

## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

### **Tobyhanna Township –**

1. **Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Council Food Pantry.** -The TOMEC Food Pantry at Five Loaf House is a community effort by the congregations of the Pocono Plateau. TOMEC Food Pantry regularly needs volunteers to help in preparing for our food distributions. For more information call (570) 646-7456 or go to their website at [TOMECpantry.org](http://TOMECpantry.org) .

2. **Clymer Library** -For More Information or To Become a Clymer Library Volunteer, Contact Diane at the Circulation Desk,  
By phone (570) 646-0826 or by email  
[dlake@clymerlibrary.org](mailto:dlake@clymerlibrary.org)

3. **Blakeslee Community Center** – For more information call 570-646-6838 or email  
[blakesleecommunitycenter.com](http://blakesleecommunitycenter.com)

4. **Pocono Mountain West Little League**- For more information email -  
[poconomountainwestll@gmail.com](mailto:poconomountainwestll@gmail.com).

### **5. Tobyhanna Township Volunteer Fire Company –**

For more information contact - Chief Troy Counterman -Email [TTVFC41@yahoo.com](mailto:TTVFC41@yahoo.com) or mail – PO Box 388, Pocono Pines, Pa 18350. Phone 570-646-9133.

### **Service Organizations – Tobyhanna Township**

1. **Pocono Lions Club** – The Pocono Lions serve our local community through scholarships, clubs, volunteerism and more. For more information call 570-643-2815 or email [poconolions@gmail.com](mailto:poconolions@gmail.com).

2. **Blakeslee Rotary** - If you would like to learn more about Blakeslee Rotary and join this exciting group of people that make a difference everyday call or e-mail Chris Warriner at 570-620-8003 -  
[blakesleerotary@gmail.com](mailto:blakesleerotary@gmail.com)

### **The following are located at the Mountain Center- Route 611 North of Mount Pocono**

1. **Habitat for Humanity-** The vision of Monroe County Habitat for Humanity (MCHFH) is a world where everyone has a safe, decent place to live. This year MCHFH is focused on Home Preservation which allows homeowners affected by low income, age and disability to make necessary repairs on their homes. When our neighbors live in safe, decent homes they are able to be healthier, more productive citizens in our community, and all of Monroe County benefits.

### **Kelly Kemmerer, Executive Director**

354 Memorial Blvd.  
Tobyhanna, PA 18466  
(570) 216-4390

execdirector@habitatmc.org  
www.habitatmc.org  
@GMAIL.COM

**2. Womens Resources of Monroe County** - We are Monroe County's only designated domestic and sexual abuse crisis center. We provide counseling & safety planning, legal advocacy, emergency temporary shelter, education programs/trainings.

For those interested in helping with special projects or events, we offer many Non-Direct Service volunteer opportunities. We have counted on over 50 volunteers to assist with special events and other projects such as our Annual Geranium Sale, Annual Gala, Cell Phone Project, and the ECHO Thrift Boutique. If you are interested in helping with non-direct care, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator [yvonedowns@wrmonroe.org](mailto:yvonedowns@wrmonroe.org).

**3. Read Across Monroe** - Read Across Monroe is an early literacy project developed in cooperation with Pocono Services for Families and Children, Head Start. The group seeks to collect, store, and distribute new and gently used children's books (ages 0 – 12 years) throughout the county. The goal is to put books into the hands of children whose families struggle to afford or have access to them. A library is located at TMC.

**Contact**

Kay Lopez, Founder  
(570) 402-3057  
[earlyliteracy21st@gmail.com](mailto:earlyliteracy21st@gmail.com)

***Monroe County***

**1. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**

RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people age 55 and over. RSVP of Monroe County matches the talents, skills, and experiences of our RSVP volunteer with challenging and exciting volunteer opportunities at area non-profit agencies, schools, government offices, and other organizations.

Contact – Merle Turitz -  
RSVP Project Coordinator  
Phone: (570) 420-3747

**2. American Cancer Society** - We are an agency that is led by volunteers. We depend on volunteers to help us fulfill our mission. We need volunteers for: Road to Recovery, and Relay for Life, fundraising volunteers.  
Contact - Jennifer Washney - 1-570-224-9570 or Email [jennifer.washney@cancer.org](mailto:jennifer.washney@cancer.org)

**3. Brodhead Watershed Association** -A non-profit, science based, grassroots organization, with over 400 members, dedicated to protecting the clean water, in streams and underground, that the area's health and economic growth depend on.

