Bake Sale on Wednesday, October 15th.

Thank you in advance for your support of our community programs!

Volunteer Montgomery Receives NACo Award

Please join us as we celebrate the recognition of our program! We were honored to be nominated and receive a **National Association of Counties (NACo) Award** for our expansion. We witnessed a significant increase in individuals wanting to volunteer to give back to their community. From April 2023 to April 2025, the number of members with Volunteer Montgomery grew by 118 percent. For more information, please visit <https://montva.com/homepage/2025/07/21/montgomery-county-receives-six-national-achievement-awards>.

Volunteer Survey

It's the time of year again for us to gain information from the folks that keep our program alive, YOU! We kindly ask you to complete the online survey by Monday, September 29 at <https://forms.gle/4SfXA7YbwsewV4Ja9>.

Thank you in advance for your valued feedback!

Raffle to Benefit Supplies for Seniors

Your chance to win over \$2,300 worth of gift cards for retail, services, and dining just before the holidays!

Tickets are available to purchase in person and online at <https://volunteermontgomery.betterworld.org/events/gift-card-galore>. You can purchase one ticket for \$25 or two for \$40.

GIFT CARDS galore!

WIN OVER \$2,300 IN GIFT CARDS

1 Ticket = \$25 2 Tickets = \$40

Help fundraise for our 18th Annual Supplies for Seniors program! All proceeds from this raffle will benefit this program, where we will deliver tote bags filled with hygiene products and household items to about 300 homebound each winter.

The winner will be announced in November and take home over \$2,300 in gift cards and discounts!

Purchase tickets online and view the complete list of gift cards by scanning the QR code (directs to betterworld.org via bit.ly/vm-giftcards) or stopping by the Volunteer Montgomery Office.

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210 S. Pepper St., Suite D, Christiansburg



Scan here to enter and learn more

Program Updates:

Women's Resource Center
of the New River Valley



Our September Supply Drive will benefit the Women's Resource Center

The facility takes inventory to determine the needs of their clients on a monthly basis. They are currently specifically in need of:

- TOILET PAPER
- PAPER TOWELS
- DEODORANT
- CONDITIONER & SHAMPOO
- TRASH BAGS
- BODY WASH

We are collecting the items listed above throughout the month of September



Auburn UMC Backpack Program Supply Collection

Thank you to everyone that donated during our August collection. These items will help supply extra food for the children in need at all three of the Auburn schools in Montgomery County.

Thank you for your support by donating **768 items** from our list of needs to support their mission.

Our gratitude goes to Rosemary Jones, Sharon Brown, Brenda Arnold, Deena Flinchum, Susan Miller, Shirley Thurston, Jolene Rawlings, Shirley Mullins, Karen Anders, Mary Rose

Adams, Julie Hammond, Blacksburg Ballet, and any others we may have missed during drop off for your generous donations!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Patriot Day Service Project

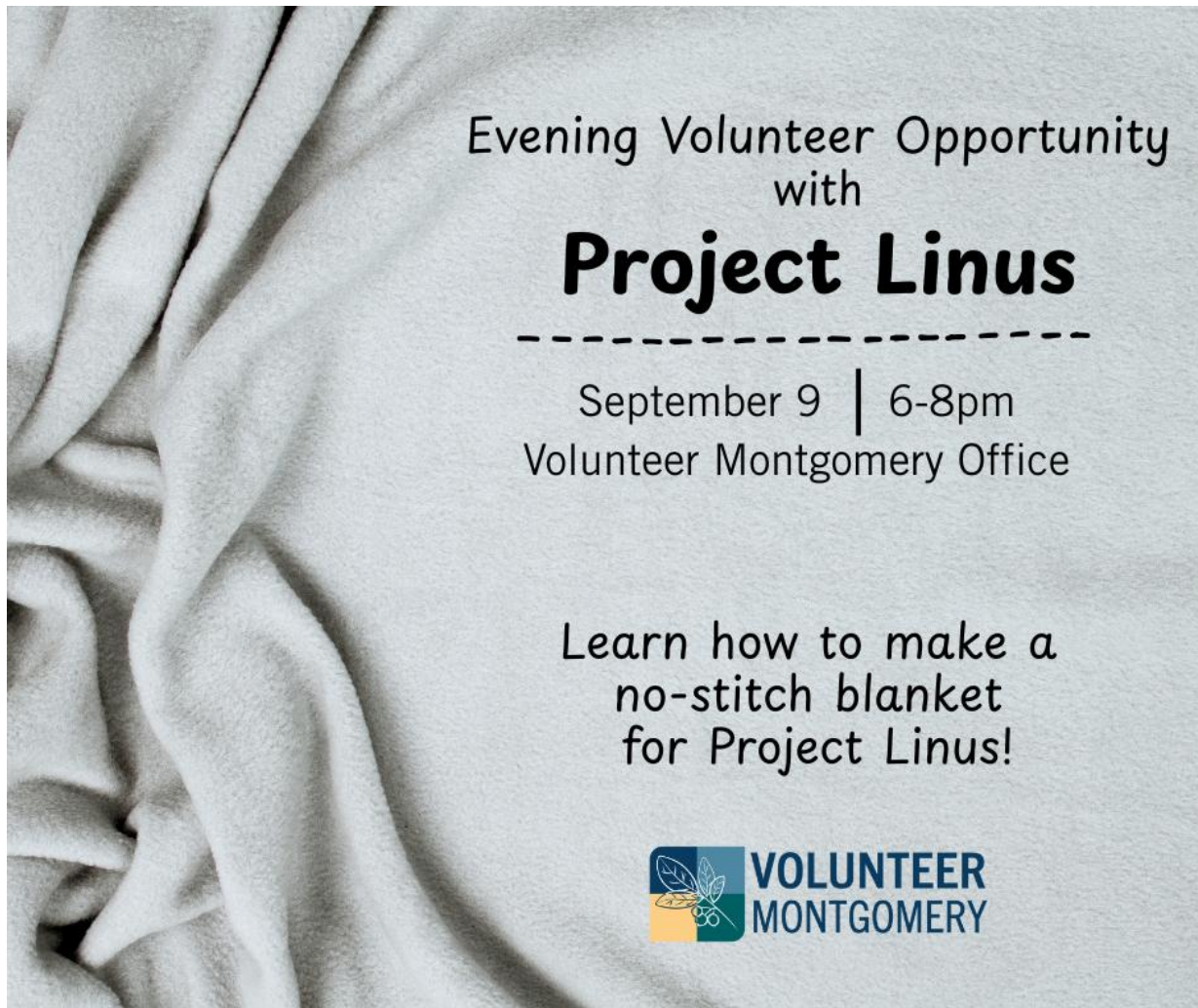
Volunteers are needed to **pack baskets** on Wednesday, September 10th at 10 am. **Please email us at volunteermontgomery@montgomerycounty.gov** or call the office if you would like to help us show appreciation to our local heroes on Patriot Day.

Center For The Arts at Virginia Tech

Volunteers are needed for the **Student Matinees** to assist with group check-in, ushering buses into the bus drop-off loop, notating the number of family groups in attendance, and greeting with a smile. Volunteers must be 18 or older to volunteer with Center For The Arts. Shifts are either 9-10:15am or 9-11:15am. The following shows/dates are in need of volunteers:

- **Step Afrika!** Friday September 26, 2025
- **La Santa Cecilia** Thursday, October 30, 2025
- **360 ALLSTARS** Monday, November 11, 2025
- **Hero: The Boy from Troy** Monday, February 1, 2026
- **Cirque Mechanics: Tilt!** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The link to sign up for your preferred shift(s) is here: <https://form.jotform.com/CFAEngagement/volunteer---student-matinees-2025-2>.



September Evening Event – No-Stitch Blankets for Project Linus

Project Linus will bring scissors, patterns to make fleece blankets, and fleece material to make 10 blankets. If you are able to bring your own material, you will need 1 1/4 yds of fleece for each blanket. We will gather on Tuesday, September 9th from 6-8 pm in our activity room. This is a volunteer opportunity for all ages. This is also an opportunity to learn how to complete a volunteer project from the comfort of your home! **We hope to see you there!**

New Partner Alert → Live, Work, Eat, Grow

Volunteer Montgomery is excited to offer openings to support another community garden and the opportunity to assist others with food insecurity. If interested, please click on the following links for more information and/or to sign up!

Garden link: <https://calendly.com/lweg/volunteer> [calendly.com]

Millstone Kitchen link: <https://calendly.com/millstonekitchen/millstone-meals-volunteering> [calendly.com]

New Partner Alert → The Disability Resource Center of the New River Valley

See below for an upcoming volunteer opportunity with them:



They are hosting a Fall Festival at Huckleberry Park in Christiansburg on October 4th from 11am-3pm. There will be food from Bluegrass BBQ, music from a DJ, vendor/non-profit tables, and various family-friendly activities like face painting and cornhole. Six volunteers are needed to assist with festival activities. Please contact volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov to sign up.