Contact - Michelle Riley -1-570-839-1120 or Email [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org)

**4. Center for Vision Loss** -We are dedicated to improving the lives of people with vision loss and promoting healthy vision in the community.

Provide services and transportation to people in Monroe County living with vision loss. Provide low vision exams and free vision screenings for preschoolers and kindergartners.

Contact - Jennifer Pandolfo - 1-570-992-7787 or Email [jennifer.pandolfo@centerforvisionloss.org](mailto:jennifer.pandolfo@centerforvisionloss.org)

**5. Camp Papillon Animal Shelter-** We are a volunteer run, donation supported animal shelter on 33 acres. We have small lakes and a stream where our dogs go for long walks every day. We have a free roaming cat cottage and can hold 100 animals at this time. We care for, maintain and feed abused and neglected animals and can't do what we do without volunteers..Everything from cutting grass to walking dogs to playing with cats to inputting data and more.

Contact - Catherine Thayer1-570-242-1471 or Email

[info@camppapillon.org](mailto:info@camppapillon.org)

**5. Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America** - The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness

Contact – Paul Oswald - Director of Support Services – 1-610 -465-8576 or Email [paul.oswald@scouting.org](mailto:paul.oswald@scouting.org)

**6. Monroe County Meals on Wheels** - We provide home-delivered meals to clients who are homebound, whether due to advanced age or due to mental/physical challenges. This service is available both long-and short-term.

Our volunteers deliver our meals Monday through Friday, usually starting at around 10 AM. Due to COVID and in order to minimize face-to-face contact, many of our clients receive frozen meals once a week. We still maintain some daily routes for those unable to store frozen meals or who are unable to retrieve meals from their doorsteps. Routes typically take 1-2 hours to deliver; we have routes available throughout Monroe County.

Additionally, volunteers deliver pet food; informational materials; and birthday and holiday gifts. Volunteers can also participate in our calling program to check-in on clients to ensure they are doing well and to provide some socialization.

Contact - Linda Raudabaugh - 1-570-424-8794 or Email

[lraudabaugh@monroemeals.org](mailto:lraudabaugh@monroemeals.org)

**7. The Salvation Army** - What We Do

Whether it is shelter for a displaced family or a warm cup of coffee for our bravest and finest-hope and healing is the message of The Salvation Army. Since 1886, The Salvation Army has been providing social and spiritual services to communities throughout the world. People given purpose, hearts given hope and souls finding redemption-this has been our mission for more than a century.

Contact -Cari Frend - 1-570-421-3050 or Email [cari.friend@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:cari.friend@use.salvationarmy.org)

**8. VALOR** - We provide a collective impact network of integrated programs which assists the homeless, Veterans and Veterans struggling with the war to peace readjustment. We need help at our homeless Veteran recovery center preparing donated items for distribution. Main need is sorting clothing. We gave out 18,000 clothing items in 2015. That is a lot of preparation work.  
Contact – Michelle - Site Manager 1-570-664-6468 or Email [mbaylis@valorclinic.org](mailto:mbaylis@valorclinic.org)

**8. The American Red Cross Poconos Mountains Chapter –**

Volunteers constitute over 90 percent of the American Red Cross workforce. We provide food and shelter in emergencies, assist members of our armed forces and their families, teach lifesaving skills, and more. All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

Contact - Grace Palmer - Volunteer Services Specialist – 570-234-2703 or Email [grace.palmer@redcross.org](mailto:grace.palmer@redcross.org)

**9. Monroe County Historical Association** - *The Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists our diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the county's past with the present.*

Contact - Julia Burns - 570 421 7703

**10. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge** - The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships. After a thorough screening process, volunteers will be matched with a child who lives within a reasonable distance and shares similar interests and personality traits. Volunteers are asked to commit to meet with their little 1-3 hours per week.

Contact - Jenna Sargent – 570-421-2877 or Email [jsargent@csswb.org](mailto:jsargent@csswb.org)

**11. Pocono Mountains United Way.** – 570- 517 3953

**12. Mountain Center** - <http://www.themountaincenter.net/> or call 570-894-3272