Contact the Volunteer Montgomery office
to join the fun!



Volunteers are needed to join/assist a group of youth volunteers while playing board games with the residents of **Commonwealth Senior Living** on Saturday, September 20 from **10 am to 12 pm**. Please contact our office for further details and/or sign up for this activity.

A message from **Historic Smithfield Plantation**

At Historic Smithfield, we're already looking ahead to the fall and winter seasons, and we have three major events coming up that will require extra volunteer support.


Here are the events:

Halloween at Smithfield

 Saturday, October 25 / 10 AM – 3 PM

Fall crafts, kids' activities, and a historical twist on Halloween.

Thanksgiving During the Revolutionary War

 *Saturday, November 15 / 10 AM – 3 PM*

Harvest fun with 18th-century food, crafts, and educational demos.

 Christmas Market at Historic Smithfield

 Saturday, December 13 / 10 AM – 3 PM

Our biggest event of the season—artisan goods, holiday décor, Santa photos, colonial Christmas tea, and more.

Volunteers can sign up directly using our online form:

[Event Volunteer Sign-Up Form \[docs.google.com\]](#)

New River Valley Agency on Aging – Volunteers Needed for Christiansburg and Radford Friendship Café Sites

JOB SUMMARY:

A direct service position with the primary emphasis on serving meals at the nutrition site and performing clean-up tasks in the nutrition site area.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

- Ability to understand and follow oral and written directions.
- Ability to work independently as well as with other volunteers.
- Ability to learn and perform safe food handling practices.

DUTIES:

- Assist Site Coordinator and/or other volunteers in serving meals.
- Assist Site Coordinator and/or other volunteers in the cleanup of the site area.
- Washing off serving tables where meals are eaten, before and after meals are served.
- Assist site coordinator with counting contributions as requested.

Please contact the Volunteer Montgomery office at volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov if you are interested.

New River Health District Community Garden

Volunteer Montgomery has 9 plots at the Community Garden this year! We are looking for volunteers to transport vegetables to the Agape Center. Agape receives donations on Mondays & Tuesdays between 10am and 12pm.

Please contact our office if you are available to help!

CPD Citizen's Support Group

The support group is seeking new members! Members will attend meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm to plan events to show appreciation of the men and women at the Christiansburg Police Department. The organization requires a minimum participation of 1 year. If interested, please complete the application at [https://www.christiansburg.org/DocumentCenter/View/13574/CPDCSG-Membership-Application--Final1\[christiansburg.org\]](https://www.christiansburg.org/DocumentCenter/View/13574/CPDCSG-Membership-Application--Final1[christiansburg.org]). Each application must undergo a criminal background check. For more information, contact Diana at cpdcsg0@gmail.com.

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We are still looking for volunteers to help us paint a **Volunteer Montgomery Mural**! If you would like more information about our needs, please reach out to our team at volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov.

Volunteer Montgomery - Cards, Coupons, Stamps, & Butterfly Hugs

This event will be held from 9 am to 12 pm at the Volunteer Montgomery office on the 2nd and 4th Monday in September.

We accept the following donations:

- **Puzzle Books for Veterans.** The books will serve as bingo prizes during our bi-monthly visit to the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement.
- **Stamps for the Wounded** – please leave at least a quarter-inch margin of paper around used postage stamps you tear off envelopes or packages.
- Gently-Used Paperback Books and DVDs for **Operation Paperback**. We have a container for these items inside the volunteer office.
- Manufacturer's Coupons for the **Overseas Coupon Program** (can be used for 6 months after expiration date)
 - Coupons can be **accessed and printed** at the following websites:
<https://www.pggoodeveryday.com/coupons/>
<https://www.coupons.com/>
<https://thekrazycouponlady.com/coupons>
- Eyeglasses for the **Lions Club**
- Aluminum tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House**
- Bud vases for our annual **Flowers for Veterans** program
- Travel-Sized Hygiene Items for the New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) **401 Peer Center**

The following activities are scheduled in **September** and we will provide transportation for volunteers to Salem. Contact the office for more details.

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| • English Meadows – Tea Party | September 15 10 am |
| • Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center – Birthday Party | September 16 1:30 pm |
| • Kroontje – Birthday Party | September 17 3 pm |
| • Commonwealth Senior Living – Party | September 25 3 pm |

Volunteer Information:

Volunteer Hour Sheets

You can submit volunteer hours by mail, email or by visiting <https://forms.montva.com/Forms/volunteer-hours> . If you use this link, your volunteer time will be emailed to staff.

Please let us know if you would like a paper copy or a fillable form to save to your tablet or PC.

Importance of Reporting Volunteer Hours

It has been brought to our attention that many of you don't report all of your volunteer hours because you don't want to boast or brag about the service you provide. **Here at Volunteer Montgomery, our program thrives and EXISTS because of your service hours to our community!** Please remember that we are generously funded by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors because of all of the reports we send about projects and hours that our volunteers provide each year. If you have any questions about how to report your hours each month, please contact a member of our team at volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov!

Timing of Programs

Please be advised that all volunteers must follow the allotted times for our in-house programming. Volunteers will not be allowed to arrive or stay after longer than 15 minutes, unless prior approval has been granted, for programs in our activity room. Please understand this is to ensure safety of all volunteers.

Upcoming TRIAD Events:

SENIOR CARE FAIR – Look for the Volunteer Montgomery Table 😊

Sept. 24, 9 am - 1 pm, Christiansburg Recreation Center Gym

The care fair is open to any senior citizen or those interested in issues involving seniors. For more information or to participate as an exhibitor, please contact: Tammy Caldwell, 540-382-2349 or tcaldwell@christiansburg.org.

Everyone is welcome! No pre-registration is required.

SHRED-A-THON

Oct. 21, 3-6 pm, Christiansburg Recreation Center

Help prevent identity theft, shred unwanted documents, protect identifying information and clean out clutter! Please bring your documents in a box or plastic tote (no larger than 22.5x18x11.5") and respect the limit of three totes/boxes per vehicle. Items that cannot be shredded include: metal, three-ring binders, composition notebooks, hanging file folders, paint brushes, padlocks, hardback books, keys, eyeglasses, bungee cords, etc. Please note that the Shred-A-Thon is a drive-thru event; please do not get out of your car and approach the collection site, but rather stay in the line of

vehicles for an event coordinator to approach you. No walk ups will be allowed. For more information, contact Tammy Caldwell at (540) 382-2349, ext. 2003, or tcaldwell@christiansburg.org.

September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Cards & Coupons 9am-12pm Gardner's Adult Cooking Class 7pm	9 Project Linus Evening Event 6-8pm	10 Patriot Day Baskets 10am	11 Advisory Council 10:30am Patriot Day Delivery Starting 12:30pm	12	13
14	15 Fundraising Committee 10am English Meadows 10am	16 Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center 2:30pm Leave VM @ 1:30pm	17 Kroontje Health Care Center 3pm	18	19	20
21	22 Cards & Coupons 9am-12pm	23	24 TRIAD Senior Care Fair 9am-1pm	25 Commonwealth Senior Living 3pm	26	27
28	29 Online Volunteer Survey DUE	30 Supply Drive Items DUE by 5pm				

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September Birthdays:

Shay Smith	9/2
Martin Alford	9/3
Rhianna Kirwan	9/5
Adeline Beckett	9/5
Maureen Patton	9/7
Merilyn Armstrong	9/10



from your friends at
Volunteer Montgomery

Raymond Lyons, Jr.	9/10	Michelle Cox	9/19	Melissa Thompson	9/25
Jenaya Amore	9/11	David Wynn	9/20	Kara Vellines	9/26
Jennifer Harris	9/13	Brittany Syx	9/20	Shirley Mullins	9/27
Tracy Goforth	9/15	Kady Lafferty	9/20	Tunstall (Joe) Powers	9/27
Beverly Bridges	9/15	Marjorie Vitale	9/22	Diane Simmons	9/27
Ashley Stewart	9/15	Cindy Minnick	9/23	Taylor Sappington	9/28
Margaret Brugger	9/18	Marilyn Hill	9/24		
		Jeffrey Culbertson	9/24		

Volunteer Coordinator Fallon Bursey's last day with Volunteer Montgomery was Monday, August 18th. We wish her the best in her future endeavors as she pursues a career in marketing.



Please help us welcome Virginia Tech Senior Ellie Turner! Ellie is completing her field study with Volunteer Montgomery during the fall semester. She is studying Human Development and Criminology. She looks forward to meeting everyone!

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. Have a wonderful month!

In service,

Mandy Hayes

Senior Volunteer Coordinator

